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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Sun Prairie Police Department

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Introduction

This report reflects our department's ongoing commitment to public safety, community partnership, transparency, and professional excellence. Sun Prairie continues to grow as a diverse and vibrant community, and with that growth comes new challenges and opportunities. Throughout 2025, our officers and staff have worked diligently to uphold the values of competence, character, and leadership.

We have focused on proactive policing strategies, strengthened community relationships, and embraced innovations that enhance our ability to serve and protect. This annual report provides an overview of key accomplishments, crime statistics, department initiatives, and notable events from the past year. It also highlights the continued evolution of our department in response to community needs and expectations.

We are grateful for the ongoing support from the community, city leadership, and our law enforcement partners. As we look ahead, we reaffirm our vision to have 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. Thank you for taking the time to review this report and for your continued engagement in making Sun Prairie a safe and thriving place to live, work, and visit.

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, 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, reputations, and morale of the department. We recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members.

East Precinct: 300 East Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

West Precinct: 2598 West Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Dispatch Center: (608) 837-7336

Records Bureau: (608) 837-7339

Anonymous Tip Line: (608) 837-6300

Chief's Remarks

As I reflect on 2025, I extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the Sun Prairie Police Department and the residents of our community for the warm welcome extended to my family and me. Assuming the role of Chief in May was a significant transition, and the support we received made Sun Prairie feel like home both personally and professionally.

Over the past year, I have been continually impressed by the dedication, professionalism, and initiative demonstrated across the department. Our officers consistently manage cases from start to finish, often requiring minimal oversight, which reflects their leadership, competence, and commitment to excellence. Notably, our Special Operations Division successfully advanced a complex homicide investigation with limited initial leads, while simultaneously addressing multiple critical incidents and conducting a lengthy, sensitive investigation. These efforts exemplify the resilience, skill, and character of our members.

Equally important is the outstanding work of our professional staff, whose pride, flexibility, and dedication ensure the department operates efficiently under a demanding workload. Their insight and cooperation have been especially valuable as we prepare to consolidate into a single facility. I also want to recognize our supervisors, many of whom stepped into new roles this year. Through servant leadership, they continue to support department members and remove barriers so our personnel can serve the community effectively.

Looking back, the accomplishments of 2025 reflect the adaptability and perseverance of the entire organization. Across all divisions, our members lead with character, competence, and professionalism. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building strong community relationships, prioritizing training and retention, and growing as a learning organization. We are prepared to adapt to the evolving needs of our city and the law enforcement profession and look forward to serving the residents of Sun Prairie in 2026 and beyond.



Council & Commissions

Common Council

The Common Council represents the citizens of the City of Sun Prairie and exercises legislative powers convenient and necessary for the governance and control of city property, finances, infrastructure, and public service; 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: Steve Stocker

District 1: Rex Owens & Casey Drenkler

District 2: Santiago Rosas & Bill Baker

District 3: Maureen Crombie & Mike Jacobs

District 4: Cassi Benedict & Emily Comstock

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.

President: Scott Faust

Vice President: David Hoekstra

Commissioner: Tracey Yang

Commissioner: Tina Virgil

Commissioner: Steve Sabatke

Commissioner: Donnel Thompson, Jr.

Commissioner: Theresa McIlroy

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.

Lorie Candelmo

Thierno Diallo

James Hawkins

Stephanie Hindson

Mike Kiguta

DJ Leaser

Luke Mwangi

Bethzabeth Ordaz

Larry Tabron

Rohit Vaidya

Tamara Washington

Troy Williams

Bryn Horton

Retirement - Jack Wilkinson

On July 30, 2025, Officer Jack Wilkinson retired his badge. Jack served nearly 30 years for the Sun Prairie Police Department. He held the role as a School Resource Officer, Police Officer, and Field Training Officer. In his last year here, he earned the Distinguished Service Award.

Officer Wilkinson's legacy includes a continuous commitment to the community and coaching throughout his tenure as both a police officer, as well as a mentor in the Sun Prairie Community. Amongst his other positions he has held, Officer Wilkinson was also a coach within the Sun Prairie Area School District for many years. His day-to-day actions defined our vision as a police department. The Sun Prairie Police Department and our community greatly benefited from Officer Wilkinson's exceptional service throughout his career.



Employee Milestones

5 YEARS



Officer
Blaine Baumgartner



Officer
Brett Bengsch



Officer
TJ Wagner



Dispatcher
Cassie Fleischman



Detective
Cody Ennis

10 YEARS

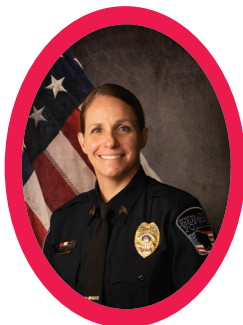


Detective
Mackenzie Miller



School Resource Officer
Royse Sessums

15 YEARS



Sergeant
Barb Enger

Professional Development

Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO)

Evidence Officer Megan Robbins, Dispatcher Sarah Soderholm, and Dispatcher Tom Engen successfully completed the Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course, hosted by the DeForest Police Department.

The intensive three-week program is the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) flagship leadership development training, designed to cultivate leadership skills across all levels of law enforcement. The course is modeled on the concept of dispersed leadership, emphasizing that every officer is a leader, and incorporates modern behavioral science principles tailored specifically to the unique challenges of policing.

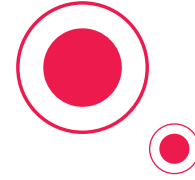
The training brought together both sworn and non-sworn personnel from law enforcement agencies throughout the Dane County area, fostering a collaborative environment that encourages interagency learning and networking.

Participants engaged in rigorous curriculum focusing on leading individuals, leading teams, and leading organizations. Through hands-on exercises, scenario-based learning, and a culminating group project, students not only deepened their understanding of leadership theory but also practiced applying it in real-world contexts. The course also provided valuable opportunities to build lasting professional relationships and partnerships with peers across the region, strengthening community-oriented policing efforts and enhancing cross-agency collaboration.

Completion of this program highlights the dedication of Evidence Officer Robbins, Dispatcher Soderholm, and Dispatcher Engen to professional growth, leadership excellence, and advancing the mission of the Sun Prairie Police Department.



New Staff



Joshua Bonifas

Originally from Egypt, Joshua has had the opportunity to travel and has been to 22 countries. For two years after high school, he worked in four countries overseas with a non-profit organization. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as a Police Officer.



Hannah Branthaver

Originally from Janesville, Hannah previously served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard as an Intelligence Analyst. While serving, she graduated from UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and earned an East Asian Studies Certificate. She enjoys crafting, thrifting, and spending time with her family and pets. She began her career with us in November 2025 as a Records Specialist.



Barrett Danz

Originally from Williams Bay, Barrett attended Carroll College for Physical Education and Health. He is a former teacher and current CrossFit gym owner. He enjoys being outside on his five-acre land, working out, and spending time with family and pets. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in August 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as a Police Officer.



Grant Lineberger

Originally from Mineral Point, Grant attended Southwest Tech for Liberal Arts. He volunteered several years at Cowboy Country Church in Mineral Point where he offered free horseback lessons to kids of all ages, counseling, and biblical lessons. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in August 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as a Police Officer.



Terry Moss

Originally from Madison, Terry attended college at UW-Platteville for Criminal Justice. Previously, he worked in the food industry and enjoys cooking. He enjoys golfing, playing video games, and spending time with family in his free time. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in August 2024 and has since joined the Sun Prairie Police Department as a Police Officer.



