





Overview

The North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (NDBCI) is the investigative division of the North Dakota Office of Attorney General (NDOAG). NDBCI is the largest of the twelve Divisions assigned to the NDOAG, and is governed by the authority outlined in N.D.C.C. 12-60. NDBCI consists of both civilian and sworn employees and is overseen by a Director and delegated supervisory staff. NDBCI oversees North Dakota's criminal history and records system and manages the state's fingerprint classifications for federal, state, and local partners.

NDBCI is tasked with reactive assistance to criminal investigations to include felony level crimes, violent offenses against persons, officer involved use of force, cybercrime related crimes, and specialty needs for investigative support and response. NDBCI is authorized to be proactive in the enforcement of illegal narcotics activity through the efforts and management of statewide multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. NDBCI is comprised of approximately 100 employees assigned to specific sections aimed at supporting law enforcement requests and programs.



History of NDBCI

The first North Dakota state record of any Bureau employee belongs to Gunder K. Osjord, in August of 1915. G. K. Osjord acted as the State of North Dakota's single "Bertillion Officer" as the first official source of identifying state criminals.

The North Dakota State Bureau of Criminal Identification was created by Legislative Enactment, taking effect on July 1, 1929. The Superintendent of the Bureau (G. K. Osjord) was appointed by the State Governor. The primary purpose of the creation of the Bureau was to collect and file fingerprints, records, pictures, and information concerning persons who have been charged with an offense against the laws of the state.

Due to action taken in the 1931 Legislative Session, the Bureau increased from a purely identification basis to adding to its duties the work of apprehending criminals and the investigation of crimes.

During the 1963 Legislative Session, decisions led to the removal of all apprehension work from the responsibility of the correctional authorities. The Attorney General was made Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification.

During the 1965 Legislative Session, the title of the Bureau was changed to the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Identification and Apprehension. The focus of the Bureau was then focused toward assisting local authorities in apprehending criminals and detecting felony level crimes.

During the 1971 Legislative Session, the Bureau was again renamed to its current title of the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, with the Attorney General as its Superintendent.

During the 1979 Legislative Session, action was taken to create a special Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU), under the Attorney General's Office with authority to take primary statewide drug enforcement responsibilities. The DEU was formed in 1979 and was established as a separate division, with a standalone DEU Director, under the Attorney General.

In 1989, the DEU merged with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. This combined the DEU and the Bureau, under one Director, and created the Bureau's current organizational structure.





Powers, Duties, and Functions of NDBC

The North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation is governed by the authority outlined in N.D.C.C. 12-60. These duties include, but are not limited to:

- The bureau shall cooperate with and assist the criminal bureau of the department of justice at Washington, D.C., and similar departments in other states in establishing and carrying on a complete system of criminal identification.
- The bureau shall cooperate with and assist all judges, state's attorneys, sheriffs, chiefs of police, and all other law enforcement officers of this or any other state and of the federal government in establishing such system of criminal identification.
- The bureau is the state central repository for the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of criminal history record information.
- The bureau shall assist the sheriffs and other peace officers in establishing a system for the apprehension of criminals and detection of crime.
- When called upon by any state's attorney, sheriff, police officer, marshal, or other peace officers, the superintendent, chief of the bureau, and their investigators may assist, aid, and cooperate in the investigation, apprehension, arrest, detention, and conviction of all persons believed to be guilty of committing any felony within the state.
- The bureau shall perform such other duties in the investigation, detection, apprehension, prosecution, or suppression of crimes as may be assigned by the attorney general in the performance of the attorney general's duties.
- The bureau shall provide assistance from time to time in conducting police schools for training peace officers in their powers and duties, and in the use of approved methods for detection, identification, and apprehension of criminals and require attendance at such police schools.
- The bureau shall perform the inspection and enforcement duties for the attorney general's licensing department.
- The bureau shall detect and apprehend persons illegally possessing or disposing of drugs.

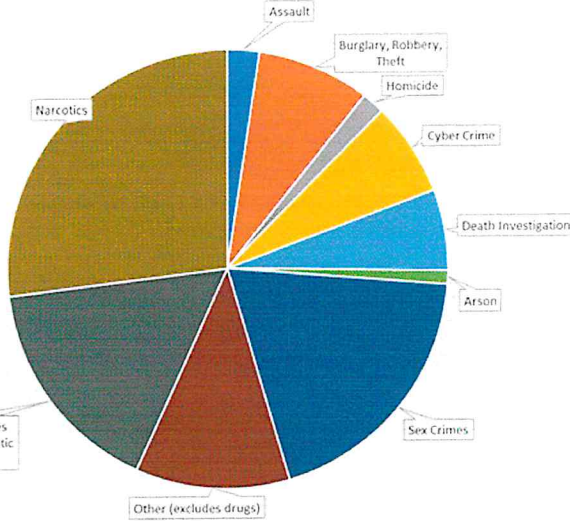


CRIMINAL RELATED CASES OPENED 1-2020 TO 12-2022

2,198 cases opened in three years. There have been 84 more in 2020 than 2021. There have been 14 more in 2022 than 2021. These cases included narcotics, burglary and homicide, among many other types.



