

SUN PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission is to Build Relationships and Solve Problems



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OUR VISION

A Sun Prairie where all can live safely and are empowered to share responsibility for public safety solutions, protected by a police department that is trustworthy and offers hope.

OUR VALUES

VISION & CORE VALUES

COMPETENCE

We are committed to providing high quality policing services and strive for continuous improvement. We are responsive to community priorities and expectations, while educating the community on our capabilities and limitations. We measure our success by the number of problems we eliminate through community-based, problem-oriented, data-driven policing strategies.

CHARACTER

We understand that public trust is the foundation of our profession. We are accountable to ourselves, each other, and the community for our words and actions.

LEADERSHIP

We view all of our members as leaders with each offering a valuable contribution to our department. We are responsible for the performance, reputation, and morale of the department. We recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members.

EAST PRECINCT

300 East Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Dispatch Center: 608.837.7336
Anonymous Tip Line: 608.837.6300

WEST PRECINCT

2598 West Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590



CHIEF MICHAEL STEFFES



On behalf of the Sun Prairie Police Department, it is my privilege to present the Sun Prairie Police Department 2023 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of some of our Department's activities, achievements, and challenges over the past year. As we reflect on 2023, we are grateful for the unwavering support and collaboration we receive from our community. Your partnership and support are instrumental in our efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our community.

We exist to reduce the level of fear and crime in our community. We accomplish this through our mission of building relationships and solving problems. At the heart of our mission is a commitment to collaboration and community engagement. By working together, we can address challenges

and build stronger, safer neighborhoods. Your involvement through contacting us, attending our community events, or simply saying “hello” to our officers is invaluable. Thank you for your support.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we continue to actively seek feedback from our community through our walkabouts, hot dog and popsicle parties, forums, chiefs advisory board meetings, elected officials, and our social media. We are dedicated to evolving with the needs of our rapidly growing community.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our dedication to serving each of you. Your safety and security will always be our top priority, and we are committed to fostering a culture of trust, transparency, and accountability within our department.

Thank you for your continued support of our police department and helping your neighbors. I am thankful to work in such an amazing community that supports each other, our businesses, and our Public Safety Departments. It is our privilege to serve you. Together, we will continue to make Sun Prairie a safer and more vibrant place to live, work, and thrive. Feel free to contact me if you would like to meet to discuss any issues in your neighborhood or to share any thoughts, concerns, or ideas. I look forward to seeing you around town at community events or during a walkabout in your neighborhood as we “build relationships and solve problems!”

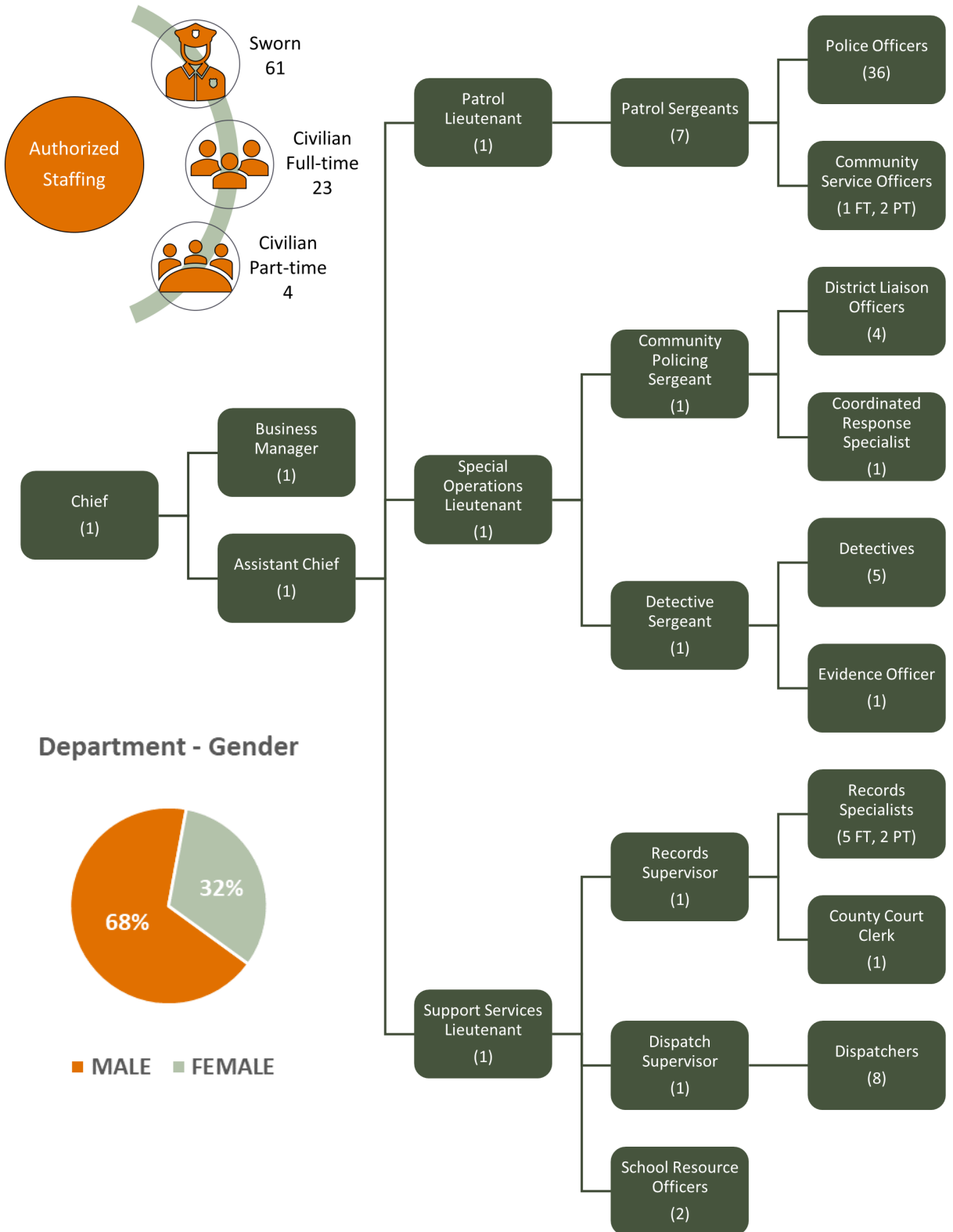
Chief Michael Steffes

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



2023 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART & POSITION COUNT

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





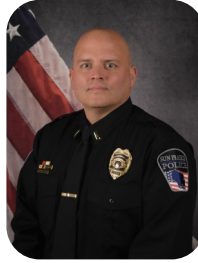
COMMAND STAFF



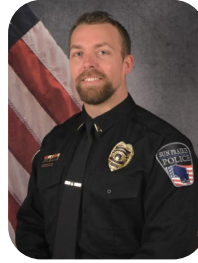
Chief
Michael Steffes



Assistant Chief
Shunta Boston



Lieutenant
Jamie Peterson



Lieutenant
Ryan Cox

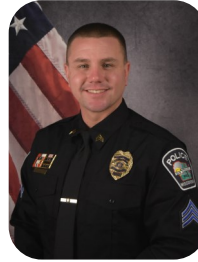


Lieutenant
Ray Thomson

FIRST-LINE SWORN SUPERVISORS



Sergeant
Jason Lefeber



Sergeant
Brandon Lingle



Sergeant
Ryahn Smith



Sergeant
Chris Pederson



Sergeant
Nolan Pickar



Sergeant
Tommy Foy



Sergeant
Leonard Webster



Sergeant
Freddy Garcia



Sergeant
Jason Lingle

FIRST-LINE CIVILIAN SUPERVISORS



Records Supervisor
Kristine Pittz



Dispatch Supervisor
Nick Hagen

LEADERSHIP TEAM





COMMON COUNCIL

The Common Council represents the citizens of the City of Sun Prairie and exercises legislative powers convenient and necessary for the governance of the city. Specifically, the common council exercises the responsibility for the governance and control of City property, finances, infrastructure, and public services; and has the power to act for the government and the good order of the City and the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The City of Sun Prairie is broken down into four aldermanic districts, each with two alderpersons who serve two-year terms.

Mayor - Paul Esser

District 1 - Theresa McIlroy & Steve Stocker

District 2 - Bob Jokisch & Brent Eisberner

District 3 - Maureen Crombie & Mike Jacobs

District 4 - Faustina Bohling & David Virgell

POLICE COMMISSION

The Police Commission consists of five citizens who are residents of the city, three of whom constitute a quorum. The appointments to the Police Commission are made in compliance with Section 62.13(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

Christina Outlay - President

Scott Faust - Vice President

Tracey Yang - Commissioner

David Hoekstra - Commissioner

Donnel Thompson, Jr. - Commissioner

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Chief's Community Advisory Board was formed to provide a collaborative forum for police and community interaction, so we can address safety and policing ideas while building trust and enhancing the quality of life in our city. The Board has been a valuable resource in the development of community policing concepts and programs, reviewing our procedures, and helping to increase public awareness and communications of our department.