Ben Pluim

Originally from Sun Prairie, Ben is on track to follow his father's lead in law enforcement at the Sun Prairie Police Department. Previously working in construction and landscaping, he has grown up wanting to be in law enforcement. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and building. He began his career with us in September 2025 as a Community Service Officer.

New Staff



Anthony Spadini

Originally from California, he moved to Wisconsin and comes from a law enforcement family, stepping into a new role in life. He graduated from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor's Degree in History and is currently working on a second degree in Computer Science. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, reading, computers, and spending time with his cat. He joined our department in December as a Dispatcher.



Ryan Todd

Originally from Jefferson, Ryan came from Nebraska, where he worked in law enforcement since 2014. Ryan enjoys spending time with his family and being outdoors, hiking, and traveling. Ryan attended college online, earning a degree in Criminal Justice while he was attending academy in Nebraska. He joined our department in December 2025 as a lateral Police Officer.



Kevin Warych

Originally from New Berlin, Kevin previously worked as an Operations Commander for the Green Bay Police Department. Prior to this role, he was a Captain in the Professional Standards Division, Patrol District, and Chief of Staff. He has also held many various positions as a Patrol Lieutenant and Patrol Officer, serving nearly 24 years in policing. He attended UW-Oshkosh and earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Spanish. Outside of work, he enjoys focusing on his children and their hobbies and sports, and personally enjoys fishing. He joined our department in May 2025 as Police Chief.



Kaitlin Winnie

Originally from New York, Kaitlin has worked in law enforcement for the last five years. She attended Tusculum University in Greeneville, TN where she earned her bachelor's degree in Sports Science and master's in Talent Development. She enjoys CrossFit, going to sporting events, and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys snowboarding. She joined our department in December 2025 as a lateral Police Officer.



Eric Xayarin

Originally from Madison, Eric attended Madison College and is working towards completing his Criminal Justice degree. He has always wanted to be a police officer and took the leap, starting his career with the Madison Police Department. He enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and working on cars, along with cooking and spending time with friends and family. He began his career in August as a lateral transfer into the role of Police Officer.

Department Awards

Officer of the Year - Blaine Baumgartner

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.



Since taking on the role of Union President, Blaine has demonstrated strong, forward-thinking leadership, effectively representing his peers while fostering collaboration, accountability, and professionalism throughout the organization. He has approached the position with consistency and dedication, ensuring that both officer concerns and organizational goals are addressed in a balanced and constructive manner. In addition to his leadership responsibilities, he continues to excel as a Field Training Officer, where he plays a critical role in mentoring and shaping new officers by instilling best practices, sound decision-making, and a commitment to ethical policing.

He consistently delivers a high level of service to the community and his fellow officers, approaching each interaction with professionalism, respect, and a problem-solving mindset. His ability to produce clear, thorough, and detailed reports further reflects his strong work ethic and attention to detail, contributing to the overall effectiveness and credibility of the department. Through his leadership, mentorship, and daily performance, he sets a positive example and remains a dependable and valued member of the agency.

Employee of the Year - Brittany Salzman

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.



Demonstrating an exceptionally high work ethic and consistent productivity, there has been a continual drive toward progress across multiple initiatives, setting a strong example of professionalism, dedication, and accountability. This includes providing regular updates on both the process and final product of the Annual Report, ensuring transparency, accuracy, and steady advancement while keeping stakeholders informed at every stage. Significant efforts have also been made to fully revamp all department forms, collaborating closely with personnel across divisions to enhance efficiency, standardization, and overall usability, ensuring that processes are streamlined and accessible for all team members.

Furthermore, Brittany has shown a notable progression in the development and implementation of the department's social media presence, including the launch of weekly reports designed to better inform, educate, and engage the community, fostering stronger public trust and visibility. Beyond these initiatives, she has had a persistent focus on innovation, problem-solving, and forward-thinking strategies that anticipate departmental needs and community expectations. Collectively, these efforts not only reflect a commitment to continuous improvement and excellence but also contribute to a more organized, effective, and responsive department, reinforcing both internal collaboration and positive community relations.

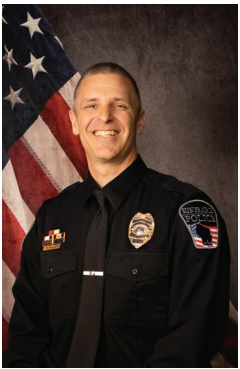


Distinguished Service Award

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.

Distinguished Service Award - Gary Nichols

Detective Gary Nichols has served the City of Sun Prairie with distinction since 1996. Over his extensive career, Detective Nichols has held numerous critical roles, including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Instructor in several unified tactics, Task Force Officer, and most recently, promotion to Detective. Throughout his tenure, he has been a driving force behind the department's Crime Response programming, laying the foundation for the original crime prevention strategies employed by the Sun Prairie Police Department. He pioneered CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) responses, developed the initial business-focused crime prevention training, and delivered countless community-led presentations, fostering stronger public engagement and awareness.



Detective Nichols' investigative expertise over the past 30 years has contributed to thousands of criminal adjudications, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to justice and community safety. Beyond investigations, he has shared his extensive knowledge in firearms, less-lethal munitions, special response tactics, active threat response, and vehicle contacts, mentoring generations of officers and shaping the department's operational excellence. His meticulous attention to detail, combined with a renowned sense of frugality, has consistently enhanced the department's training programs and equipment, leaving a lasting impact on both personnel and public safety initiatives.

Distinguished Service Award - Anita Barman

Records Specialist Anita Barman has served the City of Sun Prairie for over 40 years. Her dedication to not only our community, but to the policing profession, spans four decades in both the capacity of Records Specialist and Dispatcher. Throughout her tenure, Anita has been a steadfast pillar of growth and development for all new personnel, providing invaluable support and mentorship as officers refine the craft of report writing and administrative excellence.



For the past 40 years, every officer who has walked through our doors has benefited from Anita's guidance, mentorship, and constructive feedback. Her willingness to invest time in others, share her extensive knowledge, and uphold high standards has helped shape generations of officers into skilled and professional public servants. Beyond her role as a mentor, Anita's meticulous review process has consistently elevated the quality of reports before they are finalized, ensuring accuracy, clarity, and professionalism in every submission.

Anita's impact extends beyond the walls of the department; her commitment to excellence and service has strengthened the trust and confidence between the police department and the community it serves. Her legacy is evident in the professionalism of every officer she has guided, the efficiency of our records processes, and the high standard of care embedded in every report that leaves our department.

Chief's Award

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.

Chief's Award - Dan Enger



On Friday, October 18, 2024, a male was murdered while walking down the sidewalk with his girlfriend and her six-year-old brother. The case presented significant investigative challenges. The victim was from Milwaukee and had limited ties to Sun Prairie beyond his girlfriend, leaving few initial leads. Detective Enger led the investigation and simultaneously pursued numerous leads, including interviews with individuals connected to both the victim and his girlfriend, analysis of electronic data, and review of cell phone records. Despite these extensive efforts, none produced viable suspects. Throughout this process, Detective Enger remained focused on an unresolved thread - the path of a vehicle captured on surveillance video leaving the area. As other leads ran dry, he continued to explore this angle, ultimately locating the vehicle north of the city, connecting it to the suspect, and securing the evidence that solved the case. Detective Enger's persistence, analytical skill, and determination were instrumental in solving this homicide. His yearlong commitment to pursuing every lead ensured justice for the victim's family and closure for the community.

Chief's Award - FTO Program



Sergeant Enger received this award for her outstanding continued contributions to the Field Training Program. Sergeant Enger has been instrumental in updating training tasks, writing specific scenario exercises to improve training for probationary officers, updating standard evaluation guidelines, and has been the primary train-the-trainer for our FTOs for the last several years. Sergeant Enger also just took over the FTO Program following her promotion in 2025.