183 burglary, robbery & theft cases



52 assault cases



131 death investigations



22 arson cases

Cases with different offenses

	Total			Criminal Offenses			Drug Offenses			Computer Related Offenses		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Opened	783	699	713	416	355	362	339	325	271	99	59	94
Closed	408	309	494	308	241	397	129	61	96	17	25	69

*Note: A case may contain both drug and criminal offenses, so the total column is not a sum of the offense columns.

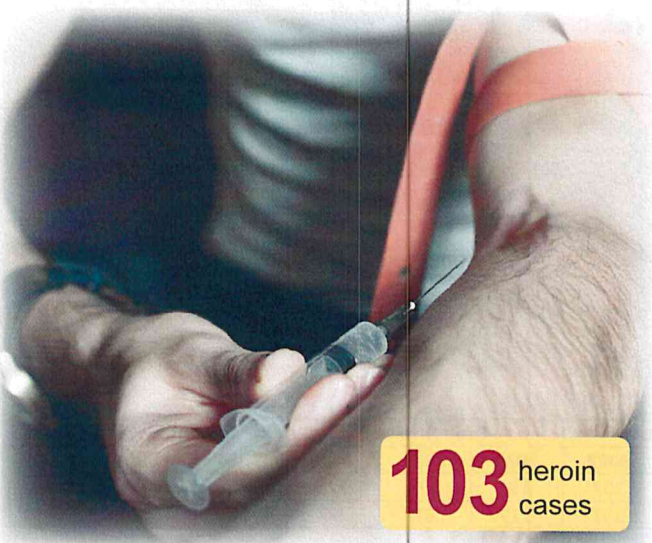
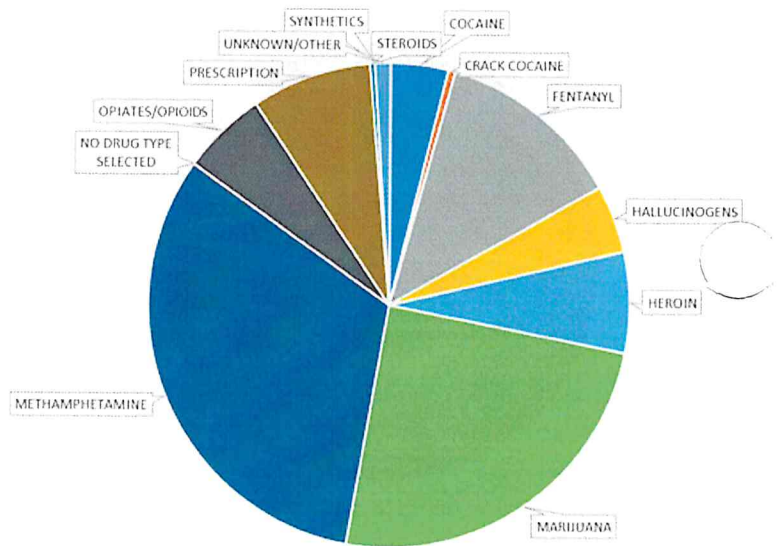


NARCOTIC RELATED CASES OPENED 1-2020 TO 12-2022

1,525 drug related cases opened in two years contained specific drug types including, but not limited to, cocaine, heroin, opiates/opioids, and prescription drugs.



59 cocaine cases



103 heroin cases



489 methamphetamine cases



CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSES

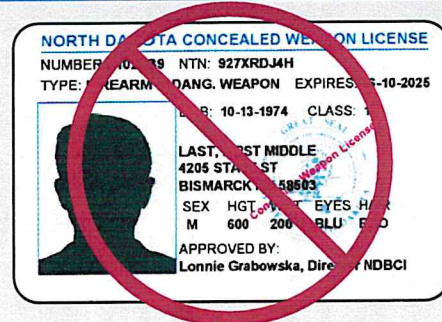
According to NDCC 62.1-04-03(4), the North Dakota Concealed Weapon Licensing unit is required to process the application and make a determination within 60 days of receipt of the properly completed application.



CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE

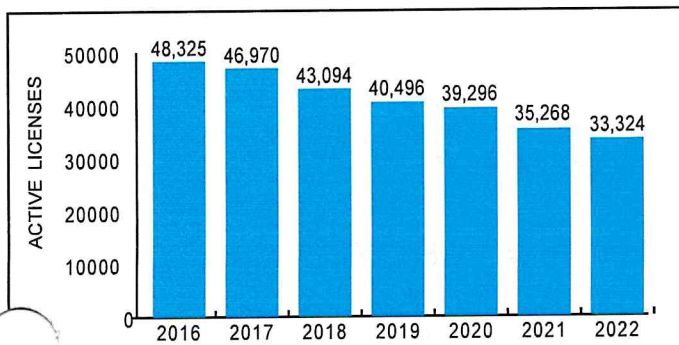


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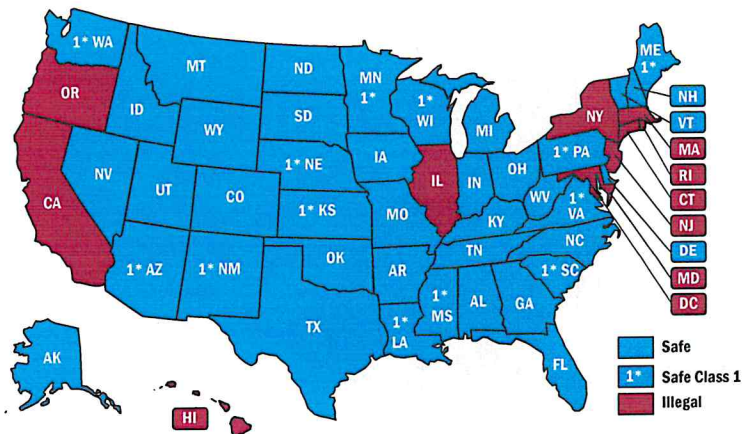


- ✓ Grants reciprocity with other states allowing you to carry in those states (you may carry a concealed firearm in up to 39 states depending on the "class" of license you hold)
- ✓ Non-resident license available
- ✓ Allows you to purchase a firearm from a dealer without requiring an additional federal background check
- ✓ Only requires you to provide your concealed weapon license upon demand by an officer (you're not required to notify an officer upon coming in contact with the officer)
- ✓ \$60 non-refundable processing fee

- ✓ No Reciprocity
- ✓ Resident only (30 days)
- ✓ Does not allow you to purchase a firearm from a dealer without a federal background check
- ✓ You MUST notify a law enforcement officer that you come in contact with, that you are carrying
- ✓ Free, ability to carry a firearm within the boundaries of North Dakota provided you are not prohibited from possessing a firearm



Active means a license that was approved as the subject's criminal record does not prohibit him/her to own or possess a firearm according to state and/or federal law.





SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

WHO HAS TO REGISTER
SEX OFFENDERS
Currently 1,638

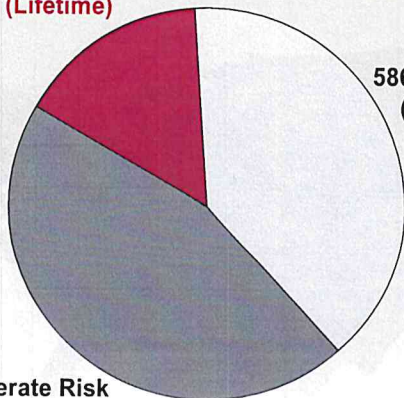
OFFENDER AGAINST CHILDREN
Currently 119
Average of **8** registering for the first time

REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

27% of **ALL** registered offenders have a **LIFETIME** registration requirement

232 - High Risk
(Lifetime)



586 - Low Risk
(15 years)

669 - Moderate Risk
(25 years)

TECHNOLOGY



COMPLIANCE, TRACKING AND NOTIFICATIONS

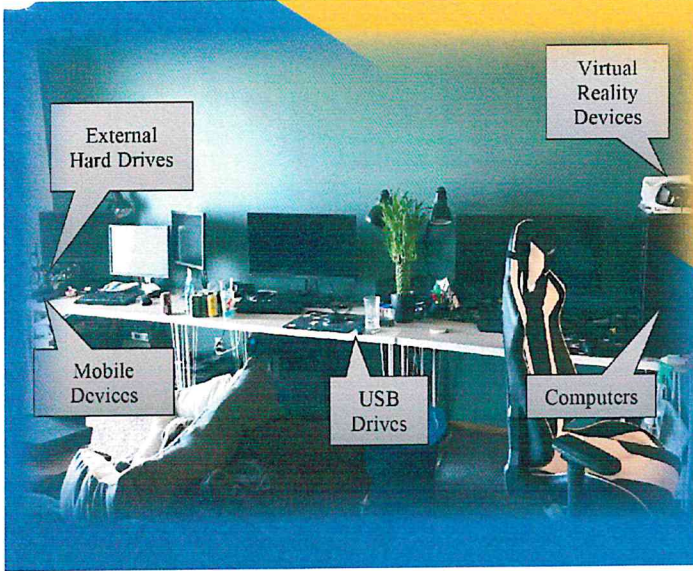
Electronic Registration System

- Allows electronic submission to BCI, Attorney General's website and Federal database within minutes
- Automates notifications to BCI and law enforcement agencies
- 95% of registration forms are submitted electronically

IDENTITY VERIFICATION

Rapid ID Devices

- Searches Tri-State area and Federal warrants
- Verifies offenders identity within minutes



CYBER CRIMES & INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

In 2022, BCI Cyber Crimes Unit investigated or assisted with **350** cases, conducted **517** forensic examinations consisting of **175234** gigabytes of data.

