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Command Staff



Police Chief
Jeff Hardel

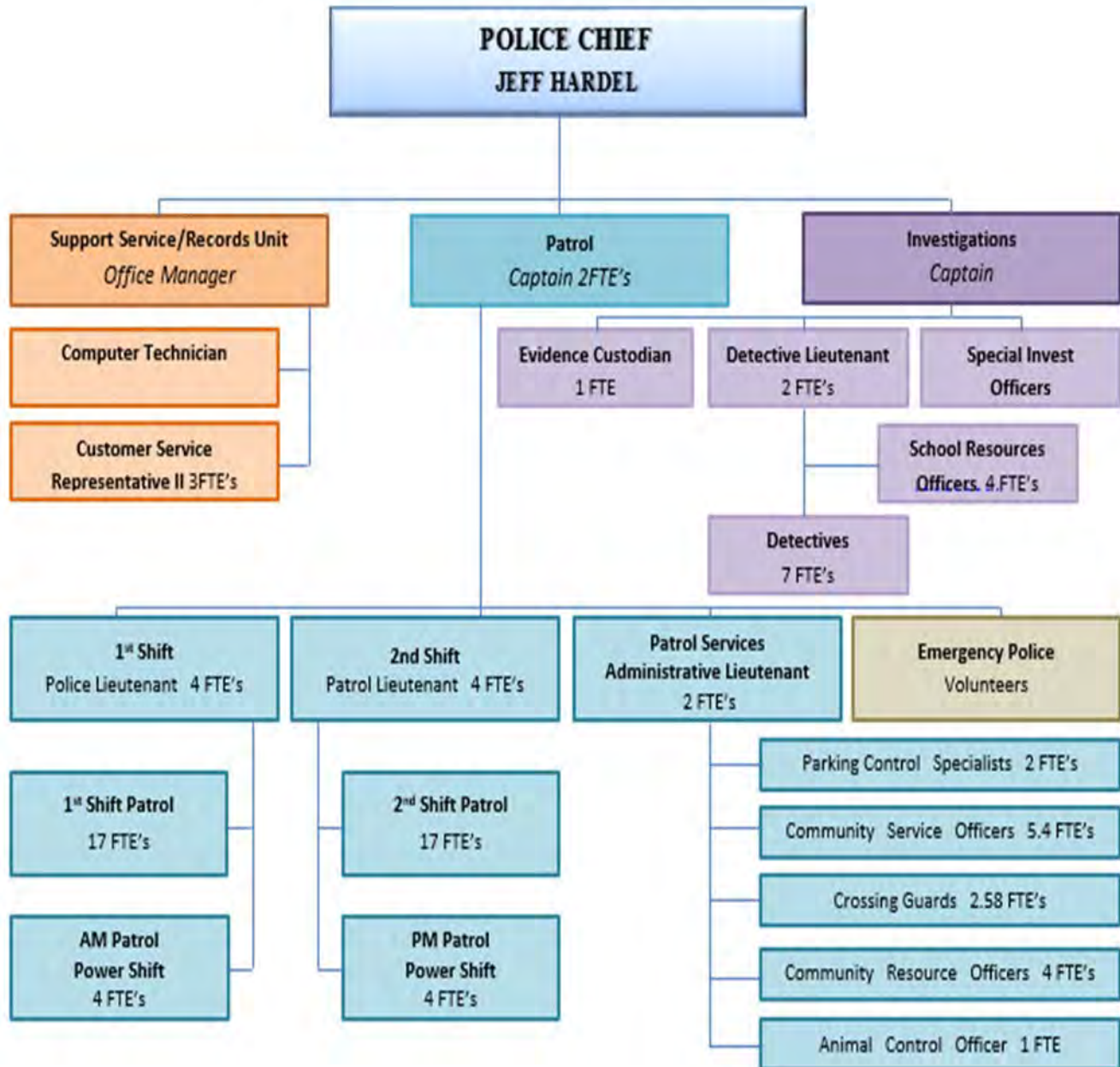


Gregory Hagenbucher
Investigations Captain



Benjamin Bliven
Patrol Captain

Police Department Organizational Chart





Wausau City Government

James Tipple, Mayor
Romey Wagner, City Council President



James Tipple
Mayor



William Nagle
First District



Romey Wagner
Second District



David Nutting
Third District



Tom Neal
Fourth District



Gary Gisselman
Fifth District



Keene Winters
Sixth District



Lisa Rasmussen
Seventh District



Karen Kellbach
Eight District



David Oberbeck
Ninth District

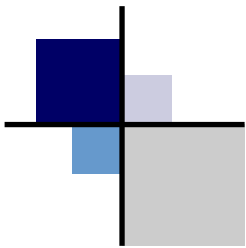


Sherry Abitz
Tenth District



Robert Mielke
Eleventh District

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Police & Fire Commissioners

Cheryl Bahr, Chair



Cheryl Bahr



Dennis Huntimer



William Graef

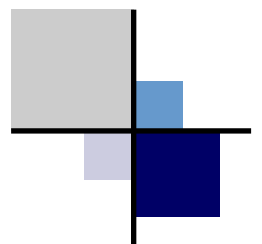


Tony Patterson



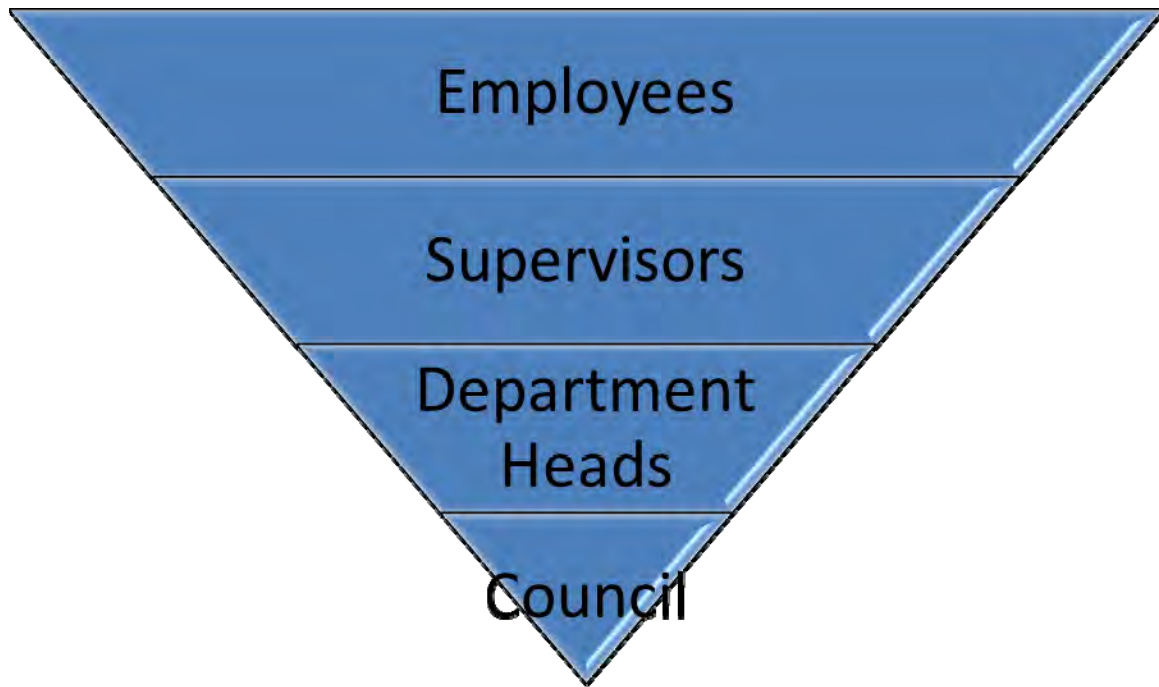
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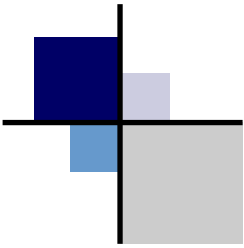




Service to Our Citizens



The graph above shows how the City is organized to carry out the Mission Statement and provide service to our citizens. The Council is the foundation of city government and is responsible for setting policy, creating a positive atmosphere, and enabling the City to move forward. The Council works with and supports the Mayor and the department heads in combined efforts to provide the supervisors and employees with what is needed to ultimately serve the citizens. The City's core values are key to guiding daily operations and employee decisions.



Mission

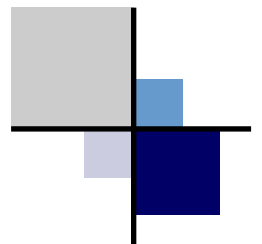
The Wausau Police Department, in response to our citizens, will provide services in the most effective and efficient manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment within the city and to the citizens of the community. The Wausau Police Department plans and encourages positive growth. We promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.

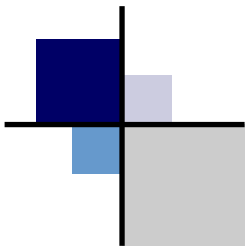
Mission Statement

The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.

The Department's mission is a commitment to quality performance from all members. It is critical that members understand, accept, and are aligned with the responsibilities established by this mission. The mission provides the foundation upon which all operational decisions and organizational directives will be based.

The mission represents the department's commitment to the concepts of quality performance. All members are expected to work consistently in a quality manner in the daily performance of those duties, responsibilities, and work tasks associated with the department's mission. A quality manner signals that performance outcomes comply with the performance standards established for our agency.