Officer Nathan Hoffmann and Officer Adem Hadji received this award to recognize their continued commitment to the FTO Program at a high level even after announcing their completion of their requirement assignment period. Both Hoffmann and Hadji recognized the need with the amount of officers being onboarded during that time period and put the needs of the department above their own to continue training officers.

Chief's Award - Ashley Haag



On September 22, the police department was continuing to monitor a missing juvenile case involving an eight-year-old child who left his residence the previous night and was gone overnight. Following a piece of intelligence the next morning, Dispatcher Haag located the juvenile on park cameras and quickly disseminated that information to responding officers. The juvenile was then safely located.

Chief's Award - Homicide Case



This case was our missing person/homicide case that took place in January. A 29-year-old female was reported missing under suspicious circumstances and later located deceased in a nearby field. A suspect was identified and taken into custody for Homicide. The trial is scheduled for August 2026. Detective Cody Ennis, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Detective Jeremy Rademacher, Officer Ben Pluim, Officer Nathan Hoffmann, Sergeant Freddy Garcia, Evidence Officer Megan Robbins, and Lieutenant Ray Thomson were awarded a Chief's Award for this case. From the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Brad Schroeder, Detective Joe Fiess, Detective Berenice Herrera, and Detective Bill Hendrickson were also given Chief's Awards. Each individual served a different outstanding role within this case that led to the solving of the case.





Interim Chief - Jeff Hook

Jeff Hook stepped into the role of Interim Chief in January 2025. Chief Hook immediately stepped into identifying needs, concerns, wants, and directives for the police department during a challenging transition with the retirement of Chief Steffes and several Command Staff positions in need of being filled. Chief Hook did an outstanding job identifying those priorities for the department which included hiring, internal review processes, and fostering an atmosphere which allowed all employees to voice an effective direction that would lay the foundation for onboarding a new permanent Police Chief. We can't thank Chief Hook enough for his commitment, dedication, and service provided to the Sun Prairie Police Department.

In Jeff's short time with the Sun Prairie Police Department, he received a City of Sun Prairie Proclamation from Mayor Steve Stocker.

***"WHEREAS,** Jeff Hook served with dedication as Sun Prairie Interim Chief of Police from December 2024 to May 2025, providing steady leadership and unwavering support to the Sun Prairie Police Department staff and its operations; and*

***"WHEREAS,** Jeff served as captain of the Dane County Sheriff's Office from 2007 to 2010 and most recently served as chief deputy from 2010 to 2020; and*

***"WHEREAS,** during his tenure with the city, Jeff led with integrity and professionalism, maintaining stability within the department, and laying the groundwork for the next Chief of Police."*



Support Services Division

Communications Center

The Sun Prairie Police Department Communications Center manages all incoming non-emergency calls and dispatches police units as needed. Approximately half of the case numbers originate from direct calls to the department, walk-ins, and officer-initiated reports, while the other half comes through 911 and Dane County calls that are routed to the Communications Center for handling by the Sun Prairie Police Department.

Operating 24/7/365, the Communications Center serves as a continuous point of contact for citizens and visitors seeking assistance from the police, as well as the City's Streets, Wastewater, and Utilities divisions. In addition to dispatching officers, the center is responsible for issuing community notifications and monitoring cameras and alarms on city-owned buildings. The Communications Center is staffed by eight Dispatchers and one Dispatch Supervisor, ensuring efficient, reliable, and professional service at all times.

Radio Transmissions: 104,567	9.7% decrease
Phone Calls: 38,032	9.5% decrease

Records Bureau

In 2025, the Records Bureau underwent several changes, including the closure of the east window and the consolidation of all records personnel into one location at the west building. The public service window is now open at the west building, 2598 West Main Street, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Both the east and west locations remain equipped with intercom systems that connect directly to dispatch, available 24/7/365. The transition of citation payments also took place and now can be made either on the city's website or in person at City Hall, 300 East Main Street in Sun Prairie.

Records Specialists handle a wide range of essential administrative responsibilities, such as uploading citations into case files, typing and reviewing officer reports, answering civilian phone calls and inquiries, initiating calls for service when needed, processing records requests, forwarding reports to the District Attorney's Office, and coordinating the department's involvement in restorative justice programs. The Records Bureau is comprised of six Records Specialists and one Records Supervisor, each playing a vital role in ensuring the accuracy, efficiency, and integrity of the department's records management operations.

Reports Typed: 5,209	0.7% decrease
Records Requests Processed: 2,939	11.8% increase
Records Requests Processing Time: 1,310	1.0% increase
Juvenile Intake Referrals: 35	6.1% increase
Adult Intake Referrals: 681	1.19% increase

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 serves as an alternative to municipal court for offenders aged 12 to 16 who have committed non-traffic related offenses. Community Restorative Court is designed for offenders aged 17 to 25 who have committed either municipal or misdemeanor offenses, including battery, disorderly conduct, obstructing, theft, or criminal damage to property.

The purpose of these programs is to reduce future risk to the community, repair the harm caused, and rebuild trust within the community. Participants actively engage in the process, reflect on the impact of their actions, take responsibility, and work toward solutions that repair harm and restore relationships.

Completed: 6
Unsuccessful or Opted-Out: 16
Opted-In: 15
Paid: 15
Pending: 1

In 2025, 45 juveniles were offered the opportunity to participate in the Juvenile Restorative Justice Program through municipal court. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.

Completed: 8
Unsuccessful or Opted-Out: 9
Opted-In: 8
Paid: 6
Pending: 3

In 2025, 84 cases were reviewed for possible referral to Community Restorative Court. Of the 84 cases reviewed, 26 were determined eligible. This chart shows the disposition of these cases.

District Policing

Police departments typically divide their municipalities into districts to help patrol officers provide effective and organized police services; the Sun Prairie Police Department is no exception. Sun Prairie is divided into four policing districts: North, South, East, and West. District boundaries are determined through annual evaluations of call volume and the city's geographical layout. In 2025, district lines remained unchanged, though several new streets were added in expanding neighborhoods across the city.

Officers are assigned to a single district for the entire year, allowing them to build meaningful relationships with residents and business owners. This approach enables officers to dedicate time to problem-solving strategies and community engagement initiatives, fostering trust and collaboration within their assigned areas.

This district-based model is highly effective, as patrol officers become familiar with the neighborhoods they serve, allowing them to identify issues and respond promptly. Officers focus on criminal activity, ordinance violations, and overall quality-of-life concerns, ensuring that each district remains safe and well-maintained. Each of the four districts is also supported by a dedicated sergeant, who evaluates potential issues and oversees district-specific concerns.



Special Response Team

In 2025, the SRT showcased its steadfast commitment to public safety by carrying out search warrants with precision and in close coordination with partner agencies. These operations played a crucial role in seizing illegal firearms and substances, disrupting activities that could jeopardize the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods.

Equally notable is the SRT's focus on professional development. Team members engage in a wide array of training programs designed to refine their skills and uphold high standards of excellence. The comprehensive curriculum—which includes warrant service tactics, crowd management, and firearms proficiency—ensures the team remains at the cutting edge of tactical readiness and operational effectiveness.

Through their work, the SRT strengthens both the rule of law and the bond of trust between law enforcement and the community. Their efforts help create a safe, secure environment where citizens can live, work, and thrive with confidence.

In 2025, the SRT consisted of Officers Clayton Klubertanz, Jacob Maurer, and Nathan Hoffmann, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Sergeant Randy Humphrey, and Lieutenant Ryahn Smith.

