



SUN PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Our Mission is to Build Relationships and Solve Problems



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INTRODUCTION

As we reflect on the year, we are reminded of the partnership between our department and the citizens of our community that we continue to serve. Together, we ensure that Sun Prairie remains a safe and enjoyable place to

live, work, and visit. We take pride in adapting to the evolving challenges of modern policing while ensuring that the values of competence, character, and leadership remain at the forefront of our efforts.



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VISION & CORE VALUES

OUR VISION

The Sun Prairie Police Department's vision is 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

The Sun Prairie Police Department has three core values: Competence, Character, and Leadership.



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.

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SUN PRAIRIE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF KEVIN WARYCH

A WORD FROM OUR CHIEF

COMPETENCE, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP.

As I step into the role of Chief, I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt appreciation. My wife Melissa, our children Austin, Addison, and Brayden, and I have been incredibly moved by the warm welcome we've received from the City of Sun Prairie, its residents, and especially the dedicated members of the Sun Prairie Police Department and the city.

I want to thank the Police and Fire Commission for trusting me to lead this department. That trust comes with great responsibility—one I accept with humility and determination. My goal is to lead with purpose and urgency, all while wearing my heart on my sleeve.

The department's values of Competence, Character, and Leadership will serve as guiding principles for how WE move forward together. These values align with what I believe policing must be: a people-first profession centered on relationships, trust, legitimacy, and accountability in all our actions.

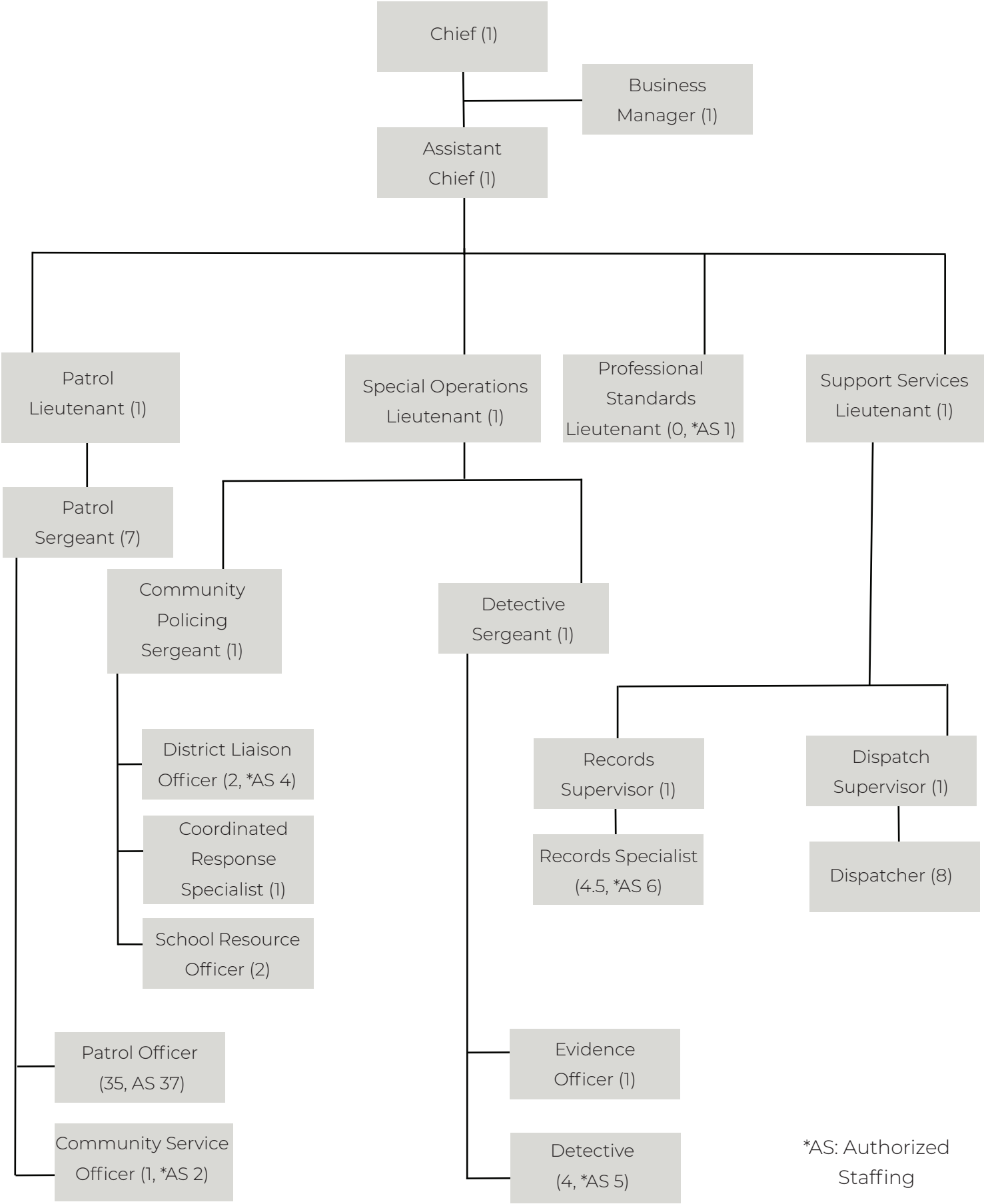
First and foremost, to our officers and professional staff: You are the heart of this department. Our internal culture will shape how we serve externally—that's why building trust is my top priority. You deserve leadership that listens, supports, and invests in your development and well-being. We will create an environment where you feel valued, empowered, and proud to come to work every day. Our goal is not just retention; it's to create a place where no one wants to leave.

To the Sun Prairie Community: We are committed to building and sustaining trust in everything we do. That means listening more than we speak, showing up with intention, and being transparent about what we're doing and why. Every resident matters. Every voice counts. As a department, we must work to earn—and re-earn—that trust every day.

Community trust isn't given; it's built over time through consistency, honesty, and partnership. We cannot do this alone, and we are grateful the city is alongside us. Whether it's through neighborhood conversations, outreach programs, community events, or daily interactions, we are eager to grow together.

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2024 Annual Report. It's more than a record of the past year, it's a promise for the year ahead. We're eager to continue this journey together, united in purpose, grounded in trust, and committed to making a difference.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



*AS: Authorized Staffing

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

There are various citizen boards and commissions that help make the City of Sun Prairie a more efficient and better place to live.

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 & Santiago Rosas

District 3 : Maureen Crombie & Mike Jacobs

District 4 : David Virgell & Cassi Benedict

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 complinace with Section 62.13(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

President : Christina Outlay

Vice President : Scott Faust

Commissioner : Tracey Yang

Commissioner : David Hoekstra

Commissioner : Donnel Thompson, Jr.

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

Tamara Washington

Donald Leaser

Khong Lor

Michele Mackey

Luke Mwangi

Bethzabeth Fichter

Larry Tabron

Rohit Vaidya

Mike Kiguta

RETIREMENTS



Scott Bartnick

On January 12, members of the Sun Prairie Police Department gathered to honor Detective Scott Bartnick and celebrate his 28 years of dedicated law enforcement service. Scott began his career in policing in 1995 and served the Sun Prairie Community with distinction as both a patrol officer and a detective.

Throughout his career, Scott was known for his energetic presence, compassionate approach to service, and unwavering commitment to the profession. He brought humor and heart to the department and was a natural mentor to many. His influence was especially felt in the training and development of officers, where his instruction helped shape the next generation of law enforcement professionals.

Scott's integrity, leadership, and legacy will remain part of the department's foundation, and his final radio sign-off marked the close of a remarkable career in public service.