CYBER CRIMES

STATEWIDE COVERAGE Two person forensic agent teams located in Fargo, Bismarck and Minot.

SPECIALTIES Computer, Cellphone, Vehicle, DVR Forensics. Advanced Forensics ISP, Chip-off, Image and Video Enhancement, iPhone Unlocking.

BACKLOG **753** devices have been marked for forensics.
595 have been examined.
537 were cellular phones.



K-9s Jib and Jab (above left to right) are trained to detect electronic devices.

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

LOCAL 50 Affiliate agency members in ND. Wellness app for investigators deployed in 2022

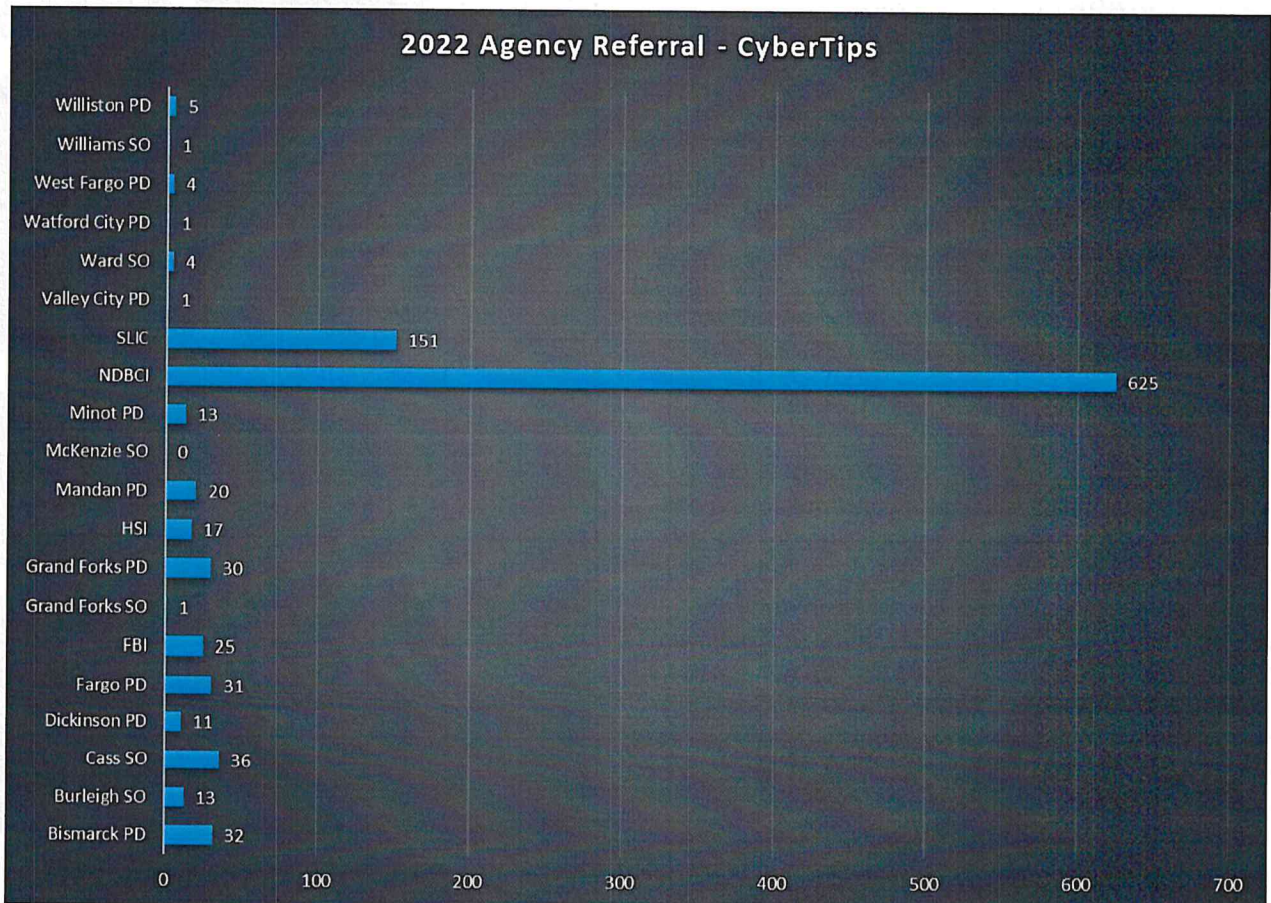
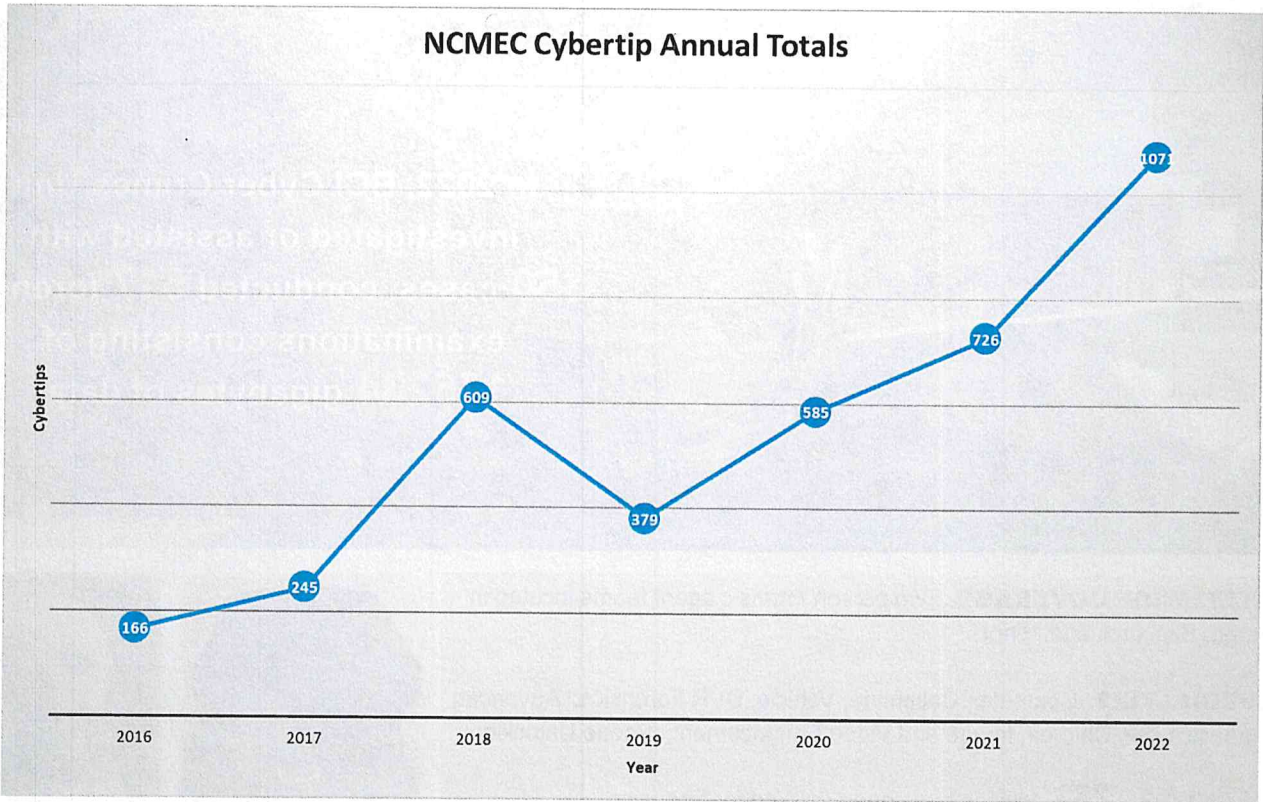
CYBERTIP **62** Bismarck/Mandan, **65** Far/Cass,
HOTSPOTS **25** Grand Forks and **25** FBI



K-9 Lee (right) is trained to detect ignitable liquids commonly used in arson investigation.

The North Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (NDICAC) continues to be the driving force in the state to combat child sexual exploitation. NDBCI receives the NDICAC annual grant which is used for software, equipment and training for all law enforcement agencies across the state. As part of the grant, NDBCI is responsible for all North Dakota CyberTips received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Cyber Crime Unit received 1,071 CyberTips in 2022. Most of these tips are generated by electronic service providers like Twitter, SnapChat, Facebook and Google. These CyberTips are received by the Fargo cyber center then triaged, prepared, and distributed to affiliates and BCI agents for investigation.