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.

Field Training

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 2025, the Field Training Team initially consisted of Officers Adem Hadji, Barb Enger, Blaine Baumgartner, Brandon Reigstad, Brittany Lowrey, Eric McGlynn, Kimball Webster, Nathan Hoffmann, and Tyler Hetrick. They were overseen by Sergeant Freddy Garcia.

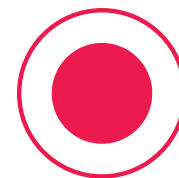
Officer Eric Jeffers and Officer Clayton Klubertanz were added to our team.

The Field Training Team trained 10 new patrol officers throughout the year, which is a cumulative 43 phases. Each phase builds upon the last, ensuring every officer receives a well-rounded foundation in department procedures, community engagement, and practical policing skills. We are incredibly proud of our Field Training Team for their dedication, adaptability, and continued efforts to strengthen the overall program. With the growing number of new and enthusiastic officers joining our department each year, our Field Training Officers play an essential role in shaping the future of our department. Their leadership, mentorship, and commitment to excellence ensure that our core values and standards of service remain strong for years to come.





Recruitment Team



The 2025 Recruitment Team consisted of Sergeant Tommy Foy, Officers Tyler Hetrick and Brittany Lowrey, and Detective Cody Ennis.

The Sun Prairie Police Department Recruitment Team had a busy and productive year in 2025, making meaningful progress in strengthening the department. Through dedicated recruitment efforts, the team helped gain new members, bringing fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to the organization.

In addition to hiring, the team focused on outreach and education by hosting two virtual Future Officer Sessions. These sessions allowed the department to connect with individuals interested in law enforcement. They provided insight into careers with the Sun Prairie Police Department while answering questions and sharing information about the hiring process.

The team was also active at several recruitment events throughout the year. At the UW-Platteville Career Fair, members connected with students and professionals to highlight career opportunities within the department. Additionally, the team participated in a mock interview event with criminal justice students at UW-Oshkosh, offering guidance, feedback, and firsthand insight into the law enforcement hiring process. They also attended the Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce Job Fair.

Through these initiatives, the Recruitment Team continues to expand its outreach, build meaningful connections, and strengthen the department's workforce. Their dedication to recruitment and mentorship helps ensure a strong future for both the department and the community it serves.

Police K-9 Program



In 2025, 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. K-9 Eragon and Sergeant Jason Lingle are assigned to early shift patrol. Lieutenant Ryahn Smith oversaw the Police K-9 Program in 2025.

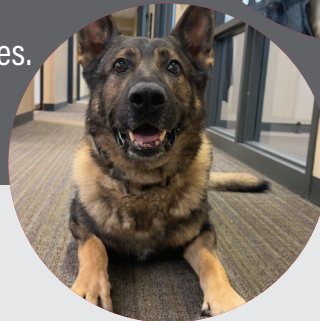




K-9 Eragon assisted in 5 narcotics and/or firearms seizures during the team's deployments in 2025. Additionally, K-9 Eragon was deployed 0 times for potential human tracking, area searches, apprehension, or a show of force. None of these deployments required a bite apprehension.

K-9 Rush assisted in 3 narcotics and/or firearms seizures during the team's deployments in 2025. Additionally, K-9 Rush was deployed 1 time for potential human tracking, area searches, apprehension, or a show of force. None of these deployments required a bite apprehension.

Overall, Rush was deployed 14 times and Eragon was deployed 30 times.



In July 2025, the Sun Prairie Police Department K-9 Program received a donation of \$40,000 from a family who wished to remain anonymous. The donated funds have been added to our current funding towards the anticipated retirement of K-9 Eragon and replacement of their marked patrol squad. On average, a new K-9 unit is estimated at \$15,000 for the initial purchase and academy training with the dog and handler. A new squad is estimated, fully equipped, at \$90,000. These donations are imperative to continue our K-9 Program, both for medical care and training of current K-9 Units as well as the eventual replacement of both the canine and their squad.

Drone Team

Having been introduced in 2024, the department's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Program supports public safety by providing aerial perspectives during law enforcement operations and other emergency incidents. Each mission is carried out efficiently and safely, with full respect for the law and the privacy of the community we serve.

The UAS Program enhances the department's capabilities in a variety of ways, including search and rescue operations, aerial crime scene documentation, and other applications that support daily law enforcement functions.

The Sun Prairie Police Department currently operates two UAS models — the DJI Matrice 30T and the DJI Mavic 3 L2A. These aircraft are equipped with advanced features such as thermal imaging, a spotlight, loudspeaker, and laser range finder.

All UAS operators complete a 35-hour online training course through the Pilot Institute and must successfully pass the FAA Part 107 certification exam before operating a department drone.



The 2025 Drone Team consisted of Officers Eric Jeffers, Kimball Webster, Tyler Chitwood, and Tyler Hetrick, along with Sergeant Leonard Webster.

Honor Guard



The 2025 Sun Prairie Police Department Honor Guard was comprised of Officers Jamison Davis, Kimball Webster, Michelle Schultz, Nathan Hoffmann, and Royse Sessums, Detective Mackenzie Miller, and Sergeants Freddy Garcia and Nolan Pickar.

Our Honor Guard proudly represents the department at events throughout Wisconsin, including funerals for line-of-duty deaths, off-duty deaths, and retired officers. The team also participates in a variety of community events, serving as a visible and professional representation of the City of Sun Prairie, the Police Department, and broader law enforcement community.

Each member of the Honor Guard serves with great pride in both the profession and our agency.

In 2025, the Honor Guard participated in several key events, including the Employee Awards Ceremony, the Groundhog Day Prognostication, and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

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



Chaplain Program

The Sun Prairie Police Department is fortunate to be supported by a team of local pastors who serve as Public Safety Chaplains for the police, fire, and emergency medical services departments. These chaplains volunteer their time and expertise to provide guidance, emotional support, and resources for both department personnel and community members during times of need. They do not proselytize, and the department does not endorse or promote any single religion. Their primary role is to assist with on-scene responses to traumatic or critical incidents, offering comfort, counseling, and a listening ear to both citizens and first responders.

In 2025, Assistant Chief Ryan Cox served as the department liaison for the Chaplain Program, helping to coordinate efforts, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure that the program continues to meet the needs of both the department and the public. The Public Safety Chaplains actively seek new members who are compassionate, community-minded, and committed to service. As the program continues to grow, the team looks forward to expanding its reach and impact, further enhancing the support network available to those facing difficult or emergency situations in Sun Prairie.

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

Pastor Tim Knipfer

Bristol Lutheran Church

Assistant Chief Ryan Cox

Department Liaison



Peer Support Team

The Sun Prairie Police Department is dedicated to promoting a culture of wellness for all personnel. Recognizing the unique challenges and often traumatic experiences faced in law enforcement, the department has established a comprehensive Peer Support Program. This initiative draws on the expertise of personnel from various divisions, including Patrol, Special Operations, Dispatch, and Leadership.

Peer Support Team members receive specialized training in Critical Incident Response and group debriefing techniques. Their preparation includes participation in a three-day program offered by the National Center for Suicide Awareness, a two-day workshop sponsored by the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company (CVMIC) to enhance peer support capabilities, a department-wide seminar on Trauma-Informed Care conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and attendance at a Statewide Peer Support Conference.

The current Peer Support Team is composed of dedicated professionals from across the department, each bringing valuable experience, insight, and compassion to their peer support roles. This commitment to the wellness of public safety personnel also extends through the department's partnership with the Law Enforcement Death Response Team (LEDR), a statewide initiative supported by the Executive Peer Support Team, further reinforcing support for public safety personnel during times of crisis.