Nicole Kollross

Court Officer Nicole Kollross retired from the Sun Prairie Police Department in February 2024 after 21 years of service. Nicole started her career with the Sun Prairie Police Department as a Records Specialist. After years in this position, she transitioned to the position of Court Officer and backup Evidence Officer. Nicole served our department, community, and profession with a high level of dedication, commitment, and tireless loyal service.



Michael Steffes

Chief Michael Steffes served as the Chief of Police for the Sun Prairie Police Department from December 30, 2019, until his retirement on December 23, 2024. Before his tenure in Sun Prairie, he held the position of Deputy Administrator at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. His career also included serving as the Police Chief in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and working for the Beaver Dam Police Department in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

5 YEARS



CHIEF
MICHAEL STEFFES

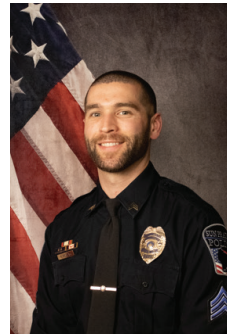


DISPATCHER
TOM ENGEN

10 YEARS



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
JAMISON DAVIS



SERGEANT
NOLAN PICKAR

15 YEARS



RECORDS SPECIALIST
TRACY HEATH



RECORDS SPECIALIST
SARAH HELING

40 YEARS



RECORDS SPECIALIST
ANITA BARMAN

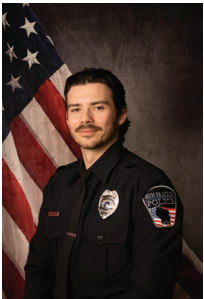
EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

NEW STAFF



KATIE BARNES

Originally from Green Bay, Katie attended UW-Madison for her undergraduate degree and earned her master's degree in Social Work and Criminal Justice from UW-Milwaukee. She previously worked as a mental health professional at the Dane County Jail and joined our department as a Coordinated Response Specialist. Katie started her career with us in June 2024.



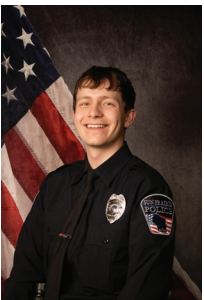
VINCENT D'AGOSTINI

Originally from Milwaukee, Vincent attended UW-Eau Claire, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. While in college, he obtained his Certified Fraud Examiner credential. After graduating, he worked as a retail assets protection lead in the Madison area before pursuing a career in law enforcement. Vincent graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as an officer.



VICTOR ESTRELLA

Originally from Beloit, Victor attended UW-Whitewater and graduated in May 2024. He serves as a Field Artillery Officer in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and drills with the 1-121 FA unit out of Oak Creek. Victor enjoys outdoor activities such as running and golfing. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as an officer.



WILLIAM GHANTOUS

Originally from Illinois, William moved to Portage, Wisconsin, from Iowa. He attended Des Moines Area Community College, where he studied criminal justice. Prior to attending DMACC, he studied music performance at Berklee College of Music in Boston. William graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as an officer.



MIKALA HUMPHREY

Originally from Illinois, Mikala moved to Wisconsin in 2015. She served nearly 10 years in the Wisconsin Army National Guard, with deployments to the Middle East and Africa. Mikala previously worked for the Jefferson Police Department and is excited to join our department as a police officer.



JARRETT KLEIN

Originally from Token Creek, Jarrett attended Bemidji State University in Minnesota, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Communication Studies, along with a minor in Fraud Examination. Before joining the department, he worked as a Special Education substitute teacher. Jarrett graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as an officer.



BRITTANY MILLER

Originally from Sun Prairie, Brittany attended UW-Oshkosh, where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Human Services Leadership. She completed internships with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the UW-Oshkosh Police Department, where she later worked in Dispatch. After spending a few years in Iowa, Brittany has returned to her hometown. She began her career with us in June 2024 as a Records Specialist.



MEGAN ROBBINS

Originally from Beaver Dam, Megan graduated from UW-Platteville with a bachelor's degree in Forensic Investigation. She previously worked in Arizona at the Bullhead City Police Department as a forensic scientist, processing crime scenes. Megan began her career with us in February 2024 as an Evidence Officer.



JEFFREY THOMASEN

Originally from Waunakee, Jeffrey attended UW-Platteville, where he majored in business-finance with a minor in criminal justice. He enjoys playing and coaching baseball in his free time. Prior to joining the department, he worked as an accountant. Jeffrey graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as an officer.

NEW STAFF

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFFICER ODALYS GLORIA

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.

Officer Gloria received this award due to her consistent assistance in the interpretation of Spanish during major criminal investigations, community relationships, and her role in Amigos en Azul. In addition, she prepares clear, concise, and detailed reporting resulting in solid investigative reports. Her consistent work ethic in traffic enforcement, call response, and shift overtime makes her deserving of this award.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



SERGEANT FREDDY GARCIA

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.

Sergeant Garcia received this award due to his assimilation and management of the Field Training Program, work ethic while adjusting to multiple shifts throughout the year, positive attitudes promoting a healthy work environment, and proactive efforts out on the road to lead by example including 34 traffic stops in 2024 as a sergeant.

CHIEF'S AWARD



DETECTIVE CODY ENNIS

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 solely at the discretion of the chief as often as they deem appropriate.

Detective Ennis received this award for the recognition of his outstanding work on a burglary case and his continued community involvement throughout the year. Detective Ennis solved a very difficult burglary and utilized every tool available to accomplish the arrests of the individuals involved. He works tirelessly to clear his caseload, often working off-duty. He puts forth an extraordinary amount of effort every day because policing is that important to him. He also finds time to still engage with the community of Sun Prairie, as building relationships has always been so important to him.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is given to any department member, sworn or non-sworn, who has demonstrated exceptional performance in all facets of their duties on a continued basis throughout their career.



SERGEANT JASON LEFEBER

Sergeant Lefebber has served the City of Sun Prairie since July 2002, taking a short break at the Madison Police Department, only to realize Sun Prairie was where he was meant to be and returned. He was selected as a task force member on our original task force, promoted to sergeant in 2010, and is our most senior sergeant at the department, who has assisted training every sergeant currently within the department. He is the keeper of many ancillary tasks like squad assignments, fleet maintenance, and even mailbox changes. His tenure has included the following:

- Procurement and implementation of body-worn cameras and their back-end storage and maintenance.
- Consistent improvement, advancement, and progression of our Traffic Safety Program to include: the implementation of additional JAMAR devices through grants, the implementation of MTTEs (Monthly Targeted Traffic Enforcement), the creation of a robust Monthly Traffic Report, and the research and ultimate procurement of updated laser speed devices, squad radar devices, and an additional Mobile Speed Trailer.
- Overall investment in team cohesion to include: the implementation of personality tests as part of his shift training and onboarding to bolster team cohesion, use of shift breakfasts and meals, and the creation of a shared monthly district crash report model that can be shared across the district sergeants for their previous monthly reports.



OFFICER JACK WILKINSON

Officer Wilkinson has served the City of Sun Prairie since October 1996. He and his family have a long history of investment in the Sun Prairie Community. He has cared deeply for his partners and every person he has served in his 29 years. He is our most senior patrol officer and has held the role of Field Training Officer as well as School Resource Officer throughout his tenure.

His day-to-day actions embody our vision as a police department. He builds relationships with everyone he contacts and goes out of his way to ensure they feel heard and respected. This not only depicts a trustworthy department but also ensures a long-lasting relationship. In turn, this helps empower them to share the responsibility for public safety solutions. On a daily basis, he brings positivity and emotional intelligence to our roll calls. This helps improve overall morale within our shift and police department. He has exceptional service and problem-solving skills when it comes to long-term issues and building relationships.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

LIFE SAVING AWARD

This award is given to any department member or citizen whose actions have directly saved or significantly extended a human life.