Core Values

Values embody our philosophy of policing and set forth our hopes for the future of our community, our profession, our department, and ourselves. We recognize that the following values, this philosophy of policing, will always be a yardstick against which we must measure ourselves, our efforts, our programs, our regulations, and our priorities. Whether sworn or civilian, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer, we are proud to belong to this department and to adopt the following values:

Core Values

Integrity

Professionalism

Accountability

Respect

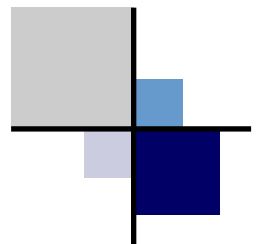
Integrity—Adherence to moral and ethical principles. The Wausau Police Department believes that integrity is the basis for personal and public trust.

Professionalism—Professional character, spirit, or methods. The Wausau Police Department strives for personal & professional excellence.

Accountability—The state of being accountable, liable, or answerable. The Wausau Police Department members are held accountable for their actions.

Respect—Deference to a right, privilege, or something considered to have certain rights or privileges; proper acceptance or courtesy. The Wausau Police Department will treat everyone with respect.

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Chief of Police Jeff Hardel



Dear Citizens of Wausau, Mayor Tipple, Common Council of the City of Wausau, and the Wausau Police & Fire Commission:

It is with pleasure that we present you with the Wausau Police Department's Annual Report for 2014. This document serves as a window to our police department. We invite you to learn more about our department and about the law enforcement profession. Learn more about our purpose, our philosophy, our dedication, and our operations. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the command officers for assistance.

The Wausau Police Department continues to be challenged by the various criminal elements that society offers. Internet fraud, internet scams, and internet crimes in general, including identity theft, continue to increase. Drug use, drug abuse, and drug sales continue to be a focus of our enforcement efforts, along with the ancillary crimes associated with the drug trade. The drug trade continues to drive criminal activity and plays a significant role in the overall safety of our community for the collateral damage that it causes impacting the vast majority of society.

With over 30,000 calls for service, many requiring multiple officer responses, in our community, the demands and expectations placed on our officers is very high. That is just one of the many things that make our profession special, unique, and rewarding. This job requires great character and strong ethical make up. It takes a special person to commit themselves to the highest professional standards that we adhere to. Wausau is very fortunate to have outstanding men and women who comprise the Wausau Police Department. On a daily basis, the command staff witnesses the dedication and professionalism that our officers exhibit. This reinforces the significance of hiring the best candidates who will carry out our mission and support our philosophy. Officers are committed to providing quality service and making a difference in our community.

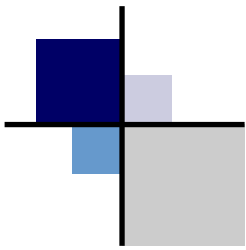
I encourage all citizens to increase their level of involvement with us, to be our partners in policing. Whether that involvement means reporting crime, having keen eyes and ears as a good witness, being part of a neighborhood partnership or neighborhood watch group, joining our Emergency Police volunteer services, attending neighborhood meetings, or being supportive in other areas that help your sector officers do the best job they can.

I am very proud and honored to be the Chief of Police in this great community. We will continue to strive to provide the best service we can and improve the quality of life for all residents of the City of Wausau.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey G. Hardel
Chief of Police

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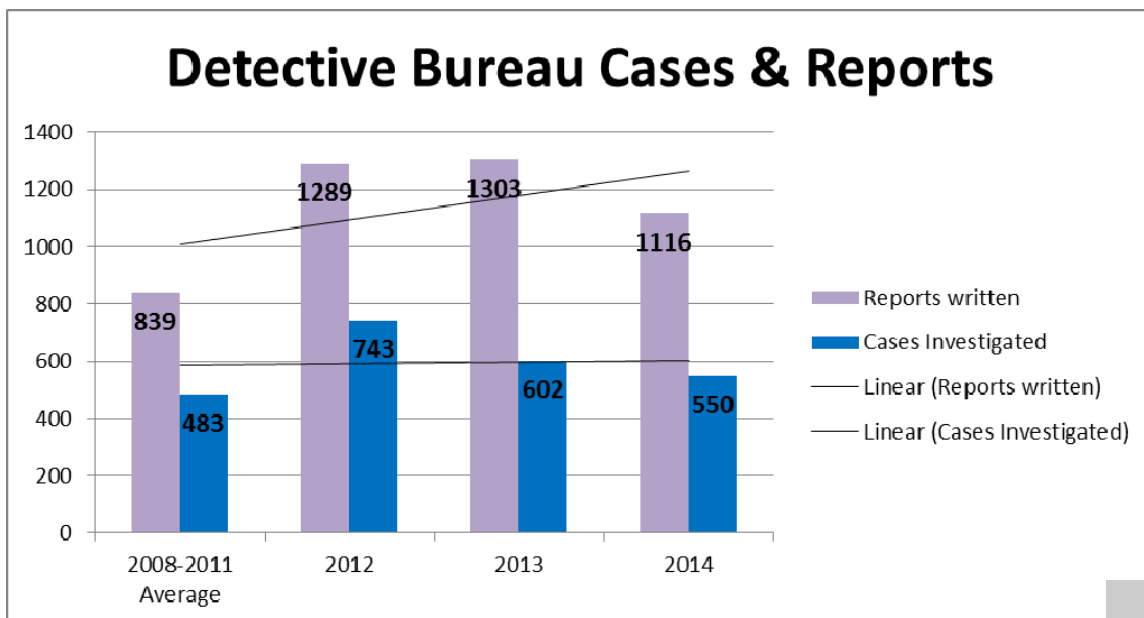
Investigations Captain Gregory Hagenbucher



