

Ask the Chief – what is public service like?

Great question. Some people think working for a city is easy. Others think it is profitable. Both are far from the truth, especially in small towns like ours. The city of Minneota has 6 fulltime employees that keep our community running smoothly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, rain or shine. Other communities of our size have as many as 12 people doing what we do with 6. Our dedication to our community doesn't end when we go home. I have seen our City Administrator working past her regular hours while still taking work home. Occasionally she will come in on the weekends and put in several hours. Our City Clerk is tasked with the record keeping and being a friendly voice and face for our community. It isn't easy always wearing a smile and being the first contact in the city. We also have one street department employee, one parks employee and one water / sewer employee. While they are each responsible for a very specific and skilled department they work as a team to keep our streets drivable, water flowing, toilets flushing and parks beautiful. I have seen them help people while off duty, take calls during family time and make sacrifices for people. As a Police Chief I am never truly off duty. If you call I will do whatever I can to help you, regardless of the time of day. In short public service is all about "serving the public" and in Minneota we do just that...

Sincerely,

Chief Bill Bolt