•Connor Anderegg

•Spencer Callaway

•Lorie Candelmo

•Thierno Diallo

•Tom Fixmer

•Melanie Hawk

•Pastor James Hawkins

•Stephanie Hindson

•Mike Kiguta

•Donald Leaser

•Khong Lor

•Michele Mackey

•Luke Mwangi

•Bethzabeth Fichter

•Larry Tabron

•Rohit Vaidya

•Tamara Washington

•Tyren Washington



RETIREMENTS

OFFICER JILL KOLL



Officer Jill Koll retired from the Sun Prairie Police Department in September 2023 after 26 years of service. As a Field Training Officer and Union President, she played a key role in mentoring officers and leading the union. Her work as an Evidence Technician and the recognition she received, including the Life Saving award and Officer of the Year, highlight her commitment to her role. Jill's dedication to the community set a high standard for service and care.



EVIDENCE OFFICER TODD LUKENS



After 23 years of service, Evidence Officer Todd Lukens retired from the Sun Prairie Police Department. His journey began in October 2000 as a Community Service Officer. In May 2001, he was hired as a Police Officer. Todd was recognized with two Life-Saving awards, reflecting his courage and quick thinking. His outstanding contributions were further acknowledged when he was honored as Officer of the Year in 2016. Todd later transitioned to the position of Property Officer in October 2018.



K-9 LASKO

K-9 Lasko began his official service with Officer Pluim in May of 2016 and retired in June 2023 after seven years of service as a dual-purpose Patrol K-9.

K-9 Lasko had over 300 deployments with 253 documented seizures and assisted in locating and arresting over 30 suspects, all while not having to deploy one bite. K-9 Lasko was certified in narcotics detection, tracking, and apprehension, all while being a very approachable and friendly dog for our community. K-9 Lasko and Officer Pluim met with hundreds of community members throughout the years whether at school visits, community events, or private requests.





DETECTIVE PROMOTIONS

DETECTIVE GARY NICHOLS



With a tenure of over 27 years at the Sun Prairie Police Department, Detective Gary Nichols brings a wealth of experience to the Detective Bureau. Nichols' background includes assignments in patrol, task force operations, and various specialty roles such as Crime Prevention Specialist, Field Training Officer, and Special Events Team member. He also served as an instructor in handgun, rifle, tactical response, and vehicle contacts. Detective Nichols has significantly contributed to the training and development of the department's personnel, enhancing the overall efficacy of the force. Nichols was promoted to Detective in March 2023.

DETECTIVE DAN ENGER



Detective Dan Enger has been with the Sun Prairie Police Department for 16 years and transitioned to the role of Detective in March 2023. Enger's experience includes a decade as a Patrol Officer, five years as a District Liaison Officer, and seven years as a Field Training Officer, illustrating a wide-ranging skill set and commitment to the department's mission. Detective Enger is also a valued member of the Special Response Team, further underscoring his versatility and dedication to serving the community in diverse capacities.

DETECTIVE MACKENZIE MILLER



Detective Mackenzie Miller transitioned to the role of Detective in November 2023. With an eight-year tenure at the department, Miller's career has been marked by a multifaceted involvement in law enforcement activities. Before her promotion, Detective Miller served as a Field Training Officer for three years and as a District Liaison Officer for three years. Additionally, Miller is an active member of the Special Response Team (SRT), Honor Guard, and serves as an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Instructor. Before her career in law enforcement, Miller dedicated 10 years to the Army National Guard as an IT Specialist.

DETECTIVE CODY ENNIS



Detective Cody Ennis began his career with the Sun Prairie Police Department in November 2015 as a Dispatcher before switching to the role of Community Service Officer (CSO) in July 2017. In August 2019, Ennis was hired as a Police Officer and attended the Madison College Police Academy - where he was elected Academy President. Ennis excels in fostering relationships with youth and handling complex investigations. Ennis has also contributed to the department as a member of the Recruitment Team, a Field Training Officer, and a Firearms Instructor. Ennis was promoted to Detective in December 2023.

PROMOTIONS



PROMOTIONS & STAFF CHANGES



SERGEANT PROMOTION



SERGEANT JASON LINGLE

Officer Jason Lingle was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant on November 14, 2023. As the first K-9 handler to become a Sergeant at the Sun Prairie Police Department, he completed his training in January 2024 and now oversees second shift patrol. Sergeant Jason Lingle has been with the department since 2017. He previously served in the United States Marine Corps.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER TO POLICE OFFICER



OFFICER CHIA XIONG

Chia had been a part of the department for just over a year, serving as a Community Service Officer. Chia and his family reside in Sun Prairie and cherish their time outdoors, especially camping and traveling. They had recently enjoyed a memorable trip to Colorado. The family, undoubtedly fond of the outdoors, makes the most of their time together in nature.

Chia attended Madison College's Law Enforcement Academy from August 14, 2023 through December 15, 2023 before starting the Field Training Program.

MAY 2023 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES



Officer
Odalys Gloria



Officer
Shamika Anderson



Officer
Cole MacMiller



*Graduation Day - May 12, 2023
720-hour MATC LE Academy*



POLICE OFFICERS



OFFICER LEUDY TORRES

Originally from New Jersey, Leudy moved to Verona, Wisconsin in September 2022 and worked in construction, focusing on concrete and roofing. Before that, he worked for a transportation company for four years. He graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Criminal Justice in 2018. He enjoys working out and playing/watching sports.

Leudy attended Madison College's Law Enforcement Academy from August 14, 2023 through December 15, 2023 before starting the Field Training Program.



OFFICER PATRICK JARRETT

Patrick was previously a State Trooper for the Colorado State Patrol, stationed just outside of Aspen, Colorado. Prior to that, Patrick gained experience in dispatch, corrections, and as a park ranger for the National Park Service. Patrick relishes outdoor activities, with a particular fondness for camping, hiking, and bicycle riding.

NEW STAFF



Swearing in, July 31, 2023



Graduation Day - December 15, 2023

720-hour MATC LE Academy



NEW STAFF MEMBERS

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



CSO JOHN DIAZ

Community Service Officer John Diaz began employment with the Police Department on June 19, 2023 as a Part-Time CSO working the afternoon shift. CSO Diaz is originally from Chicago, IL, and moved to Wisconsin in 2018. CSO Diaz moved to a full-time position in October 2023. CSO Diaz previously worked as a security officer for Allied Universal and at the Dane County Regional Airport. CSO Diaz has quickly brought a wonderful service-based attitude to our community, and has provided assistance with his Spanish-speaking skills on numerous occasions.

POLICE DISPATCHER



DISPATCHER JEFF AURIT

Jeff returned to our communication's center in October 2023 after two years in a patrol position for the Maple Bluff Police Department. Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge with him from his years on the road and prior experience dispatching for Sun Prairie and Fitchburg Police.

NEWEST OFFICERS



We welcomed the three newest members of the SNPD family — Francisco Jimenez, Jr., Taylor Haffelder, and Osarobo Asia. All three came to us with strong roots in service and the full support of their families. Together, they headed off to the 720-hour Law Enforcement Academy on January 8, 2024.



EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Lieutenant
Jamie Peterson

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Sergeant
Jason Lefeber



Records Supervisor
Kristine Pittz

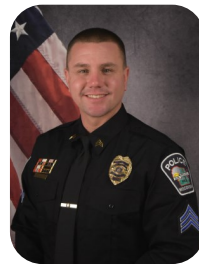
15 YEARS OF SERVICE



Lieutenant
Ryan Cox



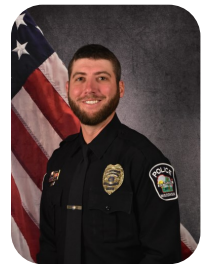
Lieutenant
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Sergeant
Brandon Lingle



Sergeant
Chris Pederson

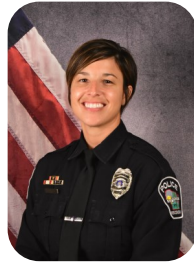


Detective
Dan Enger

10 YEARS OF SERVICE



Sergeant
Tommy Foy



Officer
Michelle Schultz



Dispatch Supervisor
Nick Hagen

5 YEARS OF SERVICE



Sergeant
Leonard Webster



Officer
Adem Hadji



Officer
Nate Hoffmann



Business Manager
Michelle Garrison



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



DETECTIVE CODY ENNIS

This award is given yearly to a sworn officer, exclusive of sworn supervisory and sworn administrative staff, who has consistently performed at a high level and who has excelled in teamwork to help the department achieve its mission during the course of the previous year. This officer's daily work reflects an awareness of departmental operating procedures, core values, and objectives.