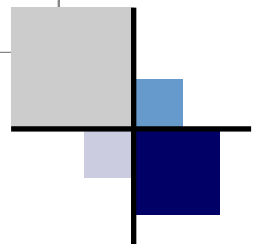
The Wausau Police Department Investigative Services Bureau, better known as the Detective Bureau, is dedicated to providing the highest quality of investigative, scientific, and information services for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property. The duties and responsibilities of the personnel assigned to the Detective Bureau are numerous and quite diverse. Members of the Detective Bureau respond directly to crime scenes, and do their best to combat and reduce crime by conducting prompt, diligent, and professional investigations. Detectives maximize the use of all technological resources to solve crimes, track down and apprehend suspects, as well as to locate missing persons and recover and return stolen property to the rightful owner.

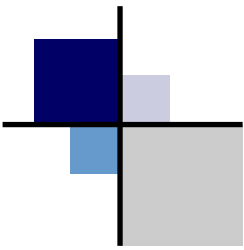
In 2013 and 2014, the Wausau Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau consisted of seven general detectives, three school resource officers (uniformed), two drug investigators who work with the Marathon County Special Investigative Unit, one civilian evidence custodian, two detective lieutenants, and one captain. A detective and detective supervisor are on-call 24/7.

In 2013 and 2014, the Wausau Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau saw an increase in the number of cases investigated over the past seven years. The total number of cases investigated by detectives increased from an average of 546 cases over the past seven years, to 602 cases in 2013, and 550 cases in 2014. For the most part the increases were due to cases involving arsons, robberies, counterfeit bills, forgeries, identity thefts, and burglary investigations. Arrests were made in about fifty percent of the cases investigated by the bureau.



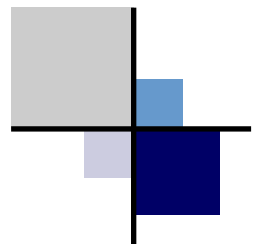
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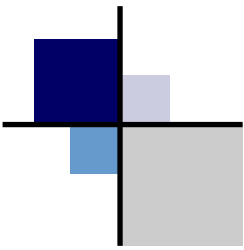




In 2013 and 2014, the Investigative Services Bureau conducted a number of major investigations. Some of these cases included:

- Detectives continued to work leads on the Stephanie Low missing person case, which is now officially a homicide investigation. Ms. Low, a twenty-two year old female, was reported missing from her Westside Wausau apartment on October 10, 2010. Evidence found in her apartment lead officers to believe she had disappeared under suspicious circumstances. Detectives have conducted several hundred interviews, and followed up on over five hundred leads to date. On September 19, 2014, Ms. Low's decomposed body was located in a shallow grave on an isolated road in Forest County Wisconsin. The suspect is awaiting trial on 1st degree murder.
- Detectives investigated a homicide on June 19, 2012 where Kerby Kniess was found beaten to death with a baseball bat in a friend's garage on Wausau's west side. During the investigation it was learned that Mr. Kniess was beaten to death for a few dollars and some cigarettes. In November of 2014, a 20 year old suspect was sentenced to 35 years in prison and 15 years extended supervision, the 18 year old suspect was sentenced to 25 years in prison and 8½ year extended supervision.
- In April of 2013 Detectives investigated a homicide where Tong Hang was shot and killed in a Wausau basement. During the investigation detectives learned the suspect dismembered the body and transported the body parts to Milwaukee where they were located during the execution of a search warrant. The suspect was located and returned to Marathon County to face charges of 1st degree murder. The suspect pled guilty in 2014 and was sentenced to 40 years in prison and 20 years extended supervision.
- In June of 2013, detectives investigated a home invasion robbery where the occupants of the house were held at gunpoint while several males removed property and money from the residence. The suspects were later identified after becoming involved in two more robberies outside the City of Wausau. The 2 suspects are still awaiting trial for burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, and armed robbery with the threat of force.
- In January of 2014, Detectives investigated a homicide where KC Elliott was shot to death in a tavern parking lot on Wausau's West side. During the investigation detectives learned that a fight had taken place between the victim and the suspect in the parking lot of the tavern, and a shot was fired. The victim died that same morning, and a short time later the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect is awaiting trial on 1st degree murder charges.
- During 2014 Detectives investigated numerous citywide burglaries. The suspects were later identified after being involved in multiple burglaries outside the City of Wausau. Three suspects are currently awaiting trial on more than ten burglary charges.