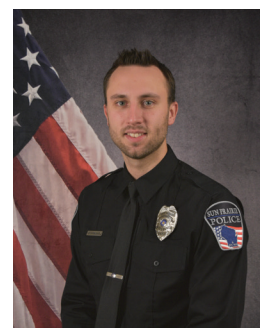


OFFICER MICHELLE SCHULTZ

Officer Schultz and Officer Bengsch received this award for a specific call they encountered on shift during the morning of October 12, at approximately 7:43am. They were dispatched to a local residence for a male subject who was reported to be pulseless and not breathing. This subject was 78 years of age. Officer Schultz and Officer Bengsch arrived to the residence at 7:47am and started CCR at 7:48am. Initially, Officer Bengsch was performing the lifesaving efforts while Officer Schultz gathered vital information from the family, which indicated this was a witnessed event. Sun Prairie EMS and Fire arrived shortly thereafter and took over the main lifesaving activities, with the officers still assisting. Ultimately, the subject received five shocks from an AED and was transported to a local hospital.

The son of the subject contacted Sergeant Lefebber during the following days, informing him that his father was recovering and greatly improving. He shared that the family is extremely grateful for the efforts of all involved, particularly the quick response and actions by the officers.

Dr. Lohmeier, our Medical Director, confirmed that the actions of the officers during this call were instrumental in saving the subject's life.



OFFICER BRETT BENGSCH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP IN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

Dispatcher Ashley Gullixson, Sergeant Jason Lingle, and Officer Nathan Hoffmann, completed the Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course hosted by the DeForest Police Department.

The three-week course is the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 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.

The Leadership in Police Organizations training spans three separate weeks and includes both sworn and non-sworn employees from law enforcement agencies across the Dane County area.

Over the course of the three weeks, participants focus on concepts such as leading individuals, leading groups, and leading organizations. Throughout the training, students not only learn these concepts but also apply them through a final group project—all while building lasting relationships and partnerships with area agencies.



On June 7, Lieutenant Thomson, along with more than 30 law enforcement leaders from across the state, graduated from Class 10 of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College Program.

This rigorous, six-week, in-residence leadership and management development program prepares law enforcement leaders to address the evolving challenges of the profession. Participants attended six, five-day sessions at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy, culminating in their recognition as Certified Public Managers.

The program is a collaboration between the Certified Public Manager Program and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau.



COMMAND STAFF

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Chief
Michael Steffes



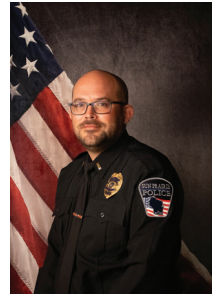
Assistant Chief
Shunta Boston



Lieutenant
Jamie Peterson



Lieutenant
Ryan Cox



Lieutenant
Ray Thomson

FIRST-LINE SWORN SUPERVISORS



Sergeant
Jason Lefeber



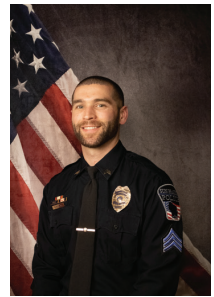
Sergeant
Brandon Lingle



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



Dispatch Supervisor
Nick Hagen



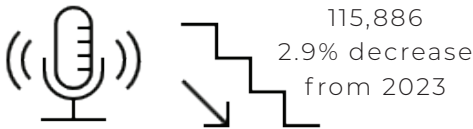
Records Supervisor
Kristine Pittz

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

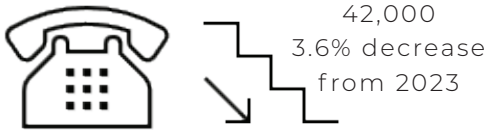
The Sun Prairie Police Department Communications Center processes all incoming non-emergency calls for service and dispatches police units accordingly. Traditionally, half the case numbers are generated by direct calls to the police department, walk-ins, and calls initiated by officers. The other half comes 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 is responsible for community notifications and monitoring cameras and alarms on city-owned buildings. The Communications Center has eight dispatch positions and one supervisor.

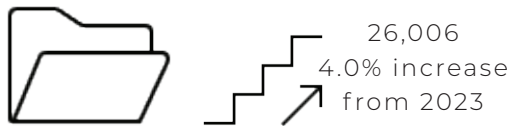
Radio Transmissions



Phone Calls



Case Numbers Generated



DISPATCH SUPERVISOR



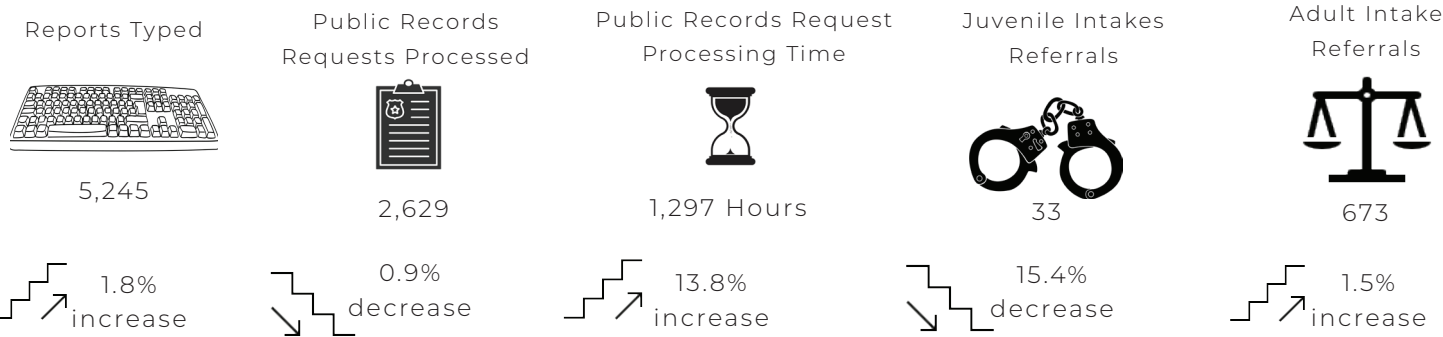
DISPATCH STAFF

RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau consists of six employees: the Records Supervisor, four full-time Records Specialists, and one part-time Records Specialist. The bureau operates from two locations: 300 East Main Street and 2598 West Main Street. The East Main Street location maintains a civilian service window open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The West Main Street location currently does not offer a civilian window service. Both locations have a dial pad available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round for direct access to dispatch.

Records Specialists perform a variety of critical administrative functions, including uploading citations into case files, typing and reviewing officer reports, answering civilian phone calls and assisting with inquiries, initiating calls for service as needed, processing records requests, and coordinating the department’s participation in restorative justice programs.

Previously, the Records Bureau also housed a court officer position. That role is currently shared by two of our Records Specialists, who tag-team the position. The Court Officer serves as the liaison between the department and the Dane County District Attorney's Office. They are responsible for ensuring all reports are completed promptly to support timely court appearances for all individuals arrested by the Sun Prairie Police Department.



RECORDS STAFF

RECORDS SUPERVISOR



RESTORATIVE COURT

The Sun Prairie Police Department takes pride in our continued participation in various county restorative justice programs. We collaborate with agencies such as Briarpatch and Community Restorative Court to 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 offenders aged 12 to 16 who have committed non-traffic related offenses. Community Restorative Court is a program for offenders aged 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 having both of these programs is to reduce further risk to the community, repair the harm that has been done, and rebuild trust within the community. Participants agree to immerse themselves in the process, notice the affects of their actions and take responsibility for these actions, and problem solve to repair harm.

In 2024, 72 juveniles were offered the opportunity to participate in the Juvenile Restorative Justice Program through municipal court. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.