In 2025, the PST consisted of Officers Michelle Schultz and Royse Sessums, Detective Mackenzie Miller, Dispatcher Cassie Fleischman, Sergeants Leonard Webster and Randy Humphrey, and Assistant Chief Ryan Cox.

The Peer Support Team (PST) has a mission to provide immediate and ongoing support following critical incidents, injuries, or significant personal events. Services include facilitating debriefings, conducting diffusals, and connecting members with specialized mental health resources when needed.



Traffic Safety Program

In 2025, Sergeant Jason Lefeber led the Police Department's Traffic Safety Program, overseeing initiatives focused on improving roadway safety and addressing community concerns.

Each year, the department receives a significant number of traffic-related complaints from residents. These complaints vary in nature, with some involving real-time reports of specific vehicles or drivers, while others focus on ongoing issues within particular areas of the city, such as speeding or traffic control violations. For location-based concerns, the department implements mid- to long-term strategies aimed at creating sustainable solutions. These efforts often include conducting speed studies, collaborating with other city departments—such as Public Works—to evaluate potential engineering solutions like signage or signal adjustments, and allocating patrol resources to monitor and enforce traffic laws in identified problem areas over an extended period.

In 2025, the department received a total of 861 traffic complaints, representing an 8% increase compared to 2024. The majority of these complaints were real-time in nature and were addressed promptly by responding officers.

Throughout the year, the department continued its proactive approach by designating one location within each of the four patrol districts every month as a Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Area. Officers focused enforcement and visibility efforts in these areas to address ongoing concerns. In addition, when more immediate issues arose, directed Traffic Safety Patrols were implemented. These targeted enforcement efforts varied in duration, typically lasting one to two weeks, though some extended from several days up to a month depending on the severity and persistence of the issue.

To support data-driven decision-making, the department primarily utilized traffic analytics from UrbanSDK, a platform that provides comprehensive monthly traffic and speed data across all city streets. This technology significantly improved efficiency compared to traditional data collection methods, which involve deploying physical traffic counters at a single location for up to 10 days. Despite this advancement, traditional data collection methods continued to be used when appropriate for specific situations.

The department also deployed a mobile speed trailer throughout the city during the non-winter months. This device displays drivers' speeds in real time, serving as a visual reminder that encourages compliance and promotes safer driving behaviors.

In 2025, the Sun Prairie Police Department once again participated in several statewide traffic safety mobilization efforts. These campaigns coincide with high-travel holiday periods, including Memorial Day, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve. The "Click It or Ticket" campaign focuses on seatbelt compliance, while the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaigns emphasize the enforcement of impaired driving laws. Participation in these initiatives not only enhances public safety but also qualifies the department for grant funding opportunities through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The volume of complaints received, along with ongoing conversations with community members, clearly indicates that traffic safety remains a top priority for residents of the Sun Prairie community. The Police Department shares this concern and remains committed to addressing these issues through continued enforcement, education, and data-driven strategies as part of its Traffic Safety Program.



Targeted Enforcement 2025

NORTH	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas							
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	MISD	FELONY
January	St. Albert the Great Dr. ~ CTH C to Bird St.	758	23	7	3	7	0	0
February	N. Bird St. ~ City Limit to STH 19	485	34	5	4	5	0	0
March	N. Bristol St. ~ Main St. to Progress Way	702	32	5	0	4	0	0
April	Broadway Dr. ~ Windsor St. to Stonehaven Dr.	745	31	9	2	11	0	0
May	STH 19 ~ CTH C to USH 151	360	11	8	3	7	0	0
June	Stonehaven Dr. ~ CTH C to N. Thompson Rd.	438	15	11	1	9	0	0
July	N. Thompson Rd. ~ Windsor St. to Stonehaven Dr.	40	4	1	0	1	0	0
August	N. Bristol St. ~ Windsor St. to Progress Way	200	11	4	0	8	0	0
September	St. Albert the Great Dr. ~ CTH C to Bird St.	236	8	0	0	0	0	0
October	N. Bird St. ~ City Limit to STH 19	354	12	8	4	11	0	0
November	Broadway Dr. ~ Windsor St. to Stonehaven Dr.	45	3	0	0	0	0	0
December	Stonehaven Dr. ~ CTH C to N. Thompson Rd.	180	5	4	1	3	0	0
District Total		4,543	189	62	18	66	0	0
WEST	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas							
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	MISD	FELONY
January	Westmount Dr. ~ Entire Length	474	20	3	0	3	0	0
February	S. Legacy Way ~ W. Main St. to Hoepker Rd.	710	19	3	2	2	0	0
March	N. Thompson Rd. ~ W. Main St. to Windsor St.	645	20	11	3	8	0	0
April	W. Main St. ~ Rattman Rd. to N. Thompson Rd.	650	18	13	1	14	0	0
May	O'Keefe Ave. ~ Reiner Rd. to Jenny Wren Trl.	213	9	3	0	3	0	0
June	Westmount Dr. ~ Entire Length	310	12	2	0	2	0	0
July	STH 19 ~ N. Thompson Rd. to USH 151	190	10	8	1	13	0	0
August	W. Main St. ~ Rattman Rd. to N. Thompson Rd.	170	10	2	2	1	0	0
September	N. Thompson Rd. ~ W. Main St. to Windsor St.	276	11	1	0	1	0	0
October	STH 19 ~ N. Thompson Rd. to USH 151	380	16	9	10	6	1	0
November	O'Keefe Ave. ~ Reiner Rd. to Jenny Wren Trl.	172	9	0	0	0	0	0
December	W. Main St. ~ Rattman Rd. to N. Thompson Rd.	65	4	0	0	0	0	0
District Total		4,255	158	55	19	53	1	0
SOUTH	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas							
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	MISD	FELONY
January	W. Main St. ~ Bird St. to USH 151	1,002	17	8	2	11	0	0
February	O'Keefe Ave. ~ Summerfield Way to Main St.	551	18	5	2	7	0	1
March	Clarmar Dr. ~ W. Main St. to Silverado Dr.	632	12	3	0	5	0	0
April	W. Main St. ~ Bird St. to USH 151	1,332	19	18	3	21	0	0
May	Bird St. ~ Windsor St. to City Limit	908	25	8	3	5	0	0
June	O'Keefe Ave. ~ Summerfield Way to Main St.	415	19	10	5	9	0	0
July	Beech St., Davison Dr., Buena Vista Dr.	350	17	3	1	4	0	0
August	W. Main St. ~ Bird St. to USH 151	982	29	13	6	17	0	0
September	Clarmar Dr. ~ W. Main St. to Silverado Dr.	262	14	1	0	1	0	0
October	Linnerud Dr. ~ O'Keefe Ave. to S. Bird St.	410	11	0	0	0	0	0
November	Bird St. ~ Windsor St. to City Limit	424	18	2	2	1	0	0
December	W. Main St. ~ Bird St. to USH 151	499	19	17	5	18	0	0
District Total		7,767	218	88	29	99	0	1
EAST	Monthly Targeted Traffic Engagement Areas							
	LOCATION	TIME	# REPORTS	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	MISD	FELONY
January	N. Musket Ridge Dr. in its entirety	677	25	1	0	1	0	0
February	STH 19/E. Main St. ~ Town Hall Dr. to Vine St.	559	18	8	3	2	0	0
March	Grove St. in its entirety	864	24	24	4	26	0	0
April	Columbus St. to District Limit	518	18	0	0	0	0	0
May	STH 19/Windsor St. ~ Bird St. to Bristol St.	1,464	32	24	9	22	0	0
June	N. Musket Ridge Dr. in its entirety	373	16	1	0	1	0	0
July	STH 19/E. Main St. ~ Town Hall Dr. to Vine St.	194	13	2	0	2	0	0
August	N. Bristol St., North St., Union St., Jones St.	595	25	1	0	1	0	0
September	Grove St. in its entirety	349	14	8	5	6	0	0
October	STH 19/Windsor St. ~ Bird St. to Bristol St.	404	16	5	4	7	0	0
November	W. Main St. ~ Bird St. to Vine St.	475	16	2	0	4	0	0
December	STH 19/E. Main St. ~ Town Hall Dr. to Vine St.	210	11	0	0	0	0	0
District Total		6,682	228	76	25	72	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL - 2025		387.45 Hours	793	281	91	290	1	1