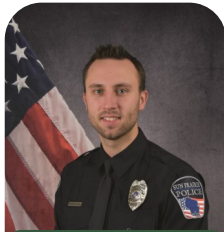
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



DISPATCHER JEFF AURIT

This award is given for sustained service teamwork. This award is also given yearly and all other departmental staff not included in the Officer of the Year award are eligible. The same criterion applies as with the Officer of the Year award.

CHIEF'S AWARD



Officer
Brett Bengsch



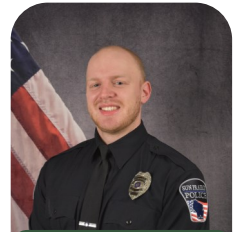
Detective
Cody Ennis



Sergeant
Leonard Webster



Sergeant
Jason Lingle



Officer
Thomas Wagner

This award is given by the Chief to any department member, sworn or non-sworn, for an outstanding contribution to the department. This award covers many service categories and is given solely at the discretion of the Chief as often as they deem appropriate.

LIFE SAVING AWARD



Officer
Adem Hadji

This award is given to any department member or citizen whose action directly contributed to the saving or significantly prolonging of human life. For example, a subject being discharged from the hospital would constitute significantly prolonging human life.



Detective
Cody Ennis



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP IN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

Sergeant Leonard Webster, Sergeant Frederick Garcia, and Court Officer Nicole Vedvik completed the Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course, hosted by the Deforest Police Department.

The three-week course is the International Chiefs of Police Association's flagship leadership development training program. LPO is modeled after the training concept of dispersed leadership — every officer is a leader — and delivers modern behavioral science concepts and theories uniquely tailored to the law enforcement community.



NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF & COMMAND



Sergeant Chris Pederson completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

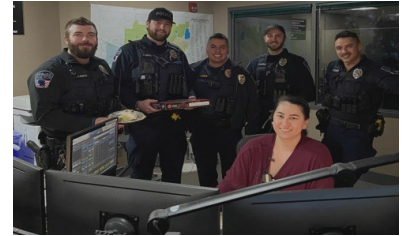
The School of Police Staff and Command is an intensive leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions. Through an innovative combination of academic principles with practical applications, the curriculum focuses on such critical areas as planning and policies, media relations, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, contemporary policing, and more.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

DISPATCH OPERATIONS

The Sun Prairie Police Department's Communications Center processes all incoming non-emergency calls for service and dispatches police units accordingly. Traditionally, half the case numbers are generated by direct calls to the police department, walk-ins, and calls initiated by officers. The other half come from 911 and other calls to Dane County, which are routed to the Communications Center for handling by the Sun Prairie Police Department.



The 24/7/365 nature of the Communications Center provides a constant contact point for citizens and visitors seeking assistance from the Police Department, as well as the City's Streets, Wastewater, and Utilities divisions. In addition to dispatching police officers, the Communications Center assists with running data for officers, generating emergency community notifications, and monitoring cameras and alarms on City-owned buildings. The Communications Center has eight dispatch positions plus a supervisor.


119,303+
Radio
Transmissions



3.1 %
decrease
from 2022


43,555
Phone Calls



2.1 %
decrease
from 2022


25,074
Case Numbers
Generated



3.3 %
increase
from 2022

MEET OUR DISPATCH STAFF



Jeff



Sarah



Andy



Nieves



Nick



Cassie



Tom



Chris



Ashley



RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau consists of eight employees - the Records Supervisor/Systems Manager, four full-time and two part-time Records Specialists, as well as a County Court Officer. The bureau operates out of two locations - 300 East Main Street and 2598 West Main Street. The lobby windows are open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Records Specialists maintain all paperwork and official records for incidents handled by the Sun Prairie Police Department. They greet the public and answer general questions, as well as assist the Communications Center by initiating calls for service requests from citizens during business hours. They handle citation payments and process parking citation suspensions, respond to all open records requests, provide fingerprinting services, conduct City background investigations, fulfill requests for digital evidence, and oversee the department's involvement with local restorative justice programs.

The Court Officer is the liaison between the department and the Dane County District Attorney's Office. They are responsible for ensuring prompt attention is provided to all arrests made by the police department in order to provide timely court appearances for all defendants as provided by law.

RECORDS BUREAU



36
Juvenile Intake
Referrals



2.7 %
decrease
from 2022



672
Adult Intake
Referrals



7.3 %
increase
from 2022



2654 Public Record
Requests Processed



13.6 %
increase
from 2022



1140 Hours
Public Record Request
Processing Time



32.7 %
increase
from 2022



5,150
Reports Typed



6.1 %
increase
from 2022



RESTORATIVE COURT

JUVENILE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The Sun Prairie Police Department takes pride in our continued participation in various county restorative justice programs. Our collaboration with agencies such as Briarpatch and Community Restorative Court help ensure we utilize practices that help make the justice system fair and equitable for everyone, including victims, offenders, and the involved community.

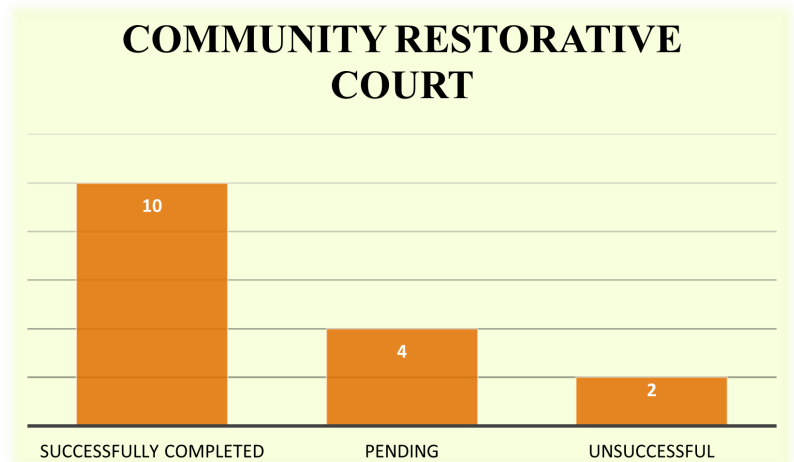
Juvenile Restorative Justice is an alternative to municipal court for youth ages 12 to 16 who have committed non-traffic related offenses. Community Restorative Court is a program for young adults ages 17 to 25 who have committed either municipal or misdemeanor offenses such as battery, disorderly conduct, obstructing, theft, or criminal damage to property.

The goal of both programs is to repair the harm, reduce further risk, and rebuild community trust. Program participants agree to immerse themselves in the process, take responsibility for their actions, and repair harm.

In 2023, 62 juveniles were offered to participate in the Juvenile Restorative Justice Program through municipal court. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.



In 2023, 125 cases were reviewed for possible referral to Community Restorative Court. 23 cases were determined to be eligible for participation. Of these 23 cases, only 16 opted in to this program. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

OFFICER JAMEY DAVIS



I am Officer Jamey Davis. I have been a Police Officer with the City of Sun Prairie for 10 years. The last three years I have been working as a School Resource Officer. I am primarily responsible for Sun Prairie East High School, Prairie Phoenix Academy, and Central Heights Middle School.

While in the schools, I work to build relationships with students and staff while maintaining school safety. I enforce laws and city ordinances, but work with staff, students, and families in taking a restorative approach. I assist with the coordination and execution of active threat drills in all Sun Prairie public schools as well as many private schools. Last year I helped implement 'Cops over Pizza' with

Principal Coleman at Sun Prairie East. This was the first year of the event, and it was wildly successful. 'Cops over Pizza' allowed students to have lunch with Officers from the Sun Prairie Police Department, and bring up topics of interest or controversy once each month.

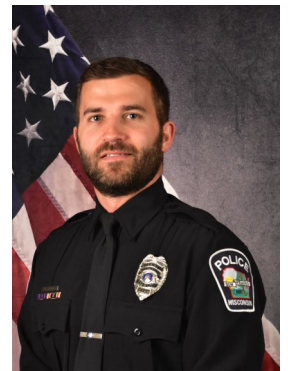
Officer Sessums and I will again coordinate the Sun Prairie Police Youth Academy. This is a completely free academy that is open to incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. We are able to accept donations from local restaurants and businesses in the community, as well as partner with neighboring agencies to continue to make this event so successful.

I became a School Resource Officer because I enjoy working with kids and having an active role in both education and student safety.