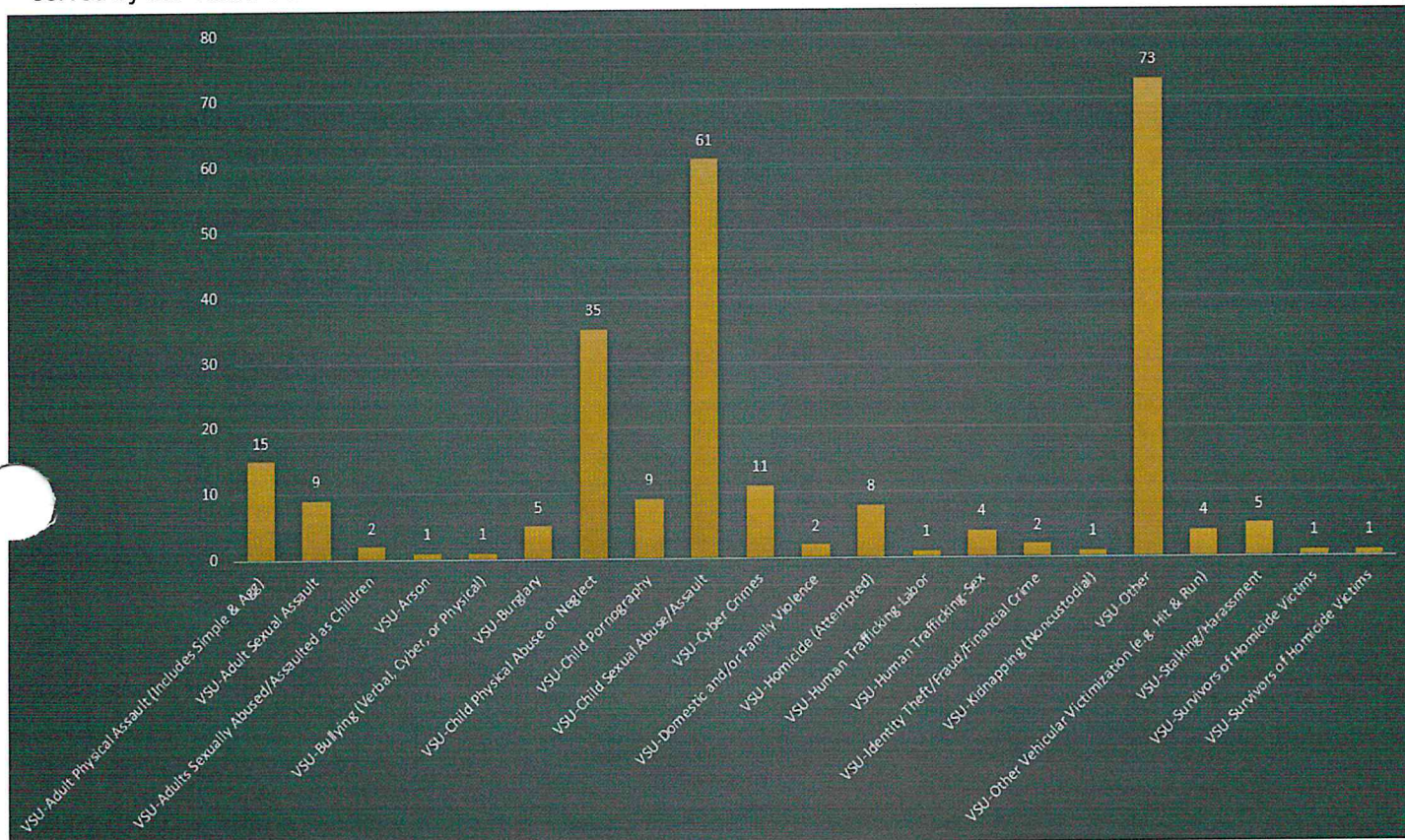
Since 2016,
CyberTips have
increased by
545%





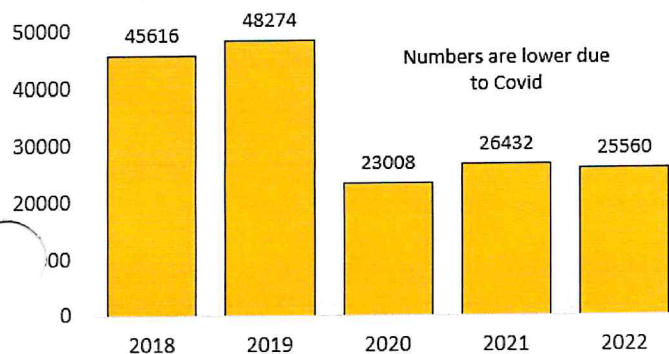
VICTIM SERVICES

NDBCI received a Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program grant to start a new unit in 2021. This grant was used to hire two part-time Victim Witness Specialists who are managed by the CCU Supervisory Special Agent. Victim services personnel play a significant advocacy role by providing crisis intervention, assistance with navigating the complexities of the criminal justice system, and support for victims in exercising their rights as victims of crime. Victim services personnel can also mitigate secondary victimization by treating victims with fairness, dignity, and respect and providing information for victims to make well-informed decisions. Since January of 2022, 242 unique victims were served by the Victim Services Unit.

