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Crime in other places may be on the rise but not in Williston. Total Index offenses (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft) were down 29% in the first 6 months of 2009, continuing a 4 year trend in the city.

Of equal and related importance to the Police Department, the Department's closure rate increased from 27% to 47%. "Having a fully staffed Department has enabled us to maintain a superior response time – two minutes on average, and an excellent investigative effort," said ten year Chief Dan Davis. "We have a stable, experienced work force, and we train regularly. Following the New York model developed by Chief Bratton, we immediately address all reports of minor crime to discourage any one from committing any major crime. The locals know if you commit crime in Williston, you're probably going to be apprehended."

"The citizens of Williston are also blessed with a great fire department and public works crew. Their skills come to play not only on a daily basis but in times of emergency and extreme weather. When other areas are in the dark or waiting for emergency services, our employees are on the scene in a flash. Our quick response time is facilitated by our own dispatch personnel, most of whom know the city like the back of their hand. We are strongly supported by most of our citizens, and we work hard to support them day in and day out."

Daniel M. Davis

Chief of Police