- In 2013 and 2014 Detectives investigated several heroin overdose deaths. The most significant heroin related incident being a vehicle accident on Thomas Street where Michael Dixon was killed, and his four year old son was in critical condition. Mr. Dixon had only been released from a drug rehab facility just one day prior to the accident. During this investigation Detectives identified a suspect that supplied the heroin to Mr. Dixon. In January of 2014, the suspect who supplied the heroin was sentenced to 8 years in prison and 5 years extended supervision.

In addition to these major crimes the Investigative Services Bureau has successfully closed many serious felony investigations with the arrest of people for the crimes of robbery, both armed and unarmed, endangering safety where the calls involved shots being fired, a few aggravated assaults, several arsons, several hundred sexual assaults (juvenile & adult), some embezzlement cases, and numerous burglaries and property crimes.

In 2013 and 2014, victims reported over two hundred crimes that involved:

- *Identity theft*
- *Computer fraud*
- *Counterfeit checks*
- *Fraudulent checks*
- *Bank/loan fraud*
- *ATM card use in other states and foreign countries*
- *Lottery scams*
- *Re-mailing scams*
- *Internet fraud and theft*
- *Social security fraud*
- *Cell phone threats*
- *Pornography on cell phones*

In 2013 and 2014 video surveillance has continued to play a roll in the identification of suspects involved in crimes. Numerous retail thefts, gas thefts and burglary suspects were identified after video surveillance of the suspects had been gathered and distributed to local law enforcement.

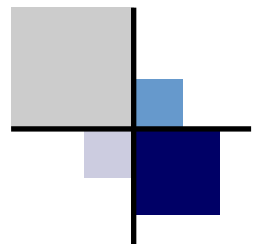
Investigators continue to attend specialized training in the areas of arson, homicide, sexual assault, financial crimes, computer crimes, and Internet fraud. In addition, cell phone technology training continues to be an emerging tool with multiple applications in law enforcement. Cellphone tracking can take several forms as a tool in investigations. Investigators can obtain everything from call and text-message records to subscriber information and location data. The information can illustrate everything from where a suspect's phone has traveled and whom he or she has been talking with before, during or after crimes are committed.

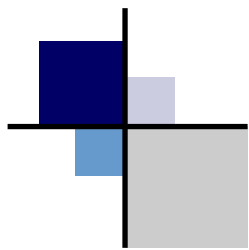
The Investigative Services Bureau is committed to providing the best service to the public, in an effort to create a significant impact on the quality of life in the City of Wausau.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hagenbucher
Detective Captain

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Patrol Captain Benjamin Bliven



In 2014, police officers in the United States have come under tremendous scrutiny. Officer-involved shootings in Ferguson, Missouri, New York City, and Cleveland, Ohio, have raised questions from some regarding policing in our country. Specifically, the rhetoric often heard is distrust of law enforcement. Simultaneously in 2014, deaths of law enforcement officers in the line of duty went up 24% from 2013. The number of officers killed violently by gunfire went up 56%. Included within these numbers are the 15 officers who died as a result of ambush-style attacks; triple the 2013 ambush-style murders of police officers.

Given the statistics of officer deaths along with public scrutiny, recruitment of police officers is becoming more challenging. Law enforcement is more polarizing today than ever before. To accomplish our mission, we must focus on recruiting high character individuals who are able to build bridges within the community.

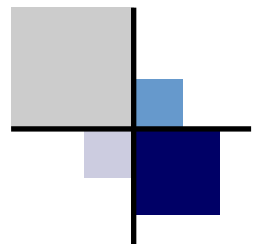
What can law enforcement do to build that bridge with the community? This is the question command staff of police agencies across the country must answer in the coming years. For the Wausau Police Department, the answer to this question is building trust. Trust is accomplished in many ways and begins with our commitment to community oriented policing. Every single time an officer has an interaction with a citizen, he or she has an opportunity to add trust between the police department and the community. Our goal is to build trust one citizen at a time.

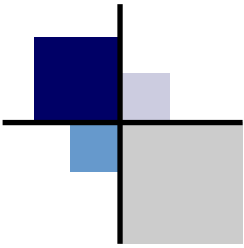
The men and women of the Wausau Police Department take great pride in serving our community. We implement a community-oriented approach to law enforcement. We seek to hire people who have a high degree of integrity, respect, professionalism and accountability. It is our belief individuals with these values are great assets to the City of Wausau. Key to our success is relationships with citizens, community organizations, and businesses. Officers work daily with citizens to find solutions to complex quality of life issues. Extensive training, relationship development, and a high degree of professionalism are fundamental to our community-oriented approach to policing.