In 2024, 117 cases were reviewed for possible referral to Community Restorative Court. 54 cases were determined to be eligible for participation. Of these 54 cases, 24 opted in to this program. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.

DRONE TEAM



The Sun Prairie Police Department Drone Team was officially formed in 2024. The Sun Prairie Police Department Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) shall support public safety by providing aerial observations of law enforcement and other public safety incidents. Missions will be accomplished efficiently and safely while respecting the law and the privacy of the citizens we serve.

The capabilities of the UAS provides many opportunities where the use of these devices could aid in the normal daily operations for a law enforcement organization, not limited to search and rescue operations and aerial documentation of crime scenes.

The current Sun Prairie Police Department Unmanned Aircraft Systems are the DJI Matrice 30T and DJI Mavic 3 L2A. They have the capabilities of thermal imaging, spotlight, loudspeaker, and laser range finder.

Each UAS Operator will complete a 35-hour online training with the Pilot Institute and successfully pass the FAA Part 107 exam.

The 2024 Sun Prairie Police Department Drone Team consisted of Officer Tyler Hetrick, Officer Eric Jeffers, Officer Kimball Webster, Officer Tyler Chitwood, and Sergeant Leonard Webster.

HONOR GUARD

The 2024 Sun Prairie Police Department Honor Guard consisted of Sergeant Nolan Pickar, Sergeant Freddy Garcia, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Officer Michelle Schultz, Officer Jamison Davis, Officer Royse Sessums, Officer Nathan Hoffmann, and Officer Kimball Webster.

Our team typically represents the department at events across the state. These events include funerals for line of duty deaths, off duty deaths, and retired officers. We also represent our agency at many community events.

The Honor Guard is a positive representation for the City of Sun Prairie and the Police Department, as well as the law enforcement community. The members serving on our Honor Guard Unit do so out of pride for both the profession and the agency.

In 2024, we were able to participate in the Groundhog Day Prognostication, the Employee Awards Ceremony, and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. Sergeant Garcia and Officer Webster completed their basic Honor Guard training hosted by the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association.

The Sun Prairie Police Department Honor Guard is a proud member of the Wisconsin Honor Guard Association.



DISTRICT POLICING

Police departments typically divide their municipalities into districts to aid patrol officers as they provide police services. The Sun Prairie Police Department is no exception. Sun Prairie has four policing districts identified as North, South, East and West. The district lines are generated through annual evaluation of call volume and geographical layout. In 2024, we did not have a change in district boundaries, but like with most years, we did add several new streets to expanding neighborhoods throughout the city.

Our officers are assigned to one district for an entire year to allow for the ability to build relationships with the residents and business owners within that district. They dedicate their time to problem-solving strategies and community engagement opportunities.

This is effective, as patrol officers become familiar with individual areas of our city, allowing them to uncover issues and to address them immediately.

Criminal activity, ordinance violations, and general quality of life issues will be the focus of patrol officers as they work hard in their assigned district. Each of the four police districts has a dedicated sergeant assigned to evaluate potential concerns within that district. They are then able to deploy resources both from our Patrol Division as well as request assistance from our District Liaison Officers from the Community Policing Team for long-term problem-solving solutions.

SERGEANT JASON LEFEBER
NORTH DISTRICT
1ST SHIFT
(6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM)

SERGEANT JASON LINGLE
WEST DISTRICT
2ND SHIFT
(2:00 PM TO 10:00 PM)

SERGEANT RYAHN SMITH
EAST DISTRICT
1ST SHIFT
(6:00 AM TO 2:00 PM)

SERGEANT NOLAN PICKAR
SOUTH DISTRICT
2ND SHIFT
(2:00 PM TO 10:00 PM)

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

The Field Training Team is composed of experienced, well-versed, and professional police officers, supervised by a patrol sergeant. They are responsible for one of the most mission-critical tasks of a police department: onboarding and training new officers to serve the community.

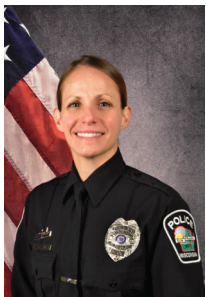
In 2024, the Field Training Team initially consisted of Officer Jack Wilkinson, Officer Barb Enger, Officer Brandon Reigstad, Officer Brittany Lowrey, Officer Tyler Hetrick, Officer Adem Hadji, Officer Blaine Baumgartner, and Officer Nathan Hoffmann. Sergeant Freddy Garcia took over supervising the team and assisted in running a process to select, train, and onboard several new field training officers.

Officer Eric McGlynn, Officer Kimball Webster, Officer Randy Humphrey, and Officer TJ Wagner were added to our team.

The FTO Team trained 13 new patrol officers throughout the year which is a cumulative 52 phases. We are very proud of our Field Training Team and the continued improvement of the overall program. With the amount of new, young officers joining our team annually, our Field Training Officers are integral in the guidance, mentorship, and development of our department foundation for years to come.



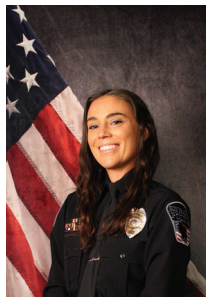
Officer
Jack Wilkinson



Officer
Barb Enger



Officer
Brandon Reigstad



Officer
Brittany Lowrey



Officer
Tyler Hetrick



Officer
Adem Hadji



Officer
Blaine Baumgartner



Officer
Nathan Hoffmann



Officer
Eric McGlynn



Officer
Kimball Webster



Officer
Randy Humphrey



Officer
TJ Wagner



Sergeant
Freddy Garcia



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

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 2024, 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.

In the year 2024, we welcomed three new members to the SRT. The new members include Officer Jacob Maurer, Officer Nathan Hoffmann, and Officer Clayton Klubertanz. Each one of them performed very well through the rigorous evaluation process and were subsequently added to the team. These additions have now bolstered our ranks and raised our authorized strength to eight team members.

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.

PEER SUPPORT TEAM

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 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. The team has participated in extensive training sessions, including a three-day program held by the National Center for Suicide Awareness, and a two-day workshop sponsored by Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) focused on enhancing peer support capabilities. They have also participated in a department-wide seminar on Trauma-Informed Care, conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, as well as a Statewide Peer Support Conference.

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. Additionally, this dedication to overall wellness for those who serve in public safety extended to partnership with the Law Enforcement Death Response Team (LEDR) sponsored statewide Executive Peer Support Team. Lieutenant Ryan Cox completed a two-day training and joined this statewide team in 2024, representing Region 2.

The 2024 Peer Support Team consisted of Dispatcher Cassie Fleischman, Officer Randy Humphrey, Officer Royse Sessums, Officer Michelle Schultz, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Sergeant Leonard Webster, and Lieutenant Ryan Cox. Prior to his retirement, former Chief Michael Steffes was also a member during 2024.



Dispatcher
Cassie Fleischman



Officer
Randy Humphrey



Officer
Royse Sessums



Officer
Michelle Schultz



Detective
Mackenzie Miller



Sergeant
Leonard Webster



Lieutenant
Ryan Cox

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

The Sun Prairie Police Department is fortunate to be supported by a group of local pastors who serve as public safety chaplains for the police department, fire department, and emergency medical services department. These chaplains volunteer their time to support both our members and the community. They do not proselytize, nor does the department endorse or promote any one religion over another. Our chaplains primarily assist with on-scene response to traumatic situations, providing support to both citizens and first responders.

In 2024, the role of department liaison transitioned to Lieutenant Ryan Cox of the Sun Prairie Police Department. Additionally, in 2024, we successfully onboarded a new member to the team, Pastor Tim Knipfer of Bristol Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie.