OFFICER ROYSE SESSUMS

My name is Royse Sessums. I've worked as a Police Officer for the City of Sun Prairie for nine years and have had the privilege to be a School Resource Officer for the last three years.

As an SRO, I work with staff from Sun Prairie West High School, Prairie View Middle School, Patrick Marsh Middle School, and all elementary schools within the district. My primary role is to address any safety concerns at school and enforce laws and city ordinances when necessary. I also work with students and staff daily to help educate and inform them on law enforcement topics and our role within the community.



The biggest challenge in the 23-24 school year was addressing vandalism and vaping in the restrooms at Sun Prairie West High School. Staff and I have worked tirelessly to address the concern and to make necessary changes to ensure better results going forward. My relationship with staff and students has continued to grow and is evident by their willingness to seek me out to discuss safety concerns. Looking back as the school year draws to an end, I am encouraged by the growth of our students and staff as we continue to be One West!

I became a School Resource Officer to make a positive difference in people's lives. Making a difference in the lives of our youth has been my greatest professional achievement. I strive to set a positive example, build trust, and create a safe environment for our students.

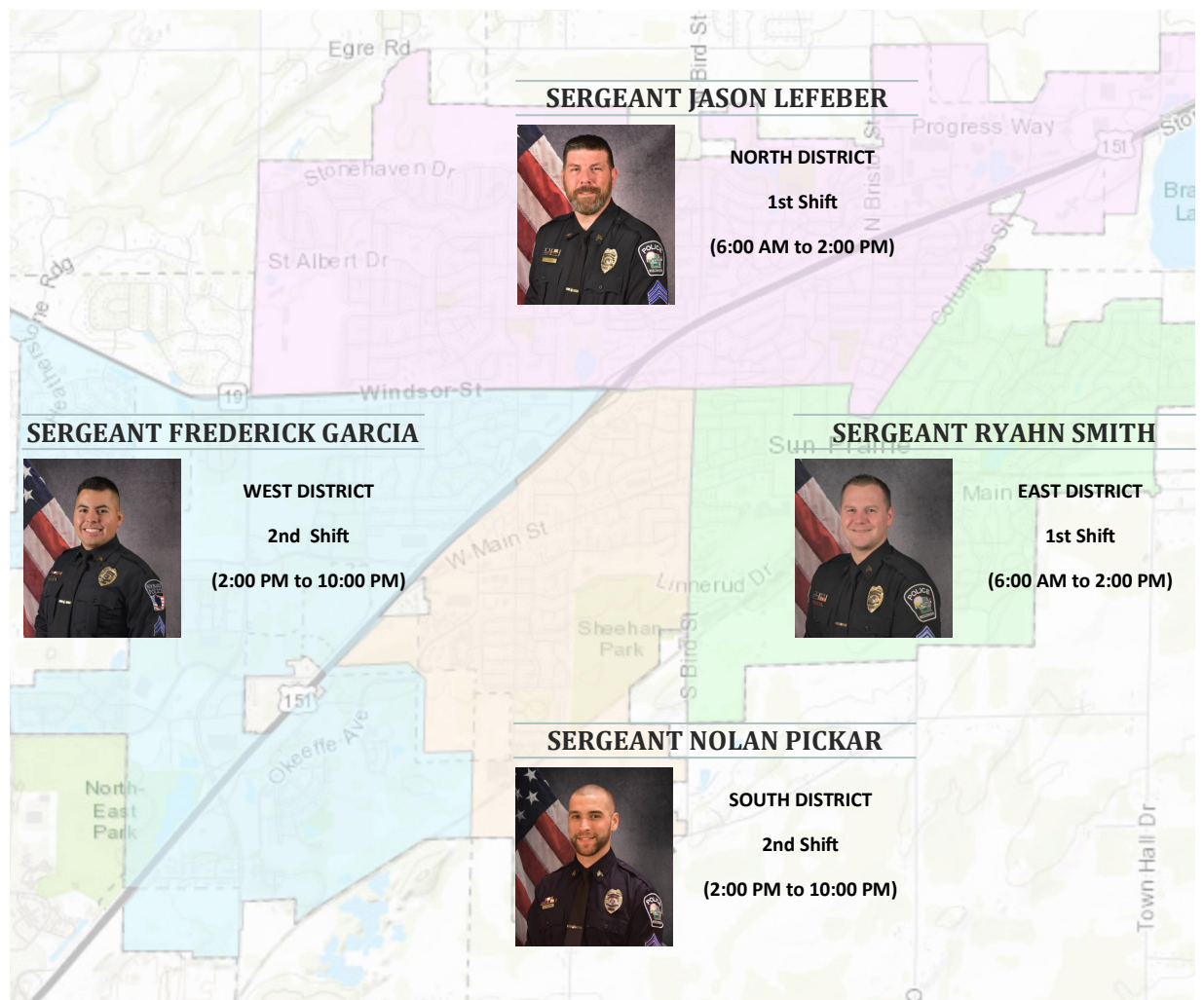


DISTRICT POLICING

Police departments often segment their cities into different districts to streamline the provision of law enforcement services. The Sun Prairie Police Department follows this common practice, organizing the city into four distinct districts: North, South, East, and West. These districts are delineated based on an annual review of the number of calls received and the physical characteristics of the area.

Each officer is tasked with patrolling a single district for a full year, fostering the development of meaningful connections with local residents and business proprietors. Officers invest their efforts in devising strategies for addressing problems and participating in community outreach activities.

Such an approach proves beneficial as it allows officers to gain an in-depth understanding of their respective districts, equipping them to promptly identify and resolve issues. They concentrate on combating crime, enforcing local ordinances, and enhancing the overall living standards within their patrol areas. To support these efforts, every district is overseen by a sergeant who conducts monthly assessments of potential issues, enabling the strategic allocation of resources from the Patrol Division. Additionally, they can solicit the aid of District Liaison Officers from the Community Policing Team to implement enduring solutions to problems.





FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

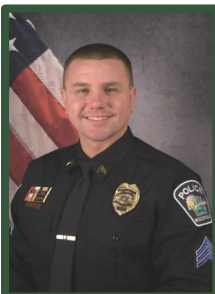
The Field Training Team includes Officers Jack Wilkinson, Barb Enger, Brandon Reigstad, Brittany Lowrey, Tyler Hetrick, Adem Hadji, Nate Hoffmann, Blaine Baumgartner, and Cody Ennis (who was subsequently promoted to Detective), along with their supervisor, Sergeant Brandon Lingle. The team demonstrated remarkable adaptability and dedication throughout 2023. This period was marked by significant challenges and opportunities within the Field Training Program.



Sergeant Brandon Lingle, who has been serving as the Field Training Supervisor, was appointed to the role of Community Policing Sergeant. The transition of responsibilities is scheduled for the onset of 2024, with Sergeant Freddy Garcia set to assume the position of Field Training Sergeant.

Over the course of the year, the Field Training Officers (FTOs) successfully conducted training for six new patrol officers, encompassing a total of 24 phases.

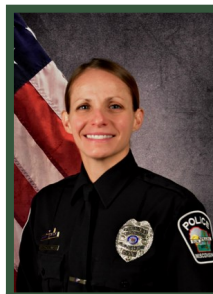
We hold our Field Training Team in high esteem and commend the continuous enhancements made to the program. Given the influx of new recruits, the role of our Field Trainers has become increasingly vital. They provide essential guidance, mentorship, and contribute significantly to the foundational development of our department, ensuring its strength for the foreseeable future.



Sergeant
Brandon
Lingle



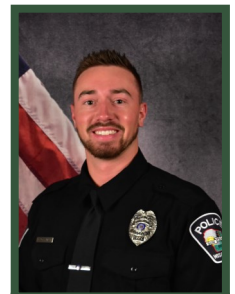
Officer
Jack
Wilkinson



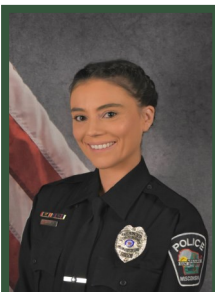
Officer
Barb
Enger



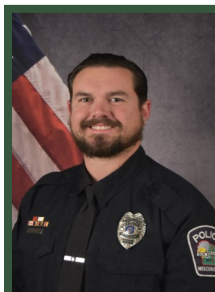
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Hadji



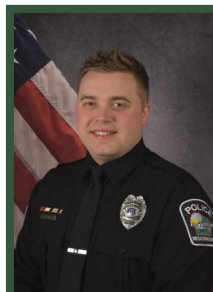
Officer
Nate
Hoffmann



Officer
Brittany
Lowrey



Officer
Brandon
Reigstad



Officer
Tyler
Hetrick



Officer
Cody
Ennis



Officer
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PEER SUPPORT TEAM

PEER SUPPORT

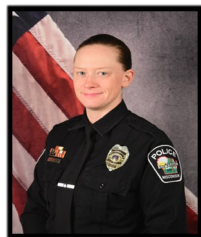
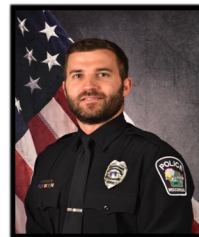
The Sun Prairie Police Department is committed to fostering a culture of wellness and support for all members. Recognizing the unique challenges and often traumatic experiences encountered in law enforcement, the department has established a comprehensive Peer Support Program. This initiative draws on the diverse expertise of personnel across various divisions, including Patrol, Special Operations, Dispatch, Records, and leadership roles.