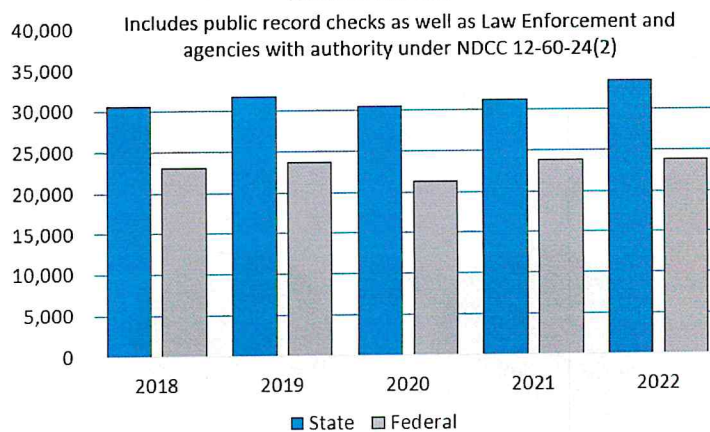


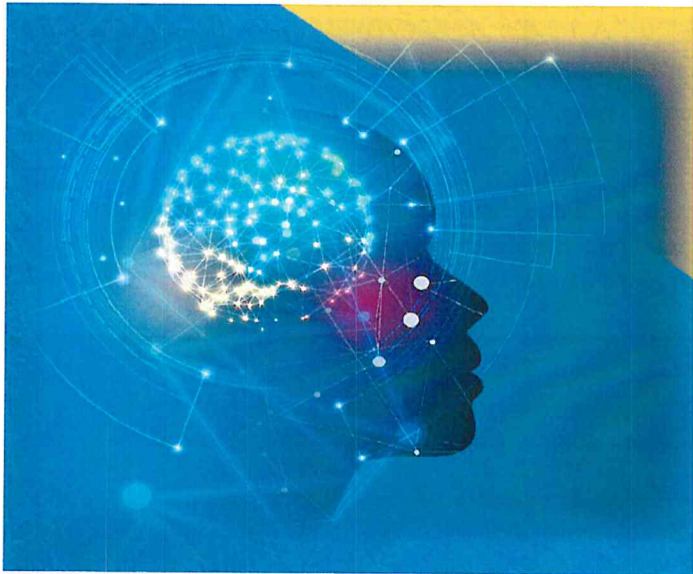
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

Arrest/custody cards that are received from Criminal Justice Agencies and processed by Criminal Records Specialists at BCI



Record Checks





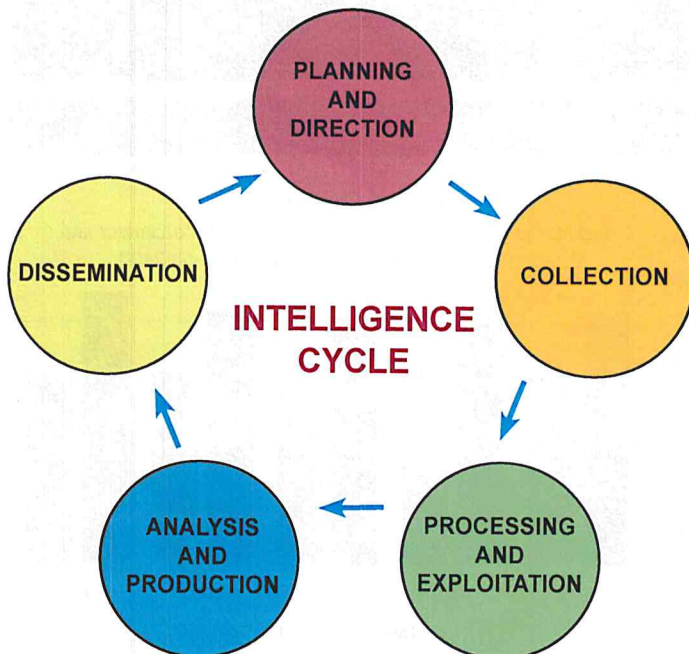
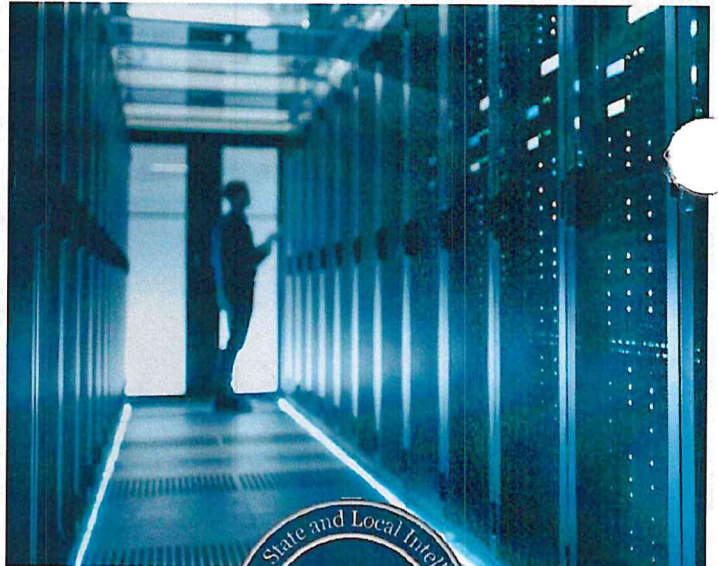
STATE AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