The Public Safety Chaplains are still actively seeking new members to join their team and look forward to welcoming additional individuals to their dedicated group of public servants.

Father Mike Tess, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (Head Chaplain)	
Pastor Jenny Arenson, United Methodist Church	
Pastor Charlie Brandt, Retired	
Pastor Jon McNary, Heartland Community Church	
Pastor Luke Werre, Peace Lutheran Church	
Pastor Tim Knipfer, Bristol Lutheran Church	
Lieutenant Ryan Cox, Department Liaison	

RECRUITMENT TEAM

The Sun Prairie Police Department Recruitment Team has had a busy and productive 2024, making significant strides in strengthening the department. Through dedicated efforts, the team successfully recruited and hired eight new members, bringing fresh talent and enthusiasm to the organization.

In addition to direct hiring, the team engaged in outreach and education, hosting two virtual Future Officer Sessions to connect with aspiring candidates and provide valuable insights into a career with the Sun Prairie Police Department. These sessions served as an opportunity to share knowledge, answer questions, and inspire potential future recruits.

Beyond virtual events, the team was active in the field, attending several key recruitment events. At the UW-Platteville Career Fair, members engaged with students and professionals, highlighting career opportunities within the department. Additionally, the team participated in the UW-Oshkosh Mock Interview with criminal justice students, offering guidance, feedback, and firsthand perspectives on the hiring process.

Through these initiatives, the Recruitment Team continues to expand its reach, foster connections, and strengthen its workforce. Their dedication to recruitment and mentorship ensures a strong future for the department and the community it serves. The 2024 Recruitment Team consisted of Officer Connor Ziegler, Officer Brittany Lowrey, Officer Tyler Hetrick, Detective Cody Ennis, and Sergeant Tommy Foy.



Officer
Connor Ziegler



Officer
Brittany Lowrey



Officer
Tyler Hetrick



Detective
Cody Ennis



Sergeant
Tommy Foy

POLICE K-9 PROGRAM

In 2024, the Sun Prairie Police Department had two Police K-9 Units assigned to the Patrol Division. K-9 Rush and Officer Michelle Schultz are assigned to day shift patrol. Sergeant Jason Lingle and K-9 Eragon were primarily assigned to early shift patrol and transitioned to late shift patrol at the end of the year.

The oversight of the K-9 Program switched over to the Patrol Division in 2024 under Patrol Lieutenant Ryan Cox.

K-9 Eragon assisted in 11 narcotics and/or firearms seizures throughout their team's deployments in 2024. K-9 Eragon was deployed 7 times for potential human tracking, area searches, apprehension, or a show of force. None of these deployments resulted in the need for a bite apprehension.

K-9 Rush assisted in 20 narcotics and/or firearms seizures throughout their team's deployments in 2024. K-9 Rush was deployed 14 times for potential human tracking, area searches, apprehension, or a show of force. None of these deployments resulted in the need for a bite apprehension.

Cocaine, Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and Heroin were all types of narcotics seized.

Additionally, a K-9 fundraiser was conducted in partnership with Mick Fischer Trophy and Engraving Shop, where both the police department staff and the general public could purchase custom engraved water bottles. This fundraiser sold over 175 bottles raising \$1,079.20 for the K-9 Program. This money is set to be utilized for new emergency door poppers and heat monitoring equipment for the K-9 squads.





K-9 Rush is a Belgian Malinois

K-9 Eragon is a German Shepherd



TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

In 2024, Sergeant Jason Lefeber oversaw the Sun Prairie Police Department Traffic Safety Program.

The department receives numerous traffic complaints from concerned citizens each year. Some of these involved reports about specific motorists in real time, while others focus on particular areas in the city where certain traffic violations—such as speeding or failure to obey traffic signs—are recurring concerns. For area-specific complaints, the department develops mid- to long-term plans to address the issues. These plans often include conducting speed surveys, collaborating with other city departments (such as the Public Works Department to install signs or traffic signals), and dedicating patrol resources to monitor and enforce traffic laws in the problem area over an extended period.

For 2024, the department received 796 total traffic complaints from citizens. This represents a 6% increase over 2023. 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 2024, we identified one location in each of the four patrol districts each month for officers to focus their proactive traffic enforcement efforts. These locations are referred to as Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement areas. In addition to these areas, any concerns that arose and required immediate attention were addressed through directed Traffic Safety Patrols, during which officers actively monitored and enforced traffic laws. These directed patrols varied in duration—from a few days to as long as a month—though most lasted one to two weeks.

We continued a citywide traffic engagement strategy from 2023 throughout 2024. 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. Over the year, of the 724 potential assignments made, officers ultimately performed this role on 268 occasions.

To gather and evaluate traffic data, the department primarily used information from a traffic data company called UrbanSDK. This platform provides monthly traffic data—including speed metrics—for every street in the city. It proved to be much more efficient than the traditional method of placing a data collection device at a single location for up to 10 days. However, the traditional method was still used in certain situations where more specific or localized data was needed.

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 reinforce proper driving behavior.

Once again, the Sun Prairie Police Department participated in several statewide traffic safety mobilizations. These mobilizations take place each year around major holidays, including Memorial Day, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve. The first is the *Click It or Ticket* campaign, which focuses on seatbelt safety. In August (for Labor Day) and December (for New Year's) we participated in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaigns, which emphasize preventing impaired driving. Participation in these mobilizations makes the department eligible for various grants from the State Department of Transportation.

It is clear from the number of complaints and informal conversations with citizens that traffic safety is a significant concern for members of the Sun Prairie community. The police department shares these concerns and remains committed—through its Traffic Safety Program—to addressing them.

TARGETED ENFORCEMENT 2024

NORTH	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas					
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	N Thompson Rd: STH 19 to St Albert	764	30	11	2	13
February	N Bristol (Main St to 151)	1563	39	26	3	30
March	Stonehaven Dr: Bristol St to School St	843	38	2	0	2
April	St Albert the Great Dr: CTH C to Bird	899	27	14	6	19
May	Tower Dr in its entirety	355	19	3	0	4
June	N Bird St: City Limit to STH 19	1240	35	19	4	23
July	Stonehaven Dr: CTH C to N Thompson	1140	34	10	1	9
August	N Bristol (Main St to Progress Way)	828	28	19	1	24
September	St Albert the Great Dr: CTH C to Bird	749	29	3	0	3
October	N Thompson: (Windsor to Stonehaven)	409	17	3	0	5
November	N Bristol (Main St to 151)	540	15	8	5	10
December	STH 19: CTH C to USH 151	609	18	16	0	17
District Total		9939	329	134	22	159
WEST	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas					
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	W Main: Rattman to Grand Ave	554	31	6	1	6
February	S Legacy Way: W Main to Hoepker	417	29	1	0	1
March	Okeeffe Ave: Reiner to Jenny Wren	890	30	10	6	8
April	N Thompson: (W.Main to Windsor)	1217	37	24	2	27
May	W Main: Rattman to Grand Ave	1090	28	26	2	28
June	Grand Ave: Entire length	695	24	2	0	2
July	Broadway Dr & Wyoming Ave	595	30	1	0	0
August	Okeeffe Ave: Reiner to Jenny Wren	352	23	1	1	1
September	N Thompson: (W.Main to Windsor)	1003	31	12	4	12
October	W Main: Rattman to Grand Ave	783	22	10	3	10
November	Okeeffe Ave: Reiner to Jenny Wren	758	20	14	1	17
December	N Thompson: (W.Main to Windsor)	360	14	5	0	5
District Total		8714	319	112	20	117
SOUTH	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas					
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	W Main St: Bird to USH 151	2179	32	24	9	30
February	Clarmar Dr: W Main St to Silverado Dr	1026	39	3	1	2
March	W Main St: Bird to USH 151	3056	42	49	13	53
April	Bird St: Windsor St to City Limit	433	17	8	1	6
May	Linnerud Dr (Okeeffe to S Bird)	307	13	1	1	1
June	Beech, Davison, Buena Vista	790	27	4	1	3
July	W Main St: Bird to USH 151	799	25	17	6	17
August	Okeeffe Ave: Summerfield to Main St	425	19	1	1	2
September	Clarmar Dr: W Main St to Silverado Dr	471	25	1	0	2
October	W Main St: Bird to USH 151	546	17	4	2	8
November	Bird St: Windsor St to City Limit	735	25	2	2	2
December	Linnerud Dr (Okeeffe to S Bird)	432	14	0	0	0
District Total		11199	295	114	37	126
EAST	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas					
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
January	STH 19/E Main: Town Hall to Vine St	485	19	1	0	1
February	Grove St in its entirety	1224	31	13	5	10
March	Columbus St to district limit	1438	40	14	6	14
April	STH 19/Windsor: Bird St to Bristol St	981	34	25	1	29
May	W. Main St: Bird to Church St	925	26	8	4	9
June	STH 19/E Main: Town Hall to Vine St	930	35	6	2	5
July	Grove St in its entirety	929	35	10	3	7
August	N Musket Ridge in its entirety	753	28	8	0	10
September	Columbus St to district limit	913	29	9	2	9
October	STH 19/Windsor: Bird St to Bristol St	614	20	6	0	6
November	Grove St in its entirety	377	14	3	2	2
December	W. Main St: Bird to Church St	1021	34	7	0	8
District Total		10590	345	110	25	110
OVERALL TOTAL - 2024		40442	1288	470	104	512