School Resource Officers

Jamison Davis

During the past year, Jamey's role as a School Resource Officer in the Sun Prairie Area School District focused on student safety, prevention, and relationship-building through proactive engagement with students, staff, and community partners. He conducted classroom presentations in collaboration with our social worker, focusing on available resources for students and parents to support mental health, wellness, and problem-solving. He coordinated and facilitated active threat drills and assisted the district in transitioning from the ALICE threat assessment to the Standard Response Protocol. He helped to deliver our free 40-hour Youth Academy, providing students with positive engagement opportunities and exposure to leadership and public safety concepts. He assisted with hosting a tail-gate event for the homecoming football game and provided security for athletic events and school board meetings to help maintain safe and welcoming environments. Throughout the year, he collaborated with other law enforcement agencies and community partners and served as a point of contact for parents, students, and staff by providing guidance, referrals, and resource navigation, frequently resulting in guided self-resolution without the need for police involvement. These efforts contributed to reduced patrol response, increased preparedness, and strengthened trust between law enforcement, the school district, and the Sun Prairie community.

Royse Sessums

During the past year, Royse completed his third year serving as a School Resource Officer for the Sun Prairie Area School District. In his role, he continued to focus on student safety, relationship-building, and proactive prevention efforts. He helped plan and host our annual Shop With a Cop program, providing a positive holiday experience for 10 local students through community partnership and engagement. He also helped with the Sun Prairie Police Youth Academy in collaboration with Sun Prairie Fire/EMS and local sponsors, supporting youth education and leadership development. Additionally, he played a key role in introducing the school district's new Standard Response Protocol for school threats, ensuring staff familiarity and readiness. This included coordinating and participating in active threat drills and conducting site safety assessments across all educational buildings to enhance preparedness, response capabilities, and overall school safety. Looking ahead, Royse notes that he is eager to continue to strengthen relationships with students, staff, and families while expanding preventative and educational initiatives within the school community. He looks forward to further supporting the implementation of the Standard Response Protocol, enhancing safety training and preparedness efforts, and continuing to collaborate with community partners to provide positive programs and mentorship opportunities for students.



District Liaison Officers

The District Liaison Officers (DLOs) are integral to the Sun Prairie Police Department's community engagement efforts. They organize and attend local events, conduct background investigations for new hires, and provide training on Active Threat scenarios and bank robbery response. Beyond these duties, each officer carries individual responsibilities that contribute to the department's overall productivity and mission.

The Sun Prairie Police Department currently has one active DLO, following the recent transition of another officer into the role of detective. Our current DLO, Officer Ben Pluim, has continued to strengthen connections within the community, serving as a visible and approachable resource for residents, local businesses, and organizations. Throughout 2025, Officer Pluim participated in numerous community events, led safety awareness programs, and collaborated with local partners to address concerns and promote public safety. His efforts have helped foster trust, build positive relationships, and ensure the community feels supported and informed.

Sergeant Tommy Foy supervises the DLOs, providing guidance, coordination, and support to ensure their initiatives align with the department's mission and goals. Under this leadership, the DLO program remains a cornerstone of the department's community engagement strategy, enhancing public safety, strengthening partnerships, and promoting positive interactions throughout Sun Prairie.

In 2025, the DLOs attended the Sun Prairie National Night Out, Rolling Prairie Cookout and Games, June-teenth Event, Multi-Cultural Fair, and two Drug Take Back events.





Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting thorough and detailed investigations into serious crimes, including homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, and financial fraud. The bureau consists of a dedicated team of five detectives working under the supervision of the Detective Sergeant, ensuring that cases requiring specialized investigative skills and extensive time are handled with the utmost care.

In 2025, the Detective Bureau opened 54 new cases, continuing its focus on supporting the department's mission, particularly in reducing violent crime and safeguarding the community. The unit investigated a wide range of serious incidents and maintained a strong record in resolving these complex cases, contributing significantly to public safety and community trust. The Detective Bureau successfully completed 40 in-depth background investigations related to candidate hiring processes. This process is important to maintain the integrity and professionalism of the Sun Prairie Police Department.

Notable Cases

- *Missing Person/Homicide:* A 29-year-old female was reported missing under suspicious circumstances and later located deceased in a nearby field. A suspect was identified and taken into custody for Homicide. Trial is scheduled for August 2026.
- *Martin Street Homicide:* Originating in 2024, a suspect was identified in 2025 and taken into custody. A firearm and vehicle believed to be involved were seized during a search warrant.
- *Shooting Incident:* A female subject discharged a firearm into the air following a disturbance. No injuries occurred. The subject was arrested for First-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety.
- *Sun Prairie West Investigation:* An investigation into the Dean of Students having inappropriate relationships with students resulted in an arrest on multiple child pornography-related charges. The case is being prosecuted at the federal level.
- *Burglary:* A late-night burglary at a smoke shop led to the identification and charging of a suspect, with DNA evidence assisting in the case.
- *Child Abuse/Sexual Assault:* An adult male was charged with two counts of child abuse and one count of engaging in repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child. Case is pending in the county system.
- *Sunfield Street Shooting:* Two suspects followed a vehicle with two individuals and fired over 20 rounds into the vehicle before fleeing. Both were identified and arrested for Attempted First-Degree Intentional Homicide and remain in custody awaiting trial.
- *Historical Child Sexual Assault:* A subject was identified and charged with two counts of First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child for incidents occurring between 2015 and 2018.
- *Child Sexual Assault:* A 13-year-old was assaulted by her mother's boyfriend. The suspect was identified and charged with Second-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child.
- *Child Sexual Assault (Multiple Victims):* One suspect was charged with two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child, Third-Degree Sexual Assault, Resisting an Officer, and Sex with a Child 16 or Older. Case is pending trial.
- *Child Exploitation Investigation:* An Internet Crimes Against Children tip led to the identification and arrest of a subject distributing child sexual abuse material. Multiple devices were seized. The subject faces 10 counts and is awaiting trial.

Looking Forward

As we move into the coming year, the Detective Bureau remains focused in its commitment to upholding the highest standards of investigative excellence. The team will continue to proactively address and reduce violent crime through strategic investigations, collaboration, and intelligence-led policing efforts. In addition, the Bureau will support broader departmental goals, strengthen partnerships within the community, and adapt to emerging trends and challenges in public safety. Above all, their work will remain focused on protecting the safety, security, and overall well-being of the Sun Prairie community while maintaining the trust and confidence of those they serve.

Property and Evidence

Property and evidence functions are coordinated by the Evidence Officer under the supervision of the Detective Sergeant. The Evidence Officer is responsible for all items collected by or submitted to department personnel. Each item is properly packaged and secured in one of three designated storage locations. Property is managed for court purposes, ongoing investigations, safekeeping, lawful disposal, or return to its rightful owner.