We work diligently to build partnerships throughout our community. Our department makes every effort to give media interviews at every opportunity. We want to get information out to the public about what we do, how we do it, and the reason behind those actions. We are active on social media as well. Through social media we aim to tell our community about the great things officers are doing every single day. We hire people who believe and ascribe to our core values and mission of policing excellence and partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life.

The bottom line is we are members of this community. We have a vested interest in the quality of life here because we live here. Our friends and family live here as well. Policing is a challenging but rewarding career because we have an opportunity in every citizen interaction to build trust, build relationships, build partner-

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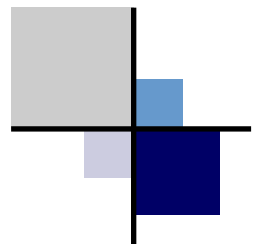


ships, and have a positive impact. As we move forward into 2015 and beyond, excellent quality of life in our community is the goal. Hiring and retaining police officers with outstanding character who work hard to build trust with our community will be the determining factor in our future success.

It is the mission of the police department to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of the City of Wausau. Through a collaborative effort with the residents, businesses, local non-profit organizations, and government agencies, we strive to enrich the lives of the people in our community.

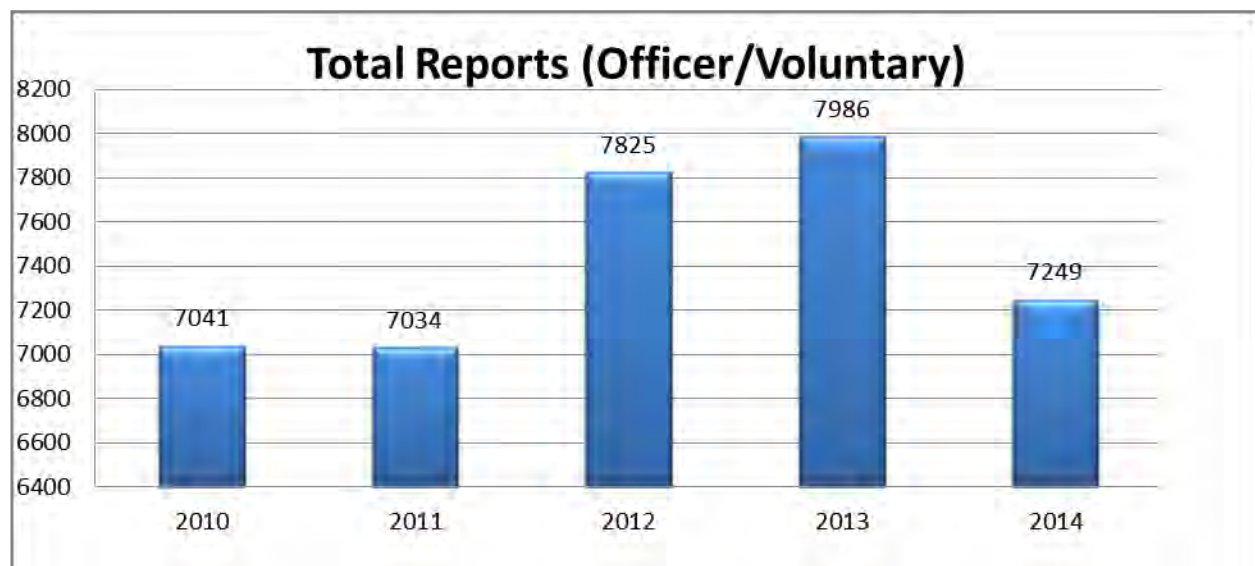
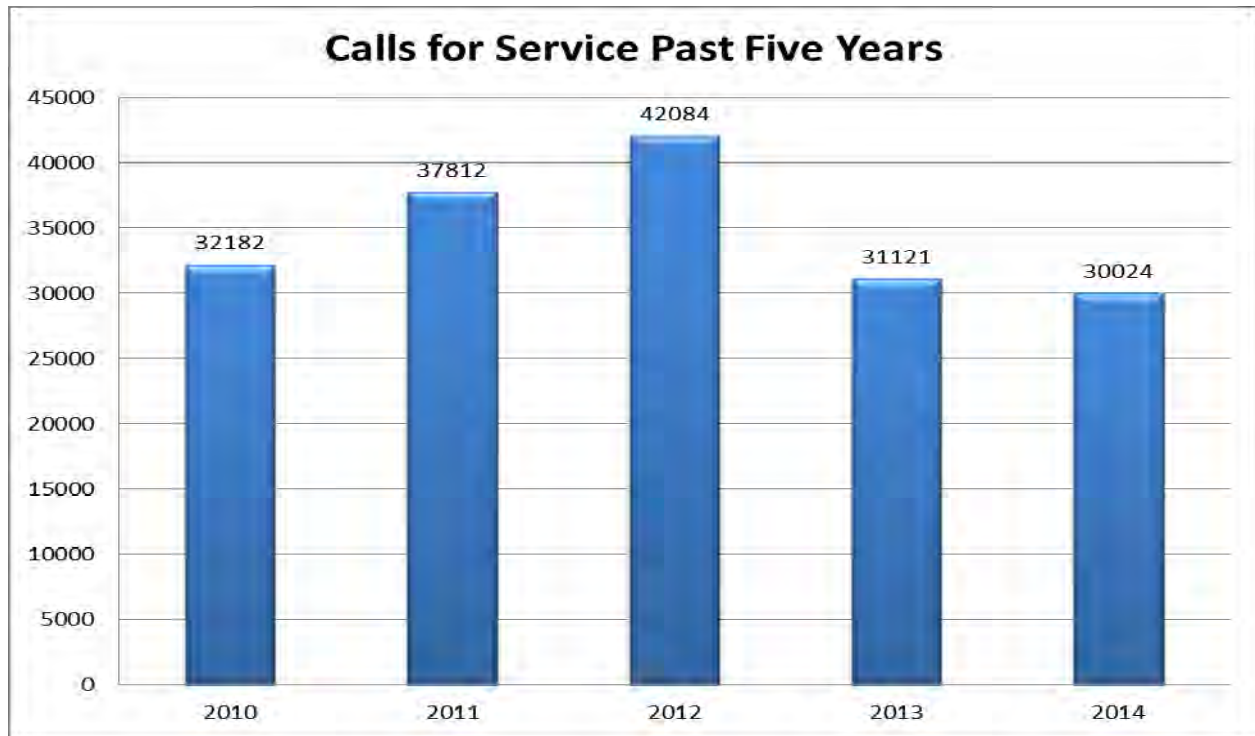
Sincerely,