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

JAMISON DAVIS

Officer Davis has worked for the Sun Prairie Police Department for 11 years and has served as a School Resource Officer for the last four years.



"I have really loved building relationships with students and their families."

Officer Davis has worked with Sun Prairie East High School in hosting "Cops over Pizza" once a month. This event has helped introduce other Sun Prairie Police Officers to the students and helps build trust with the Sun Prairie Police Department.

"I have enjoyed working school sports events, as well as collaborating with staff to solve lower level problems."

In 2024, Officer Davis was able to be part of conducting active threat drills with every school in the district and provide remedial training when needed.

Officer Davis oversees Sun Prairie East High School, Prairie View Middle School, and Patrick Marsh Middle School.

ROYSE SESSUMS

Officer Sessums has worked for the Sun Prairie Police Department for 10 years and has served as a School Resource Officer for the last four years.



"Being a School Resource Officer allows me to build meaningful relationships with students, create a safe and supportive learning environment, and positively impact young lives every day."

Officer Sessums takes pride in being a trusted mentor, ensuring safety, and fostering a sense of community within the school. This role gives him the opportunity to bridge the gap between law enforcement and youth, helping to instill trust, respect, and open communication.

"I enjoy being a positive role model, guiding students toward making good choices, and being someone they can turn to in times of need."

As he continues in this role, he looks forward to strengthening the relationships, developing new programs to support student well-being, and finding even more ways to create a safe and welcoming school environment.

Officer Sessums oversees Sun Prairie West High School, Prairie Phoenix Academy, and Central Heights Middle School.

DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICERS

The District Liaison Officers play a crucial role in organizing and attending community events, conducting background investigations for new hires, and providing training on Active Threat drills and bank robbery response. Each officer also carries individual responsibilities that support the department's productivity and progress toward its mission. Our current District Liaison Officers are Jeremy Rademacher and Ben Pluim.

Sergeant Brandon Lingle oversees this team, managing the mental health team, internship program, and drug takeback initiatives. He also assists in managing the Sun Prairie Police Department Facebook page, further enhancing community outreach and engagement.

Unveiled in May 2024, the Community Policing Trailer was designed as a tool for community engagement. This self-sufficient unit allows officers to connect with community members in a relaxed, enjoyable setting. Equipped with video games, board games, and a grill for preparing quick meals, the trailer plays a vital role in supporting the department's mission of building relationships and solving problems.

The success of this initiative is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the District Liaison Officers (DLOs), School Resource Officers (SROs), and the Coordinated Response Specialist (CRS). These team members work tirelessly to ensure the trailer's effectiveness and support a wide range of community-oriented programs.



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 Detective Sergeant. This unit ensures the thorough examination and resolution of cases that demand specialized investigative skills and a significant investment of time.

In 2024, the Detective Bureau took in 51 new cases in support of 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:

- **Infant homicide:** Two parents were charged with child neglect, which contributed to a newborn's death. This case is still in the court system.
- **Middleton Police Department double homicide:** Our department assisted with a double homicide. The female in this incident took her own life after claiming the lives of two others and shooting a third.
- **Bank robbery:** Detectives responded and investigated a bank robbery, which resulted in one adult male in custody and charged for the crime. Several search warrants were conducted and items used in the robbery were recovered.
- **Burglary of a local restaurant:** Detectives investigated a burglary where a cash register was stolen. A male subject was identified and arrested. The subject later confessed to committing the crime.
- **Burglary of a local business:** Four subjects broke into a local business and stole 10k-15k worth of merchandise. All four subjects were identified and charged with the crime. The subjects were also linked to similar crimes in Illinois, Michigan, and other areas in Wisconsin.
- **Weapon violation:** Patrol responded to a shots fired call with no injuries. One shell casing was located at the scene, and the case was turned over to the Detective Bureau for further investigation. One subject was charged with possession of a stolen firearm and booked into the Juvenile Reception Center after a search warrant was executed.
- **Weapon violation:** Reports of a shots fired incident resulted in one subject being struck in the finger. After the conclusion of the investigation, one individual was identified as the shooter and a search warrant was executed at his residence. A firearm was recovered that had a machine gun conversion kit attached. This case is currently going through the court system.

Additional Responsibilities

Beyond handling major criminal investigations, the Detective Bureau is pivotal in the department's hiring processes. In 2024, detectives conducted 20 pre-employment background investigations across three hiring processes for prospective police officers, records staff, and coordinated response specialists. 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.

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE



WELCOME MEGAN ROBBINS

The property and evidence responsibilities are managed by our Evidence Officer and overseen by our Detective Sergeant. The Evidence Officer handles all items collected by or turned over to department personnel. These items are properly packaged and stored at one of three designated locations. Property is managed for court proceedings, investigations, storage, disposal, and return to rightful owners.

The Evidence Officer also collects and processes evidence at scenes and in the field, as requested by patrol and investigative staff. In addition, they provide instruction to both officers and citizens on best practices for collecting, maintaining, and packaging property. The Evidence Officer works closely with the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, and other federal and state agencies for evidence processing.

The police department partners with Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction to dispose of unclaimed property and generate revenue for the city. We also work with Dream Bikes, a nonprofit organization that accepts unclaimed bicycles and provides job training by teach young adults how to repair them.

This past year, our department welcomed a new Evidence Officer, Megan. She was born and raised in the area but spent 5 years in Arizona working in Crime Scene Investigation. Megan returned to the Midwest to be closer to her family, bringing her husband and dog with her. Since joining the department, Megan has become certified in Cellebrite Downloads (cell phone data extraction) as well as NIBIN (a firearm casing database). She has known since high school that she wanted to work in law enforcement. Her favorite part of the job is being a voice for victims. Megan takes great pride in building strong relationships—not only with everyone in the department, but also with citizens and employees from other departments.

In 2024, we released 255 items, destroyed 432 items, and received 1,828 items.