In 2024, Megan Robbins joined the department as the Evidence Officer and quickly demonstrated professionalism, organization, and a strong attention to detail. Despite being new to the role, she has done an excellent job managing the department's evidence operations. She has consistently ensured timely transport of evidence to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory and other partner agencies, maintained accurate documentation, and performed very well on internal audits. Her diligence has helped strengthen accountability and efficiency within the evidence function.

In 2025, Megan continued to build on the strong foundation she established in her first year, further elevating the professionalism and efficiency of the department's evidence operations. She took a more proactive role in identifying opportunities for improvement, refining internal processes to enhance tracking, storage, and timely disposition of evidence. Megan demonstrated increased confidence and ownership of the position, serving as a reliable resource for officers and staff when questions arose regarding evidence handling, submission procedures, and best practices.

In addition, the Evidence Officer responds to scene and field requests from patrol and investigative staff to collect and process evidence. The position also provides guidance to officers and community members on proper collection, preservation, and packaging procedures. The Evidence Officer collaborates closely with the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene and other state and federal agencies to ensure evidence is processed appropriately.

The department partners with Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction to dispose of unclaimed property and generate revenue for the City. The department also works with Dream Bikes, a nonprofit organization that accepts unclaimed bicycles and provides job training to young adults by teaching them bicycle repair skills.

Items received: 1,873
Items released: 242
Items destroyed: 639



Coordinated Response Specialist

The Coordinated Response Specialist position is designed to connect individuals with appropriate services, strengthen interagency collaboration, and enhance community well-being through proactive engagement. The role focuses on identifying needs, facilitating access to behavioral health and social service resources, and supporting individuals who may be experiencing complex or chronic challenges.

Katie Barnes joined the department in 2024 and has since become highly involved in the community. She has played an integral role in connecting individuals to needed resources, building strong professional partnerships, and increasing awareness of available support services. Her engagement and outreach efforts have strengthened relationships between the department and community stakeholders.

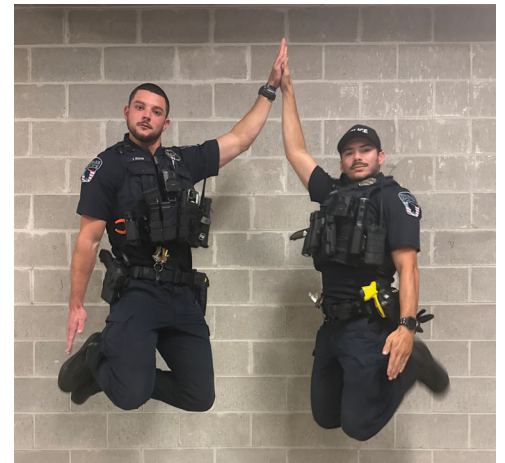
Through 2025, she strengthened existing partnerships while also cultivating new relationships with service providers, advocacy groups, and community stakeholders. Her efforts helped streamline communication between the department and outside agencies, improving coordination and overall service delivery. Katie's work not only enhanced the department's ability to support those in need, but also contributed to building long-term trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the community it serves.

A primary responsibility of the position involves referring individuals to community-based services. This process begins with direct outreach and rapport-building to establish trust and encourage engagement. Many individuals served have experienced barriers within the behavioral health system and may feel discouraged or uncertain about how to move forward. The role requires conducting thorough, compassionate assessments to identify needs and ensure referrals are appropriate, timely, and tailored to each individual's circumstances.

The Coordinated Response Specialist also works closely with department personnel, city staff, and local organizations to address multifaceted issues. Collaborating frequently includes multidisciplinary problem-solving alongside partners such as the City Attorney's Office, building inspectors, county social services agencies, and community care teams. Regular consultation with colleagues and service providers supports informed decision-making and promotes best practices.



Police Department 2025





Crime Statistics - Offenses

	2024	2025
Crimes Against Persons	335	421
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0
Sex Offenses	8	18
• Rape	3	8
• Sodomy	1	1
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0
• Fondling	4	9
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	3	8
• Incest	0	0
• Statutory Rape	3	8
Assault Offenses	321	387
• Aggravated Assault	62	40
• Simple Assault	161	183
• Intimidation	98	164
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	7
Human Trafficking	0	0
• Commercial Sex Acts	0	0
• Involuntary Servitude	0	0

	2024	2025
Crimes Against Society	211	203
Weapon Law Violations	28	32
Prostitution Offenses	1	0
• Prostitution	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	1	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	175	159
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	111	105
• Drug Equipment Violations	64	54
Gambling Offenses	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0
Pornography	5	7
Animal Cruelty	2	5

	2024	2025
Crimes Against Property	828	710
Robbery	2	2
Burglary	31	23
Theft/Larceny	471	396
• Theft - Pocket Picking	7	3
• Theft - Purse Snatching	1	2
• Theft - Shoplifting	265	238
• Theft From Building	48	36
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	1	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	25	20
• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	8	10
• Theft - All Other Larceny	116	87
Motor Vehicle Theft	28	14
Stolen Property Offenses	4	4
Arson	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	20	10
Fraud Offenses	132	137
• Fraud - False Pretenses	28	34
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	44	24
• Fraud - Impersonation	5	6
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	24	33
• Fraud - Identity Theft	29	34
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	2	6
Embezzlement	6	0
Extortion/Blackmail	3	4
Bribery	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	131	120

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.

Total Crime 1,374 1,334



Crime Statistics - Arrests

	Adult Arrests		Juvenile Arrests	
Total Group A Arrests	2024	2025	2024	2025
Crimes Against Persons	245	306	36	38
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	2	12	2	1
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	4	0	2
Assault Offenses	240	282	34	35
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	7	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	218	206	26	39
Robbery	2	1	0	1
Burglary	9	2	2	7
Theft/Larceny	168	162	14	24
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	2	1	1
Stolen Property Offenses	0	2	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	4	0	0
Fraud Offenses	12	20	1	0
Embezzlement	2	0	1	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	16	13	6	5
Crimes Against Society	58	74	11	19
Weapon Law Violations	5	13	2	8
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	52	54	9	11
Pornography	0	2	0	0
Animal Cruelty	1	5	0	0
Total Arrests	521	586	73	96

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.

Total Group B Arrests	359	352	41	57
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	23	49	5	3
Driving Under the Influence	78	93	0	0
Family Offenses Nonviolent	17	24	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	1	8	2	15
Peeping Tom	0	2	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	27	22	2	4
All Other Offenses	213	154	32	35
Total Group A & Group B Arrests	880	938	114	153

General Statistics



Reportable Crashes: 459
Injuries: 111
Fatalities: 0
Work Zone: 2
School Zone: 8
Pedestrians: 7
Bicycles: 9
Motorcycles: 5
Hit & Run: 68

Traffic Citations: 1,843
Non-Traffic Citations: 801
Other Citations: 480
Traffic Warnings: 3,839
Other Warnings: 442
On-View Arrests: 426
Summoned/Cited Arrests: 496
Taken Into Custody Arrests: 358



Directed Patrol

The Sun Prairie Police Department carefully identifies and monitors specific locations to enhance community safety and well-being. These efforts include proactive patrols, traffic enforcement, addressing community concerns, responding to drug-related activity, and conducting house checks while residents are away. Through these focused patrols, the department has gathered data demonstrating the effectiveness and positive impact of its community-centered initiatives.