Benjamin K. Bliven
Patrol Captain



Calls for Service

The Calls for Service calculation has changed. In previous years this calculation included the multiple numbers of officers that responded to the call. In 2013 & 2014, the Call for Service number is obtained through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) call type. Multiple officers may respond to the call, but the call is only counted once.





Calls for Service

2013	Types of Calls for Service	2014
6401	Traffic Stop-Self Initiated	4885
2655	Criminal Miscellaneous	2652
1454	Service Miscellaneous	1993
1721	Extra Patrol	1652
1776	Follow-up Investigation	1382
1260	Traffic Crash Property Damage Only	1319
991	Dog Complaint	1260
1420	Suspicious Activity	1208
1051	Traffic Miscellaneous	1095
766	Welfare Check	790
680	Mental Subject	741
380	Probation/Parole	707
682	Civil Complaint	652
602	Family Disturbance	541
569	Criminal Theft	531
540	Field Interview Stop	529
679	Medical Emergency	529
528	Disabled Vehicle	524
503	911 Hang up	510
526	Noise Call	484
159	Vehicle Lock Out	473
445	Alarms	461
427	Warrant Service	372
221	Juvenile Attempt To Locate	292
262	Fight	286
323	Lost & Found	272
276	Traffic Hazard	271
276	Hit & Run Crash	266
283	Criminal Damage/Property	245
219	Juvenile Disturbance	202
179	Bar Check	196
165	Gas Skip	193
202	Process Service	168
146	Parking Miscellaneous	150
111	Telephone Message	149
189	Theft from Vehicle	146
219	Burglary	144
114	Vehicle Attempt To Locate	135
118	Prisoner Transport	121
111	Traffic Crash-Injury	116
81	Vacant Home	109
98	Community Relations	105