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM

Mental Health Team – Building Relationships, Responding with Compassion

The Sun Prairie Police Department Mental Health Team continues to evolve in its mission to support individuals in our community who are experiencing mental health challenges. Under the leadership of Sergeant Brandon Lingle and Coordinated Response Specialist Katie Barnes, the team remains committed to improving outcomes through collaboration, compassion, and proactive engagement.

What began as a group composed solely of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)-trained officers has grown into a dynamic unit that not only brings specialized training to the table but also focuses on building long-term connections with individuals who are frequently in crisis. Thanks to continued investment in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, more officers are now equipped with the tools and knowledge necessary to de-escalate situations and provide meaningful support.

In 2024, the Mental Health Team began meeting on a quarterly basis. These meetings serve as a platform to share community updates, introduce new training opportunities, and discuss strategies for improved care coordination. The team has shifted its focus toward working with specific high-frequency users of mental health services, reflecting a more targeted and relationship-based approach. By assigning team members to consistently engage with these individuals, the department aims to reduce calls for service, connect people with appropriate resources, and ultimately improve the quality of life for both the individuals and the broader community.

This work is essential to the department's broader mission: solving problems while building relationships. The Mental Health Team embodies this philosophy by ensuring that individuals facing mental health challenges are treated with dignity, respect, and the support they need.

The 2024 Mental Health Response Team consisted of Officer Jeremy Rademacher, Officer Jamison Davis, Officer Ben Pluim, Officer Adem Hadji, Officer Michelle Schultz, Officer Royse Sessums, Officer Eric McGlynn, Officer Dylan Kahl, Officer Nathan Hoffmann, Officer Brittany Lowrey, Coordinated Response Specialist Katie Barnes, Sergeant Brandon Lingle, and Lieutenant Ray Thomson.

COORDINATED RESPONSE SPECIALIST



WELCOME KATIE BARNES

As the Coordinated Response Specialist, I spend much of my time referring individuals to services, collaborating with other professionals, and participating in community events. While I know exactly what this work looks like, someone outside of the social work profession may not fully understand what it entails.

When referring individuals to services, it begins with contacting the consumer and building a sense of rapport so they feel comfortable with my assistance. Many of the individuals I work with have been let down by the behavioral health system and are often feeling hopeless about their next steps. I strive to be as detailed and compassionate as possible when assessing their needs to ensure I can connect them with the most appropriate resources.

In addition to working alongside members of this department, I regularly collaborate with other city employees and local organizations. I find great value in the problem-solving that happens within multidisciplinary teams and truly enjoy the many connections I've made in this role. Some cases have involved collaboration with our City Attorney and building inspectors. At this point, I've likely worked with nearly every county social services entity, and I've had the opportunity to collaborate with individuals' community care teams. I also consult with colleagues frequently to receive feedback and guidance on my practice. The success of this role is deeply rooted in the collaboration of many people who share the common goal of improving the well-being of our consumers.

Before starting this job, I couldn't have predicted all the ways I would be engaging with the community to build relationships. I wasn't prepared for the many hot dog grilling events, visiting what felt like every business in Sun Prairie to collect donations for the Toy Drive, attending parties at the Colonial Club, or walking in community parades. These have become some of my favorite experiences—meeting people where they are and witnessing just how supportive our community can be of one another.

-Katie Barnes

CRIME STATISTICS - OFFENSES

	2023	2024		2023
Crimes Against Persons	275	335	Crimes Against Property	822
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	Robbery	3
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	Burglary	20
Sex Offenses	7	8	Theft/Larceny	464
• Rape	1	3	• Theft - Pocket-Picking	1
• Sodomy	1	1	• Theft - Purse Snatching	7
• Sexual Assault w/Object	1	0	• Theft - Shoplifting	258
• Fondling	4	4	• Theft From Building	55
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	3	• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0
• Incest	0	0	• Theft From Motor Vehicle	40
• Statutory Rape	1	3	• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	15
Assault Offenses	263	321	• Theft - All Other Larceny	88
• Aggravated Assault	52	62	Motor Vehicle Theft	42
• Simple Assault	126	161	Stolen Property Offenses	8
• Intimidation	85	98	Arson	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	3	2	Counterfeiting/Forgery	23
Human Trafficking	0	0	Fraud Offenses	125
• Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	• Fraud - False Pretenses	42
• Involuntary Servitude	0	0	• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	21
			• Fraud - Impersonation	4
			• Fraud - Welfare	0
			• Fraud - Wire	23
			• Fraud - Identity Theft	31
			• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	4
			Embezzlement	1
			Extortion/Blackmail	5
			Bribery	0
			Destruction/Vandalism	130
			Total Crime	1,312
Crimes Against Society	215	211		
Weapon Law Violations	17	28		
Prostitution Offenses	0	1		
• Prostitution	0	0		
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	1		
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0		
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	191	175		
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	123	111		
• Drug Equipment Violations	68	64		
Gambling Offenses	0	0		
• Gambling - Betting	0	0		
• Gambling - Operating	0	0		
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0		
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0		
Pornography	7	5		
Animal Cruelty	0	2		

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

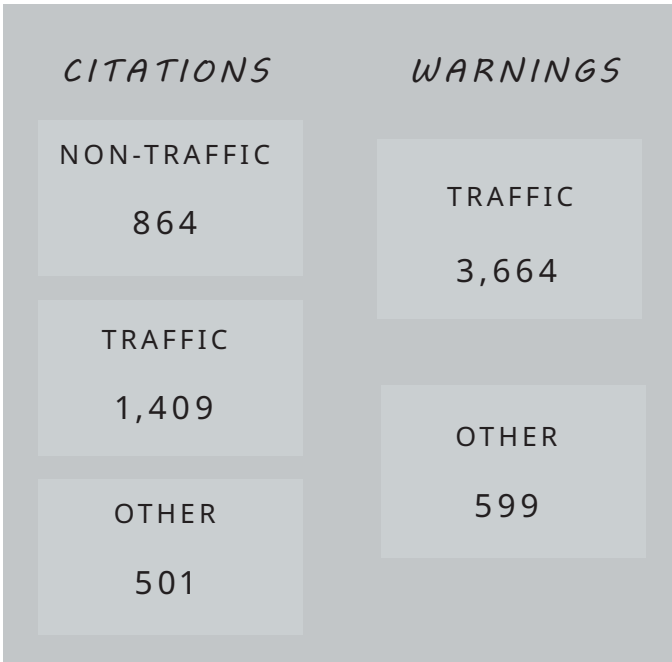
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total Group A Arrests	Adult Arrests		Juvenile Arrests	
Crimes Against Persons	178	245	32	36
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	2	2	2
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	0	0
Assault Offenses	172	240	30	34
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	2	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	225	218	37	26
Robbery	3	2	0	0
Burglary	1	9	2	2
Theft/Larceny	177	168	18	14
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	2	4	1
Stolen Property Offenses	2	0	2	1
Arson	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	7	0	0
Fraud Offenses	16	12	2	1
Embezzlement	0	2	1	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	14	16	8	6
Crimes Against Society	74	58	9	11
Weapon Law Violations	5	5	1	2
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	69	52	8	9
Pornography	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	1	0	0
Total Arrests	477	521	78	73

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.

