

100 MOMENTS

THE DCI TODAY

By Kevin Winker (1988-2010, 2018-2010)

From humble beginnings in 1921, a handful of agents were hired to provide specialized criminal investigative services to work in partnership with local law enforcement. Over the last 100 years, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) became the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and although the name changed, the commitment to providing premier investigative services to our local, state and federal partners has not wavered.



RHYTHM CITY CASINO – 2021

Special Agents Jarret Harvey (2006), Louis Brown (1998), and Kurt Lechtenberg (1998)

The DCI of today is comprised of 219 sworn and non-sworn employees with an annual budget of \$36.8 million. The mission has expanded and diversified into three bureaus;

field operations, support operations, and special enforcement operations, as well as a nationally recognized criminalistics laboratory that serves all of Iowa's law enforcement community. Our services are relied upon not only by our law enforcement partners, but by the public and employers as well for information on the State's registered sex offenders, background checks in the form of criminal history records, and maintaining the integrity of Iowa's licensed casinos.

The DCI special agents of today are not only trained in evidence collection, interview and interrogation, and major case management but now receive training in the digital crime scene. Every case worked has a digital component such as a cell phone, computer, internet service provider, cloud storage, or social media application. The DCI Cyber Crime Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force provides expertise in investigative and forensic services to assist with the digital crime scene, but much of this responsibility still falls to the field agents.

The Major Crime Unit, formerly known as the General Criminal Unit, is still considered the backbone of the DCI. These agents respond at a moment's notice to some of the most horrific crimes imaginable and do it with confidence, commitment, perseverance, and professionalism. From murders to kidnappings, to sexual assaults,

these agents are called upon for their expertise, their compassion for victims, and their relentless pursuit of the perpetrators of these crimes.



CRIME SCENE – 2021

Special Agent Ryan Kedley (2007) and Criminalist Jonna Berry (2015)

And last but not least, the oil that keeps the DCI machine going is our non-sworn staff. From secretaries, support staff and transcriptionists, these employees are a critical part of the DCI and come to work every day with the same commitment as our agents and outlined in our mission statement:

The DCI will empower its employees to provide services, maintaining the highest professional and ethical standards, “that guilt shall not escape nor innocence suffer.”



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY – 2021

Cheryl Nolan (2003), Nancy Throckmorton (2017), Craig Triplett (1998), Tosha Brooks (2018) Bret Braafhart (1997), Janese Milam (2017), Karin Hamilton (2006), and Brianne Potts (2020)

KEVIN WINKER - 2021

The date this 100 Moment was first shared (1/5/21) was the first day of Kevin’s retirement. Kevin’s more than 31 years with the DPS included him serving in 4 of the 5 DPS division, including stints in each of the 3 DCI bureaus. Within the DCI, Kevin worked as a Special Agent in the Gaming Bureau, a Special Agent and Special Agent in Charge in the Field Operations Bureau, as well as a SAC and Assistant Director in the Support Operations Bureau. He was served as the Assistant Director for the Division of Narcotic and the Division of Intelligence – all before becoming the Director of Investigative Operations in 2018.