

# 100 MOMENTS

## DCI100

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Inside the walls of the Oran Pape Building is a room. A room filled with banker's boxes, microfilm, and binders that hold reports with the details of some of Iowa's most notorious crimes. The millions of pages in those reports catalog more than hardship and pain. They capture the stories of the men and women who have spent ten decades serving the investigative needs of our state.

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Since 1921, agents, criminalists, and support staff have excelled at documenting what we have done. The case reports, laboratory files, criminal history records, and offender tracking are each a testament to our ability to catalog our activities down to the minutest of details. Those details have brought comfort to families, trust in a regulated industry, and justice to offenders. The combination of investigative details and the accompanying fables have created the moments that have made the Bureau/Division of Criminal Investigation the agency that it is.

Now is the time to share the stories, many of them untold, of the BCI/DCI. That is where the DCI100 Team comes in.

The mission statement of the DCI100 Team is simple: preserve, commemorate, and celebrate one hundred years of the BCI/DCI. The DCI100 Team is representative of the BCI/DCI: BCI – DCI; current employees – retirees; men – women; sworn – non-sworn; field ops – SEOB – support ops – laboratory. The Team has more than 175 years of combined experience and has service that spans nearly half of the BCI/DCI existence. As the chairman of the DCI100 Team, I am honored to bring to you the many stories, photos, and opportunities that accompany this golden anniversary.



This DCI100 Team, at least the concept, was born in 2014, as I sat down to type a solicitation letter for summer interns. The letter started simply enough "Since 1921, the Division of Criminal Investigation has provided..." At that moment, my nearly 20 years of state government experience kicked in. I had a vision of March 2021 and a

conversation that starts something like “Hey, April is our official 100th anniversary. Can you put something together?” But this was going to be a 100 year anniversary!?!? This needed to be about more than a bowl of punch and a few cookies. There is only one chance to get this right. So the interns started and their task became simple – starting with the 1921 case files, create a full roster of all BCI/DCI employees. Long story short – they didn’t get that task completed. In fairness, however, what they did and what they found became the impetus behind the DCI100 Team.



Fast forward to December 2019 and that vision I had in 2014 came back to me. Now, we were

a little over a year away. The realization that properly preserving, commemorating, and celebrating the past would take looking to the future. So, through a series of meetings, emails, phone calls, and non-profit paperwork, the DCI100 Team was born.

There was a moment when I thought satisfying our mission statement would maybe just require a cup of coffee or two, swapping a couple stories, sharing a few photos, and looking over a handful of old reports. I mean, after all, the DCI100 Team, with all of our years of service, our contacts, and our resources – we pretty much just needed to research the first 50 years of the BCI. Right?

In March 2020, we had that first cup of coffee and opened up the first couple of boxes. By the second cup of coffee, it was obvious we didn’t know what we didn’t know! Each day since we have learned something new. Each

day there is something new. We are continually amazed, not that the men and women of the BCI/DCI have done so many incredible things, but that we were not aware of so much that had been done. If the Team, with all the years of service, the span of disciplines, and network of relationships, didn’t know about the items we were uncovering, chances were most others did not know either.

We will be sharing two moments each week for the next fifty weeks. I hope each of the moments provides the opportunity for everyone to have a better understanding of the impact the BCI/DCI has on neighbors and on our communities.

Thank you very much to the DCI100 Team for all their time, ideas, efforts, and determination:

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