The program's mission is to offer immediate and ongoing support in the aftermath of critical incidents, injuries, and significant personal events. This includes facilitating debriefings, providing diffusals, and connecting members with specialized mental health resources when necessary.

Our Peer Support Team members are equipped with specialized training in Critical Incident Response and group debriefing techniques. In the past year, the team has participated in extensive training sessions, including a three-day program held by the National Center for Suicide Awareness, a two-day workshop sponsored by Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) focused on enhancing peer support capabilities, and a department-wide seminar on Trauma-Informed Care conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The current roster of the Peer Support Team includes dedicated professionals from various roles within the department, all of whom bring valuable insights and compassion to their peer support responsibilities. Their commitment underscores the department's proactive approach to mental health and well-being, ensuring a resilient and supportive environment for those who serve our community.

Our current members are Dispatcher Cassie Fleischmann, Officer Randy Humphrey, Officer Royse Sessums, Officer Michelle Schultz, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Sergeant Leonard Webster, Lieutenant Ryan Cox, and Chief Mike Steffes.





HONOR GUARD

In 2023, the Sun Prairie Police Honor Guard was composed of Sergeant Nolan Pickar, Detective Cathy Schultz, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Officer Jamison Davis, Officer Amy Bolling, Officer Nathan Hoffmann, Officer Royse Sessums, and Officer Michelle Schultz. The team represents the department at various state events, including funerals for officers who died in the line of duty, off duty, or after retirement, as well as numerous community functions.

Throughout the year, the Honor Guard participated in several key events such as the Groundhog Day Prognostication, the Citizens Academy graduation, the Employee Awards Ceremony, and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

The year 2023 was marked by tragedy within the Wisconsin law enforcement community, with the loss of four officers to gunfire in separate incidents. The Honor Guard provided support at funerals held in Barron County, Milwaukee County, and St. Croix County.

In December 2023, the Honor Guard welcomed two new members, Sergeant Freddy Garcia and Officer Kimball Webster. They received their initial training through a program offered by the Dane County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association.

The Sun Prairie Police Honor Guard takes great pride in its affiliation with the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association, reflecting its commitment to honor and tradition.



HONOR GUARD TEAM



SERGEANT JASON LEFEBER - PROGRAM LIAISON

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

The department receives numerous traffic complaints from concerned citizens each year. Some of those traffic complaints involve complaints against a specific motorist in real-time. Others are complaints involving a specific area in the city where a specific traffic violation is a concern (e.g. speeding or traffic sign violations). Those are the types of complaints where the department uses a mid to long-term plan to address the concern. Those plans often include conducting a speed survey, working with other department agencies for a possible solution (e.g. working with the Public Works Department to implement traffic signs/lights), and dedicating patrol resources to monitor and enforce a problem area over a period of time.

For 2023, the department received 750 total traffic complaints from citizens. The vast majority of these were “real-time” complaints of a specific vehicle(s) that were addressed at that time by an officer.

Once again in 2023, we identified one location in each of the four patrol districts each month for officers to direct their proactive traffic engagement efforts. These are referred to as Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement areas. In addition to those areas, any concern which came to light that required quicker attention was addressed through a directed Traffic Safety Patrol for officers to spend time actively working. These directed patrols ranged in duration from a few days to as long as a month; however, most were 1-2 weeks in duration. *(See table on following page for results of these efforts).*

Additionally, starting in early summer of 2023, we employed a new citywide traffic engagement strategy. On any given day where staffing was projected to be above baseline staffing, an officer would be assigned specifically to traffic engagement duties for the shift. This allowed for more effort and attention to be paid to areas of concern.

To gather and evaluate traffic data, the department utilizes a traffic-recording device by JAMAR Technologies. These devices are generally deployed for 4-10 days, depending on the nature of the data trying to be obtained as a result of the concerns which were raised. The department’s two mobile speed trailers are deployed throughout the city during non-winter months. These units provide a visual indication of speed, which can be helpful as the visual stimuli reinforce proper driving behavior. .

Once again, the Sun Prairie Police Department participated in several statewide traffic safety mobilizations. These mobilizations occur each year around the holidays of Memorial Day, Labor Day, and New Year’s Eve. The first one is a Click-It or Ticket campaign where seatbelt safety is the main emphasis. Then in August (Labor Day) and December (New Year’s) we participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns where impaired driving is the emphasis. Participating in these mobilizations makes the department eligible for different types of grants from the Department of Transportation.

It is clear from the number of complaints and informal conversations with citizens that traffic safety is an important concern for the members of the Sun Prairie community. The Police Department agrees with those concerns and is dedicated, through the department’s Traffic Safety Program, to address those concerns.



TARGETED ENFORCEMENT 2023

NORTH	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	N. Thompson Rd: STH 19 to St Albert	573	25	7	2	7
February	N Bristol (MacArthur St to USH 151)	800	27	12	2	11
March	STH 19: CTH C to USH 151	613	24	4	2	6
April	Eddington Dr: STH 19 to St Albert	514	24	6	1	6
May	Stonehaven Dr: Bristol St to School St	610	26	1	0	1
June	Tower Dr in its entirety	1549	47	16	0	19
July	N Thompson Rd: STH 19 to St Albert	765	28	17	3	17
August	Steven St & Broadway Dr	1135	38	16	4	26
September	St Albert the Great Dr: Bird to Lori Ln	593	19	8	2	11
October	N Bird St: City Limit to STH 19	679	19	4	2	6
November	Stonehaven Dr: CTH C to N Thompson	1513	59	22	7	22
December						
	North District Total	9344	336	113	25	132

WEST	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	Hoepker & Prairie Lakes Area	80	8	0	0	0
February	N Thompson Rd: (W. Main St to Windsor St)	799	33	19	5	17
March	W Main St: Rattman Rd to Grand Ave	497	21	6	3	9
April	Westmount Dr: STH 19 to Bull Run	330	14	1	0	1
May	Okeeffe Ave: Reiner Rd to Gracing Oaks	773	27	10	2	5
June	S Legacy Way: W Main St to Hoepker Rd	1505	56	12	3	10
July	Kelvington Dr: Kentville Dr to Westmount Dr	489	26	0	0	0
August	W Main St: Rattman Rd to Grand Ave	1178	44	18	8	17
September	N Thompson Rd: (W. Main St to Windsor St)	700	20	15	1	17
October	Okeeffe Ave: Reiner Rd to Gracing Oaks	939	32	5	1	5
November	Blue Heron Blvd: Grand Ave to N Thompson	572	39	1	0	1
December						
	West District Total	7862	320	87	23	82

SOUTH	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	Emerald Terrace in its entirety	440	23	5	4	5
February	W Main St: Bird St to USH 151	1601	47	29	15	32
March	Linnerud Dr (Okeeffe Ave to S Bird St)	880	46	2	1	3
April	Davison Dr & STH 19	871	35	0	0	0
May	S Bird St: W Main St to City Limit	1175	38	2	1	2
June	Sunfield St: O'Keeffe Ave to Major Way	1402	54	1	1	1
July	Clarmar Dr: Linnerud Dr to Silverado Dr	983	37	7	2	5
August	W Main St: Bird St to USH 151	2673	49	48	17	45
September	Buena Vista Dr: Rickel Rd to N Bird St	930	29	8	2	7
October	O'Keeffe Ave: Main St to Summerfield Way	760	30	4	0	6
November	Linnerud Dr (Okeeffe Ave to S Bird St)	1199	61	5	0	7
December						
	South District Total	12914	449	111	43	113