The mission of the North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center (NDSLIC) is to gather, store, analyze, and disseminate information on crimes, both real and suspected, to the law enforcement community, government officials, and private industry, concerning dangerous drugs, fraud, organized crime, terrorism, and other criminal activity for the purposes of decision making, public safety, and proactive law enforcement while ensuring the rights and privacy of citizens.

INFORMATION NEEDS

THE NDSLIC has standing information needs, that are reviewed annually. The information needs of the NDSLIC include any information regarding terrorism (suspicious activity reporting), cyber threats, and criminal activity including drug operations and transnational organized crime.

The NDSLIC continues to see an increase in the amount of requests we receive. In 2022, we processed 17,474 requests. The NDSLIC processed 15,589 in 2021 and 14,472 in 2020.



The NDSLIC provides the following services:

- Criminal Intelligence Analysis
- Background Checks
- Threat Assessments
- Suspicious Activity Reporting Clearinghouse
- Daily/Weekly/Urgent Publications
- Cyber Security Analysis



ND PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS & TRAINING

BCI provides the executive secretary and an additional administrative person to conduct the day to day operations of the North Dakota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board. These staff members are responsible for the licensing of Law Enforcement Officers, along with maintaining and recording all the individual POST approved training an officer takes throughout their career to maintain their certifications.



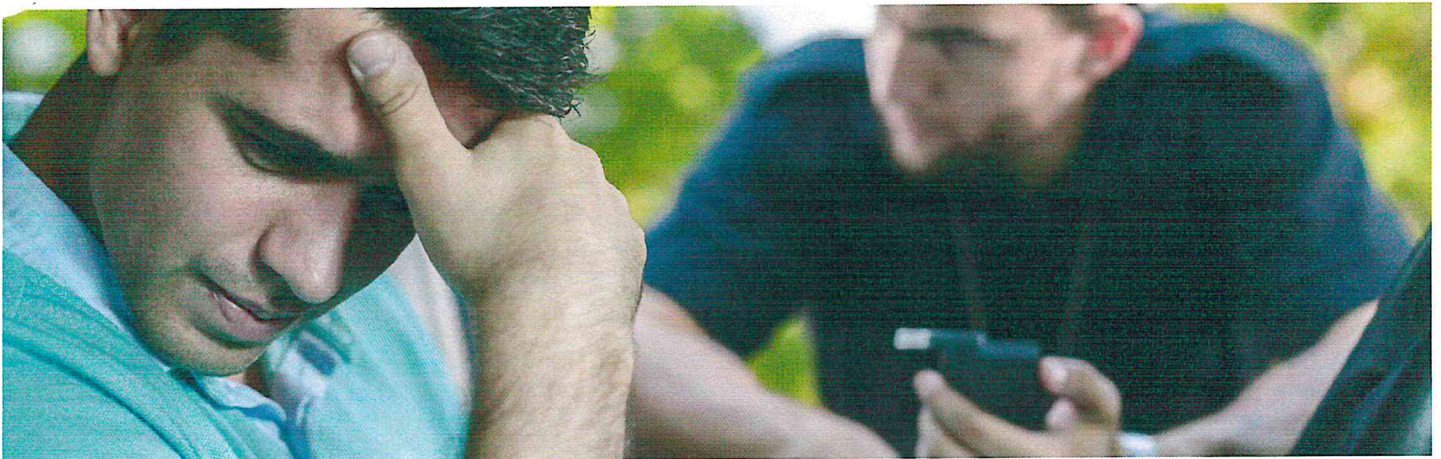
BY THE NUMBERS

137 Individual agencies throughout the state

2,372 Total licensed officers working for an agency in ND

830 Total number of instructors

2,863 Total number of training courses approved



24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM

North Dakota's 24/7 Sobriety Program provides an alternative to incarceration for individuals charged with, or convicted of, driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, domestic violence, abuse or neglect of a child, or other offenses in which alcohol or controlled substances are involved.





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