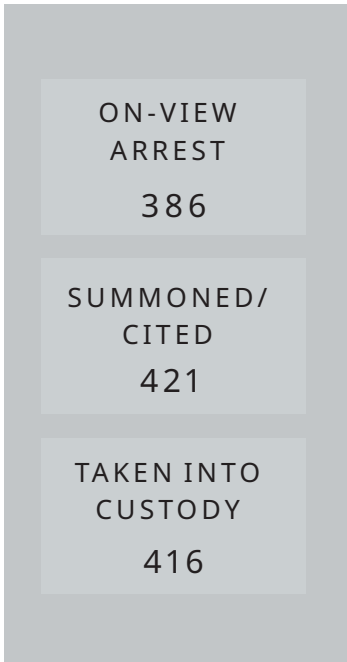
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total Group B Arrests	Adult Arrests		Juvenile Arrests	
	230	359	34	41
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	5	0
Disorderly Conduct	22	23	1	5
Driving Under the Influence	59	78	1	0
Family Offenses Nonviolent	11	17	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	10	1	1	2
Peeping Tom	1	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	13	27	2	2
All Other Offenses	114	213	24	32
Total Group A & Group B Arrests	707	880	112	114

GENERAL STATISTICS

CITATIONS & WARNINGS

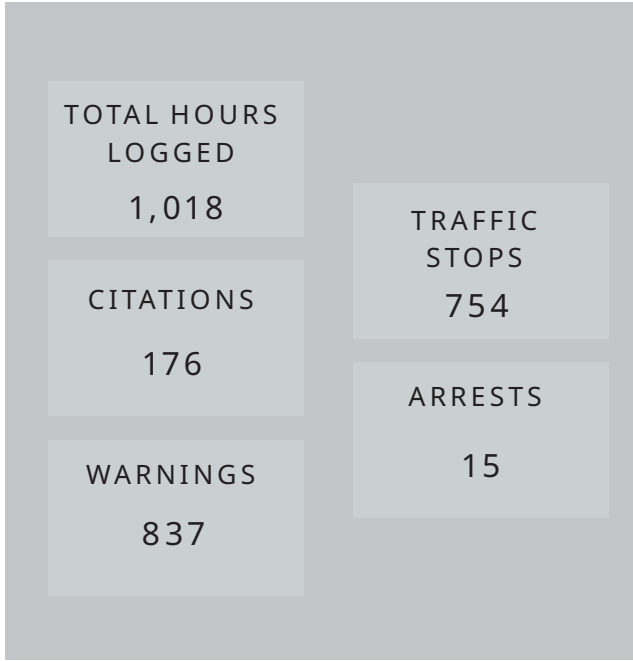


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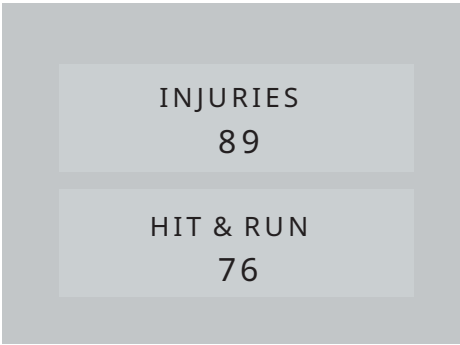
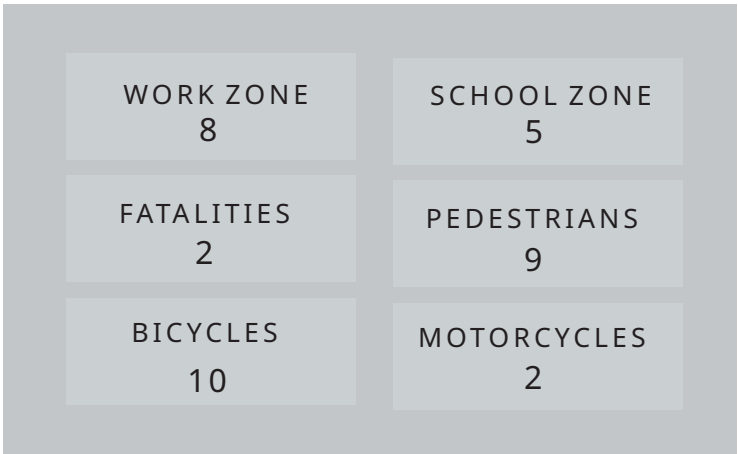


DIRECTED PATROL

The Sun Prairie Police Department conscientiously identifies and monitors select locations to promote 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 highlight the effectiveness and positive impact of their community-focused initiatives.



TRAFFIC CRASHES



474
REPORTABLE
CRASHES

USE OF FORCE

The Sun Prairie Police Department maintains records of all incidents requiring the display or use of force. In 2024, the department responded to 61 such incidents. Additionally, euthanizing a wild animal due to injury or disease is also considered a use of force.

Of the 61 total incidents, 13 involved euthanizing of wild animals, leaving 48 incidents that involved human subjects. Out of the 26,006 calls for service, only 48 incidents, or 0.18%, required display or use of force.

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 48 incidents requiring force, the total number of force actions was 54 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.

2024 Use of Force	
Total Incidents:	61
Type of Force	
Physical	21
ECD (Taser) Used	4
ECD (Taser) Show	9
K-9 Used	0
K-9 Show	1
OC	0
Firearm - Show	20
Firearm - Animal	13
Baton	0
LLIM - Used	0
LLIM - Show	0
Dispositions	
Counseling and Training	0
Force Within Policy	54
Force Within Policy with a Debrief	0
Referred for Internal Investigation	0
Coaching	7
Open- In Review	0

PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS

In its endeavor to preserve departmental integrity and public trust, the Sun Prairie Police Department remains unwavering in its commitment to thoroughly investigate and resolve any complaints against its employees or policies. The department is dedicated to ensuring that these investigations are conducted in a manner that is both transparent and fair, while preserving the rights of all parties involved. The pursuit of truth is 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 heightened public scrutiny. Any conduct perceived as excessive, unwarranted, or unjustified may invite criticism that is often more severe than it would be for similar behavior in other professions. Such criticism can erode community support and respect—both of which are essential for the department’s ability to effectively carry out its duties. This reality underscores the importance of maintaining a careful balance between the exercise of authority and the preservation of public trust in a professional policing environment.

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

	2024 Personnel Investigations	
	Internally Generated	Citizen Complaints
	4	9
Dispositions		
Sustained	4	3
Not Sustained	0	4
Exonerated*	0	0
No Finding	0	1
Unfounded	0	1
Pending Investigation	0	0
Sanctions		
Coaching	2	3
Training & Counseling	1	0
Written Letter of Reprimand	1	0
Suspension	0	0

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.

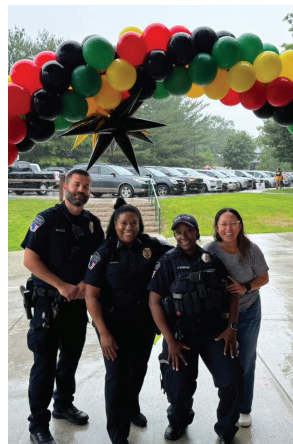
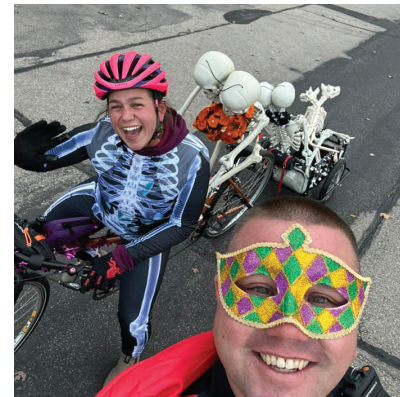
2022 - 2024 SQUAD CRASHES			
	2022	2023	2024
Type of Crash			
Preventable	4	4	2
Non-Preventable	4	3	3
Dispositions			
Counseling & Training	4	4	2
Within Policy	4	3	3
Open- In Review	0	0	0
Total Crashes:	8	7	5

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 - 2024 PURSUITS			
	2022	2023	2024
Dispositions			
Determined Not to be a Pursuit	2	0	0
Counseling & Training	6	3	2
Within Policy	2	1	0
Referred for Internal Investigation	1	1	0
Open - In Review	0	0	0
Total Pursuits:	11	5	2

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