EAST	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	Grove St in its entirety	1213	23	15	2	18
February	E Main St: Musket Ridge to Vine St	1047	33	14	4	17
March	Columbus St: Cliff-Sacred Hearts Cemetery	857	27	4	1	5
April	W. Main St: Bird St to Church St	937	31	13	2	18
May	Grove St in its entirety	1515	37	29	6	31
June	Jones St; Union St; North St; N Bristol St	1400	62	7	0	9
July	N Musket Ridge: Woodview to Valley Ridge	557	35	2	0	3
August	STH 19/Windsor St: Bird St to Bristol St	1050	45	14	2	18
September	Grove St in its entirety	849	28	4	0	6
October	Linnerud Dr: S Bird St to E Main St	402	16	2	0	2
November	W. Main St: Bird to Church St	1280	41	10	2	9
December						
	East District Total	11107	378	114	19	136

OVERALL TOTAL - 2023	41227	1483	425	110	463
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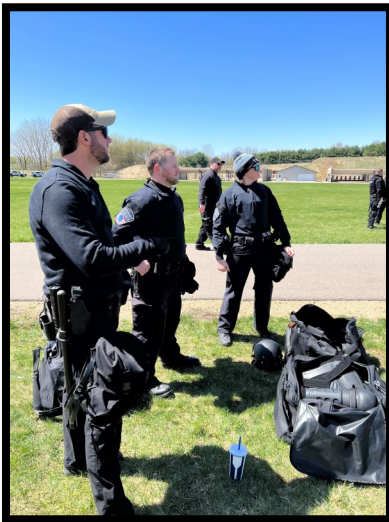
SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Special Response Team (SRT) is an exemplary model of modern law enforcement collaboration, bringing together the expertise and dedication of officers from the Sun Prairie, Middleton, and Fitchburg Police Departments. This special team embodies the spirit of unity and shared purpose, working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of the communities they serve.

In the year 2023, the SRT's unwavering commitment to public safety was evident through their meticulous execution of search warrants, which were conducted in close coordination with partner agencies. These operations were instrumental in intercepting and removing illegal firearms and substances from our neighborhoods, thereby disrupting activities that could undermine the tranquility of our society.

Moreover, the SRT's proactive approach to professional development is commendable. Their participation in a comprehensive array of training programs underscores their dedication to continuous improvement and excellence. The diverse training curriculum, encompassing warrant service tactics, crowd management deployment, and firearms proficiency, ensures that the team remains at the forefront of tactical preparedness and response capabilities.

The SRT's actions reflect a deep-seated commitment to fostering a secure environment where citizens can thrive. Their efforts not only reinforce the rule of law but also strengthen the fabric of trust between law enforcement and the community.



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is tasked with conducting comprehensive and detailed investigations into various serious crimes, including homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, and financial fraud. The bureau comprises a dedicated team of five detectives, all working under the supervision of the Special Operations Lieutenant. This unit ensures the thorough examination and resolution of cases that demand specialized investigative skills and a significant investment of time.

In 2023, the Detective Bureau made significant strides in supporting the department's overarching goals, particularly in reducing violent crime rates. The unit investigated various serious incidents and maintained a strong track record in resolving these critical cases. These efforts have been instrumental in enhancing community safety and trust.

Notable Cases

The bureau handled several high-profile cases throughout the year:

- **Attempted Homicide:** A subject entered a local store and stabbed a worker multiple times. The suspect was arrested and charged with attempted homicide among other charges.
- **Armed Robbery:** An armed robbery occurred at a local fast-food restaurant. The suspect was arrested and charged with armed robbery.
- **Attempted Homicide:** A group of juveniles attempted to enter a home and were shot at, resulting in one juvenile being struck. The juveniles were trying to confront someone inside the residence. The suspect fled the state and was later arrested in Michigan, charged with attempted homicide, recklessly endangering safety, and possession of a firearm by a felon, among other charges.

Personnel Changes

This year marked significant changes within the Detective Bureau. The bureau welcomed four new members: Detective Dan Enger, Detective Gary Nichols, Detective Mackenzie Miller, and Detective Cody Ennis. Their addition brings fresh perspectives and renewed energy to the team, ensuring that the high standards of investigative excellence continues.

Additionally, in 2023, the Detective Sergeant position was reactivated, and Sergeant Chris Pederson was selected to fill this vital role. All detectives and the evidence officer now report to Sergeant Pederson. This reorganization aims to enhance leadership and streamline operations within the bureau.

Additional Responsibilities

Beyond handling major criminal investigations, the Detective Bureau is pivotal in the department's hiring processes. In 2023, detectives conducted 32 pre-employment background investigations across six hiring processes for prospective police officers, records staff, and dispatchers. This process is important to maintain the integrity and professionalism of the Sun Prairie Police Department.

Looking Forward

As we move into the next year, the Detective Bureau remains committed to upholding the highest standards of investigative excellence. The team will continue to focus on reducing violent crimes, supporting departmental goals, and ensuring the safety and well-being of the Sun Prairie community.

DETECTIVE BUREAU





DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICERS (DLO)

The District Liaison Officer (DLO) program generally comprises four dedicated officers, each strategically assigned to one of the city's distinct districts. This initiative is designed to actively support patrol officers in their mission of proactive problem-solving policing. By leveraging historical service data and resource allocation metrics, DLOs are carefully placed in specific neighborhoods to address recurring issues effectively. Their proactive approach aims to significantly diminish the frequency of service calls within their designated areas, collaborating closely with property owners to enhance residents' quality of life. This commitment to problem solving is a testament to their effectiveness in making our city safer.

DLOs are pivotal in supporting the Detective Bureau with significant case investigations and coordinating patterned crime inquiries within the community. But their impact goes beyond these tasks. They are integral members of the department's Mental Health Response Team, emphasizing creative problem-solving and fostering community connections. They actively engage with landlords and business owners, providing valuable crime prevention insights and fostering partnerships for safer neighborhoods. This dedication to community building is a testament to their commitment to making our city a safer place.

Moreover, DLOs energetically engage in a plethora of local community gatherings, including walk-about, Sun Prairie Corn Festival, pop-up cookouts, Multi-Cultural Fair, and a myriad of other events, fostering robust relationships and bolstering community cohesion. They also create and deliver safety presentations to both local and community organizations, embodying a holistic approach to upholding public safety standards.

SNPD INTERN PROGRAM



Jordan Hellenbrand spent his summer internship with our police department while attending his senior year at UW-Platteville. He was a member of the Criminal Justice Association, Alpha Phi Sigma, and the Pioneer Pantry. Jordan's goal was to get into local law enforcement after graduation in December.

DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICERS





MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM (MHRT)

Supervised by Sergeant Chris Pederson, our Mental Health Response Team (MHRT) comprises dedicated officers committed to fostering long-term relationships with mental health consumers and establishing collaborative partnerships with organizations serving this demographic. Focusing on individuals residing, working, or attending school in our community, our team endeavors to facilitate access to vital resources within the healthcare system, thereby reducing reliance on emergency services and diverting individuals away from involvement with the criminal justice system.

In addition to direct community engagement, a designated representative from our team participates in quarterly forensic systems meetings, ensuring our team remains up to date on any pertinent changes or updates. These gatherings offer an invaluable forum for dialogue with mental health leaders in the Dane County area, facilitating proactive discussions on emerging issues.

Driven by a commitment to ensuring the safety of both our officers and community members, our team remains steadfast in its dedication to addressing crisis situations effectively. Mental health response remains a cornerstone priority for our department as we endeavor to meet the diverse needs of our community.

COORDINATED RESPONSE SPECIALIST (CRS)

Cassie Hohlstein, the Coordinated Response Specialist (CRS) at the Sun Prairie Police Department, commenced her role in September 2022. Armed with an Advance Practice Social Work (APSW) licensure, Cassie has been a licensed social worker since 2018. Over her 6+ years in social work, Cassie has contributed her expertise across various domains, including child protective services, crisis intervention, and opioid medication-assisted treatment programs within a county jail setting. She is an advocate for individuals grappling with mental health and addiction challenges, Cassie is dedicated to facilitating access to necessary services and support to foster their recovery.

The CRS undertakes a multifaceted role, including co-responding to active crisis and mental health calls, delivering community training on diverse mental health-related subjects, managing a caseload to facilitate connections for mental health consumers with appropriate services, and bolstering the internal mental wellness of Sun Prairie Police Department personnel. As this program is in its early stages, the CRS is diligently crafting policies and procedures to better serve mental health consumers in the community. The program is continuously refined and expanded to realize its full potential.

Cassie's collaborative efforts extend beyond the Police Department, as she has forged partnerships with various agencies in Sun Prairie and Dane County to enhance awareness of available services and resources for Sun Prairie residents. A proactive member of the Sun Prairie Wellness Coalition, Cassie co-leads the Substance Use/Misuse Group, collaborating with the community and Police Department personnel to address substance use and overdose concerns preemptively. Additionally, Cassie played a pivotal role in organizing the inaugural Autism Forum for the community in December 2022, showcasing her commitment to community engagement and support.