Total Hours Logged: 500
Citations: 117
Warnings: 321
Traffic Stops: 308
Arrests: 7

Use of Force

The Sun Prairie Police Department tracks all incidents involving the display or use of force. In 2025, the department responded to 50 such incidents. This total includes 5 cases where wild animals were euthanized due to injury or disease, leaving 45 incidents involving human subjects. Out of 25,937 calls for service, only 45 incidents, 0.17%, required the display or use of force.

The total number of force actions can exceed the number of incidents because multiple officers may use force during a single event.

Each incident is reviewed through a three-tiered process by a certified defensive tactics instructor, the use-of-force coordinator, and the assistant chief of police. This thorough review ensures all force used complies with department policy and identifies opportunities for training or coaching to improve future responses.

Type of Force
Physical: 26
ECD (Taser) Used: 3
ECD (Taser) Show: 14
K-9 Show: 5
OC (Oleoresin Capsicum Spray): 1
Firearm Show: 34
Firearm Animal: 5
LLIM (Less Lethal Impact Munitions) Used: 1
LLIM (Less Lethal Impact Munitions) Show: 2

Dispositions
Force Within Policy: 43
Force Within Policy with Coaching: 7



Personnel Investigations

In its ongoing effort to uphold departmental integrity and maintain public trust, the Sun Prairie Police Department remains firmly committed to thoroughly investigating and resolving any complaints involving its employees or policies. The department ensures that all investigations are conducted in a fair and transparent manner while safeguarding the rights of everyone involved. Above all, the pursuit of truth remains its highest priority.

Law enforcement officers occupy a distinct role among public employees. As highly visible representatives of governmental authority, their actions are subject to increased public scrutiny. Conduct perceived as excessive, unnecessary, or unjustified often draws criticism more intense than that directed at other professions. Such criticism can weaken community support and respect—both of which are vital to the department's ability to effectively serve the public. This reality highlights the need to carefully balance the responsible exercise of authority with the continued preservation of public trust in a professional policing environment.

Personnel Investigation Disposition Types:

Sustained: A preponderance of evidence shows that the action of the employee was not consistent with the Code of Conduct. When sustained, corrective actions can include: coaching or training; or disciplinary actions to include: letters of reprimand, suspension, or termination.

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 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 incident for policy procedure violations.

Citizen Complaints: 8
Exonerated: 4
Not Sustained: 1
Coaching: 2
Unfounded: 1

Internally Generated: 1
Coaching: 1

Squad Crashes & Pursuits

The Sun Prairie Police Department conducts comprehensive reviews of all squad vehicle crashes to uphold accountability and transparency. Each incident is carefully analyzed to identify patterns, address recurring issues, enhance safety protocols, and prevent future accidents. These evaluations also assess the effectiveness of current training programs and operational procedures, supporting continuous improvement and adaptation to evolving challenges. Through this process, the department reinforces its dedication to safety and professionalism while serving the community.

Pursuits: 7
Determined Not to be a Pursuit: 1
Within Policy: 1
Within Policy, Coaching Provided: 4
Out of Policy: 1

Squad Crashes: 6
Preventable: 4
Non-Preventable: 2
Coaching and Training: 4
Within Policy: 2

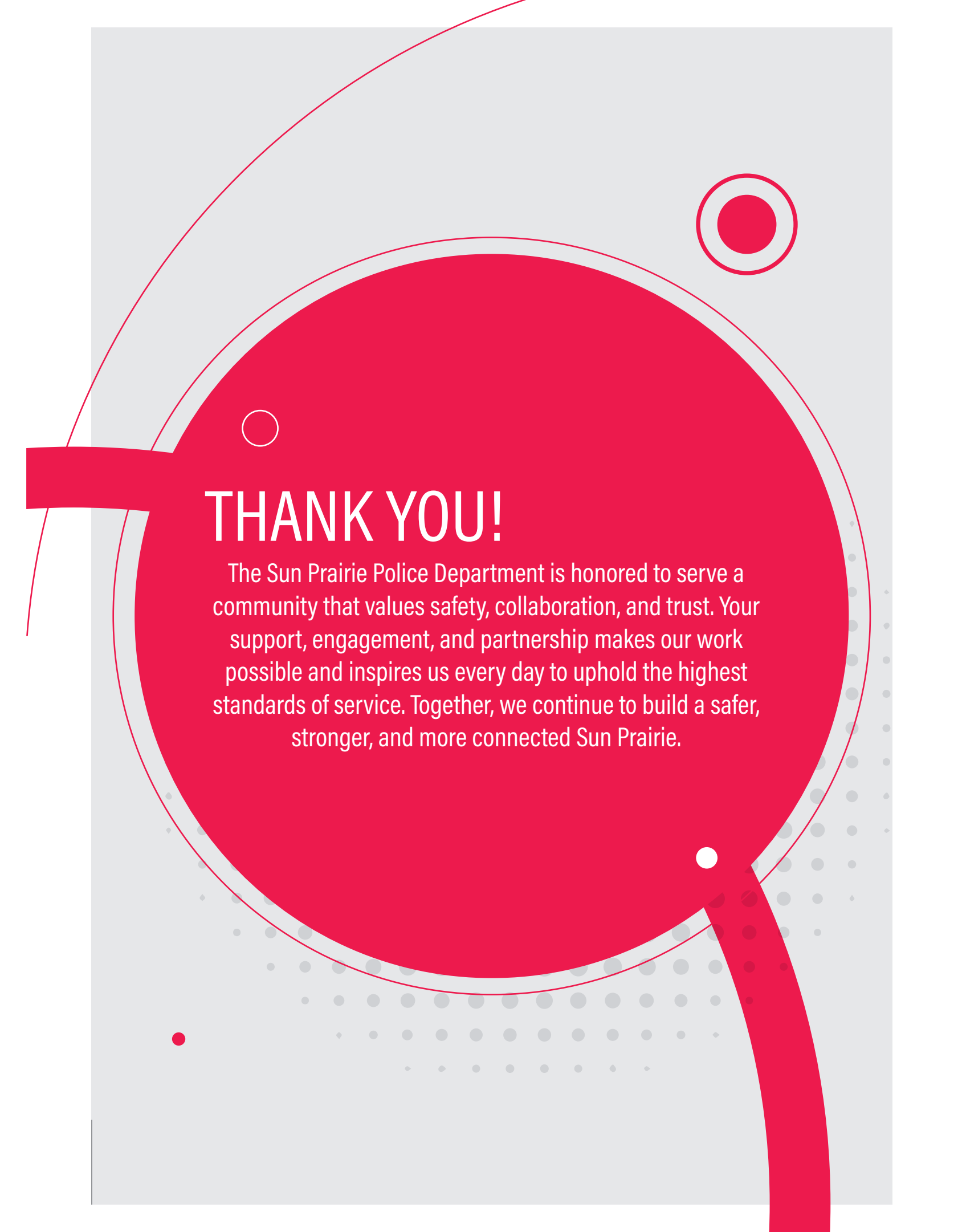
Beyond promoting safety and accountability, the Sun Prairie Police Department's comprehensive review of all police pursuits ensures compliance with legal and ethical standards. Each pursuit is carefully evaluated to confirm that actions align with laws and departmental guidelines, protecting the rights of all involved and minimizing potential legal risks. These reviews also collect valuable officer feedback and data, helping refine pursuit strategies and decision-making processes. This ongoing process strengthens operational effectiveness while reinforcing the department's commitment to public trust.

Community Support



Community Engagement





THANK YOU!

The Sun Prairie Police Department is honored to serve a community that values safety, collaboration, and trust. Your support, engagement, and partnership makes our work possible and inspires us every day to uphold the highest standards of service. Together, we continue to build a safer, stronger, and more connected Sun Prairie.