K-9 PROGRAM

In 2023, the Sun Prairie Police Department had three Police K-9 teams until June, when K-9 Lasko retired from service. Two K-9 teams were assigned to the Patrol Division and one was assigned to the Special Operations Division. Upon K-9 Lasko's retirement, the remaining two K-9 teams, K-9 Rush and K-9 Eragon, remained in the Patrol Division.

Officer Michelle Schultz and K-9 Rush were assigned to Day Shift Patrol. Officer Jason Lingle and K-9 Eragon were assigned to Late Shift Patrol, until the fall when Officer Jason Lingle was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Jason Lingle and K-9 Eragon are now assigned to Early Shift Patrol.

Officer Ben Pluim and K-9 Lasko were assigned to work with our District Liaison Officers and Detective Bureau until K-9 Lasko's retirement in June 2023.

Sergeant Chris Pederson was responsible for the oversight of the team, including training and certifications. However, the K9 Program will be transitioning over to the Patrol Division in 2024 under the oversight of Patrol Lieutenant Ryan Cox.

POLICE K-9 PROGRAM

OFFICER BEN PLUIM & K-9 LASKO (RETIRED)





OFFICER MICHELLE SCHULTZ & K-9 RUSH



SERGEANT JASON LINGLE & K-9 ERAGON





PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE OFFICER

The property and evidence responsibilities are administered by our Evidence Officer and are overseen by our Special Operations Lieutenant. The Evidence Officer manages all items that have been collected by, or turned over to, representatives of the department. Property is then properly packaged and stored at one of three locations. Property is managed for court purposes, investigations, storage, disposal, and for return to property owners.

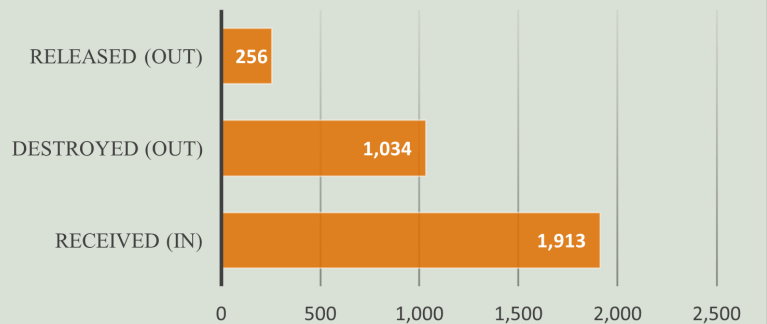
The Evidence Officer processes and collects evidence at scenes and in the field at the request of patrol and investigative staff. The Evidence Officer provides instruction for officers and citizens in the best practices for collecting, maintaining, and packaging of property. They work closely with the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and other federal and state agencies for processing of evidence.

The police department participates with Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction to dispose of unclaimed property items and generate revenue for the City. The department also partners with Dream Bikes, a nonprofit organization that takes unclaimed bicycles and assists young adults in teaching them how to fix bikes and provide job training.

In the past year, Evidence Officer Todd Lukens retired after years of dedicated service. His contributions to the department and the community have been invaluable, and his expertise will be missed. The department is in the process of appointing a new Evidence Officer to ensure a seamless transition and continued excellence in the management of property and evidence.



Property / Evidence Items





CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINS

The police department is fortunate to be supported by a group of area pastors who serve as public safety chaplains to the police department, fire department, and emergency medical services department. The Public Safety Chaplains volunteer their time to support our members and the community. The chaplains do not proselytize, nor does the department endorse or promote one religion over another.

The Public Safety Chaplains are actively seeking members to our team, and are looking forward to bringing on additional members to add to our wonderful group of public servants. The team currently consists of the following members:

- ♦ Father Mike Tess, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Head Chaplain)
- ♦ Pastor Jenny Arneson, United Methodist Church
- ♦ Pastor Charlie Brandt, Retired
- ♦ Pastor Jon McNary, Heartland Community Church
- ♦ Pastor Luke Werre, Peace Lutheran Church
- ♦ Lieutenant Ray Thomson, Department Liaison

2023 PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINS FAMILY APPRECIATION NIGHT





CRIME STATISTICS - OFFENSES

	2022	2023
Crimes Against Persons	371	275
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0
Sex Offenses	22	7
• Rape	6	1
• Sodomy	4	1
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	1
• Fondling	12	4
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1
• Incest	0	0
• Statutory Rape	1	1
Assault Offenses	337	263
• Aggravated Assault	86	52
• Simple Assault	167	126
• Intimidation	84	85
Kidnapping/Abduction	11	3
Human Trafficking	0	0
• Commercial Sex Acts	0	0
• Involuntary Servitude	0	0

	2022	2023
Crimes Against Society	225	215
Weapon Law Violations	30	17
Prostitution Offenses	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	182	191
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	120	123
• Drug Equipment Violations	62	68
Gambling Offenses	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0
Pornography	7	7
Animal Cruelty	6	0

	2022	2023
Crimes Against Property	952	822
Robbery	5	3
Burglary	38	20
Theft/Larceny	481	464
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	2	1
• Theft - Purse Snatching	4	7
• Theft - Shoplifting	213	258
• Theft From Building	43	55
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	2	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	78	40
• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	19	15
• Theft - All Other Larceny	120	88
Motor Vehicle Theft	58	42
Stolen Property Offenses	15	8
Arson	2	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	15	23
Fraud Offenses	143	125
• Fraud - False Pretenses	26	42
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	44	21
• Fraud - Impersonation	4	4
• Fraud - Welfare	2	0
• Fraud - Wire	27	23
• Fraud - Identity Theft	38	31
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	2	4
Embezzlement	6	1
Extortion/Blackmail	3	5
Bribery	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	186	130
Total Crime	1,548	1,312

Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively. Counts are subject to change as data gets updated.



CRIME STATISTICS - ARRESTS

	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Total Group A Arrests	Adult Arrests		Juvenile Arrests		Total Arrests	
Crimes Against Persons	220	178	35	32	255	210
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	0	0	1
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	4	2	4	2	8	4
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	0	0	1	1
Assault Offenses	206	172	31	30	237	202
Kidnapping/Abduction	9	2	0	0	9	2
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	196	225	41	37	237	262
Robbery	1	3	1	0	2	3
Burglary	5	1	5	2	10	3
Theft/Larceny	123	177	19	18	142	195
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	4	4	4	13	8
Stolen Property Offenses	8	2	1	2	9	4
Arson	1	0	2	0	3	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	8	0	0	9	8
Fraud Offenses	17	16	3	2	20	18
Embezzlement	1	0	1	1	2	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	22	14	5	8	27	22
Crimes Against Society	76	74	11	9	87	83
Weapon Law Violations	8	5	5	1	13	6
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	63	69	5	8	68	77
Pornography	2	0	1	0	3	0
Animal Cruelty	3	0	0	0	3	0
Total Arrests	492	477	87	78	579	555

	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Total Group B Arrests	Adult Arrests		Juvenile Arrests		Total Arrests	
	230	230	39	34	269	264
Bad Checks	1	0	0	0	1	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	1	0	1	5	2	5
Disorderly Conduct	34	22	1	1	35	23
Driving Under the Influence	58	59	0	1	58	60
Family Offenses Nonviolent	10	11	0	0	10	11
Liquor Law Violation	0	10	1	1	1	11
Peeping Tom	1	1	0	0	1	1
Trespass of Real Property	10	13	0	2	10	15
All Other Offenses	115	114	36	24	151	138
Total Group A & Group B Arrests	722	707	126	112	848	819

Arrest counts are calculated based on the number of arrestees listed on a Group A or Group B incident. Each arrestee is counted only once per incident. Arrests are categorized based on the specific Group A or Group B arrest code submitted by the agency, rather than the incident offense code. Since agencies only submit the most serious arrest charge for each arrestee on an incident, arrest counts are not indicative of the number of charges. Counts are subject to change as data gets updated.



CITATIONS & ARRESTS

WARNINGS

TRAFFIC
3437

OTHER
587

CITATIONS

NON-TRAFFIC
555

TRAFFIC
1429

OTHER
425

ARRESTS

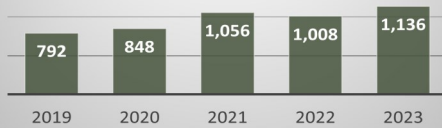
ON-VIEW ARREST	382
SUMMONED/ CITED	391
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	363

ARREST BY SEVERITY

FELONY	246
MISDEMEANOR	490
ORDINANCE	324
WARRANT	57
PROBATION/ PAROLE	16
OTHER	3

2019 - 2023 TOTAL ARRESTS

** Arrest data includes ordinance violations and warrants.



DIRECTED PATROLS

The Sun Prairie Police Department conscientiously identifies and monitors select locations to ensure community safety and well-being. These efforts include proactive patrols, traffic safety enforcement, addressing community concerns, responding to drug-related issues, and conducting house checks for residents during their absence. Through these diligent patrols, the department has compiled statistics that underscore the effectiveness and positive impact of their community-focused initiatives.

DIRECTED PATROLS

TOTAL HOURS LOGGED	1154
CITATIONS	185
WARNINGS	775
TRAFFIC STOPS	710
ARRESTS	13

TRAFFIC CRASHES

2023

WORK ZONE	1
SCHOOL ZONE	3
BICYCLES	6
FATALITIES	1
MOTORCYCLES	4
PEDESTRIANS	6
INJURIES	133
HIT & RUN	85

2022

WORK ZONE	8
SCHOOL ZONE	6
BICYCLES	3
FATALITIES	2
MOTORCYCLES	4
PEDESTRIANS	6
INJURIES	164
HIT & RUN	86

2023
REPORTABLE
CRASHES
498



2022
REPORTABLE
CRASHES
481



GENERAL STATISTICS



USE OF FORCE

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

The Sun Prairie Police Department maintains records of all incidents requiring the display or use of force. In 2023, the department responded to 39 such incidents. Additionally, euthanizing a wild animal due to injury or disease is also considered a use of force.

Of the 39 total incidents, nine involved the euthanizing of wild animals, leaving 30 incidents that involved human subjects. These 30 incidents affected a total of 48 individuals. Out of the 25,074 service calls received, only 30 incidents, or 0.12%, required the display or use of force.

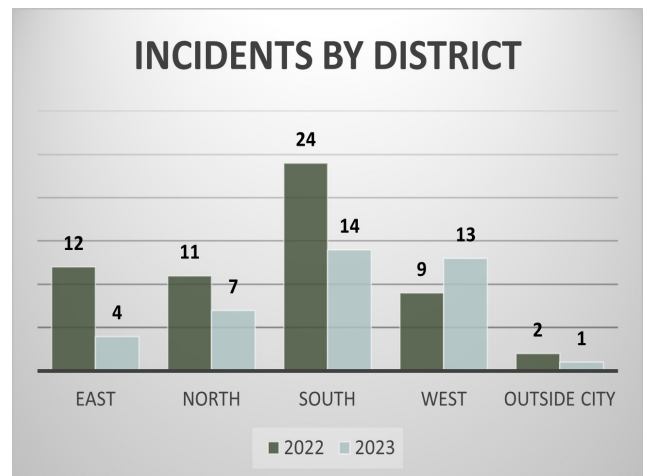
An incident can involve multiple subjects, which explains why the total number of subjects can exceed the number of incidents. Similarly, the total number of force actions can be higher than the number of incidents because multiple officers may respond and use force in a single incident. For example, although there were 30 incidents requiring force, the total number of force actions was 77 due to the involvement of multiple officers.

Each incident undergoes a thorough three-tiered review process involving a certified defensive tactics instructor, the use of force coordinator, and the assistant chief of police. This meticulous process ensures that all uses of force are within policy and appropriate, while also identifying opportunities for training or coaching to improve future responses.

Use of Force	
Total Incidents = 39	
Type of Force	
Physical	12
ECD (Taser) Used	4
ECD (Taser) Show	7
K-9 Used	0
K-9 Show	1
Oleoresin Capsicum Spray	1
Firearm Show	12
Firearm - Animal	9
Baton	0
Less Lethal Impact Munition	1
Dispositions	
Counseling and Training	1
Force Within Policy	33
Force Within Policy with a Debrief	2
Referred for Internal Investigation	0
Coaching	3
Open - In Review	0

2023 Use of Force Statistics	
Number of Applications of Force	77
Calls for Service	25,074
Number of Incidents Involving Force	30*
Percent of Total Incidents Involving Force	0.12%

* Does not include the nine cases involving the euthanizing of wild animals





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS

In its endeavor to preserve departmental integrity and the trust of the public, the Sun Prairie Police Department is unwavering in its commitment to investigate and resolve any complaints against its employees and policies. The department is dedicated to ensuring these investigations are conducted in a manner that is both transparent and fair, while preserving the rights of all parties involved, with the pursuit of truth as its paramount objective.

Law enforcement officers represent a unique subset of public employees. Their roles as visible representatives of governmental authority subject their actions to intense public scrutiny. Any conduct perceived as excessive, unwarranted, or unjustified can invite criticism that is often more severe than it would be for similar behavior by individuals in other professions. Such criticism can lead to a loss of community support and respect, both of which are vital for the department's ability to effectively perform its policing duties. This underscores the importance of maintaining a balance between authority and public trust in a professional setting.

	2023 Personnel Investigations	
	Internally Generated Total = 2	Citizen Complaints Total = 9
Dispositions		
Citizen Withdrew Complaint**	N/A	0
Exonerated*	0	1
Not Sustained	0	3
Training & Counseling	1	0
Counseling	0	1
No Rule Violation/Coaching	N/A	1
Written Letter of Reprimand	0	2
Suspension	1	1
Open Investigation	0	0

*The incident, as alleged, occurred; however, the department member's actions were lawful/proper

** The Police Department still reviews for policy/procedure violations

Personnel Investigation Disposition Types:

Sustained: A preponderance of evidence shows that the action of the employee was not consistent with the Code of Conduct.

Not Sustained: The allegation is not supported by a preponderance of evidence.

Exonerated: The alleged incident occurred but was lawful and in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Unfounded: The evidence shows that the allegation was false.

No Finding: The circumstances dictate a disposition of no finding. These can include a complaint received outside of the 90-day time limit; a complainant wishing to withdraw the complaint; a complainant no longer available or not cooperating with the investigation; a complaint received on a retired employee or on a person not employed by the Sun Prairie Police Department. The department will still review these incidents for policy/procedure violations.



SQUAD CRASHES

The Sun Prairie Police Department's thorough review of all squad crashes is essential for maintaining accountability and transparency. By carefully examining each incident, the department can identify and address any recurring issues, improving safety protocols and reducing future accidents. This process also helps evaluate the effectiveness of current training programs and operational procedures, ensuring continuous improvement and adaptation to new challenges. Ultimately, these reviews demonstrate the department's commitment to safety and professionalism in serving the community.

2022 - 2023 SQUAD CRASHES		
	2022	2023
Type of Crash		
Preventable	4	4
Non-Preventable	4	3
Dispositions		
Counseling & Training	4	4
Within Policy	4	3
Open - In Review	0	0
Total Crashes:	8	7

PURSUITS

In addition to enhancing safety and accountability, the thorough review of all police pursuits by the Sun Prairie Police Department ensures legal and ethical compliance. By examining each pursuit, the department ensures actions taken adhere to legal standards and ethical guidelines, protecting the rights of all involved and minimizing legal risks. These reviews also gather valuable data and feedback from officers, refining pursuit strategies and decision-making processes. This continuous improvement enhances the effectiveness of police operations and reinforces the department's commitment to fostering public trust.

2022 - 2023 PURSUITS		
	2022	2023
Dispositions		
Determined Not to be a Pursuit	2	0
Counseling & Training	6	3
Within Policy	2	1
Referred for Internal Investigation	1	1
Open - In Review	0	0
Total Pursuits:	11	5



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

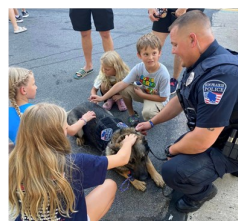
Our police department is committed to engaging with our community, not just as law enforcers but as neighbors and friends. Regularly, our officers engage with the community through a variety of events and routine patrols, ensuring a presence that is both reassuring and familiar. This ongoing interaction is a cornerstone of our commitment to community-oriented policing. From community events to neighborhood patrols, we strive to be an active part of the community we serve, fostering a transparent and approachable presence. These interactions are crucial in building mutual respect and understanding, allowing us to work together towards a safer, more connected community. Whether it's a friendly wave during a patrol or a meaningful conversation at an event, these moments of connection are the foundation of our shared commitment to community well-being.

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SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Our police department is profoundly grateful for the unwavering community support and the generous food donations we have received. These acts of kindness not only nourish our officers but also fortify the bonds between the department and the residents we serve. Each contribution, whether a home-cooked meal or a catered feast, is a heartfelt reminder of the community's respect and trust in our commitment to their safety. This solidarity is invaluable, and it inspires us daily to uphold our duty with renewed dedication and vigor. We are more than a police force; we are part of a compassionate community that comes together to support one another in times of need and celebration alike.

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