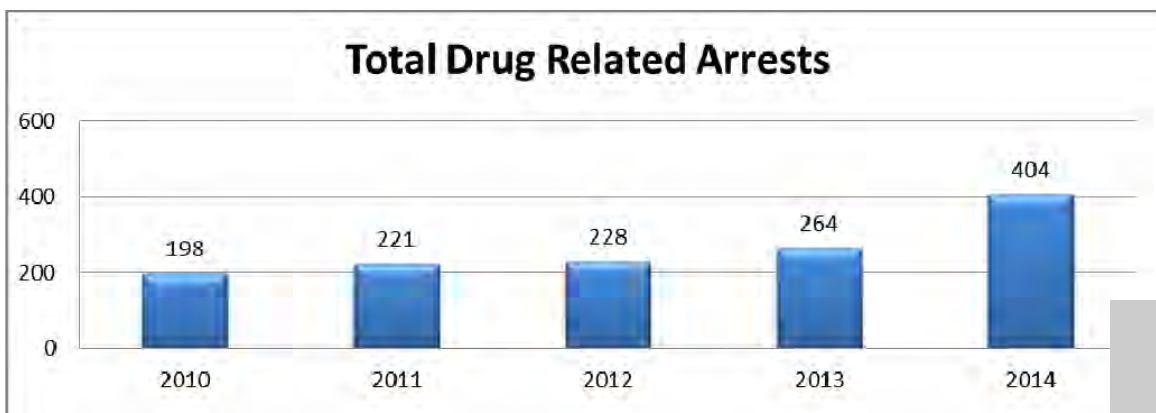
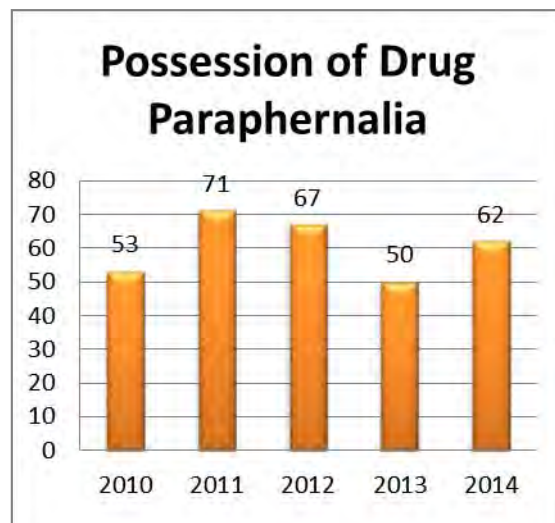
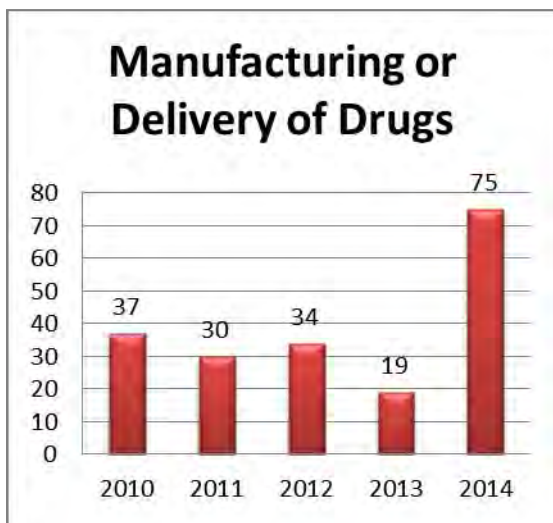
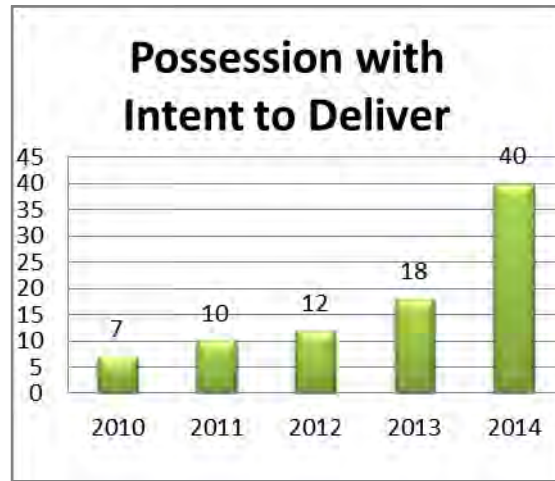
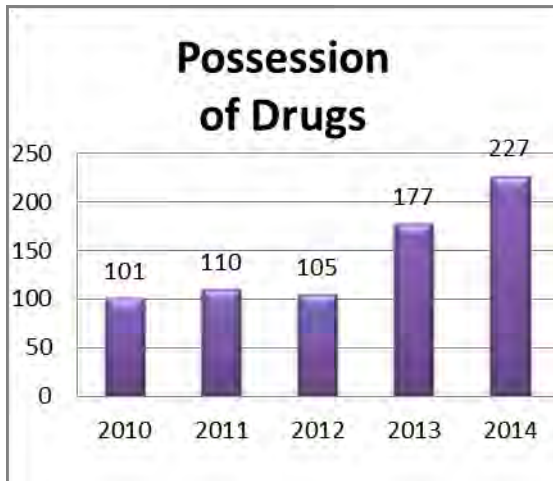
Calls for Service

2013	Types of Calls for Service—continued	2014
91	Funeral Escort	91
127	Business Security Check	88
103	Battery	84
74	Sexual Assault	82
68	Fire Alarm	72
69	Fire Assist	70
51	EMS Assist	67
32	Warrant Self-Initiated	50
23	Utility Fire Call	50
59	Fireworks Complaint	49
51	Investigation	46
61	Juvenile Alcohol	40
46	Structure Fire	39
78	Attempt To Locate-Non Specific	34
44	Stolen Vehicle	33
10	Crossing Guard Duty	28
51	Open Door	26
17	Threat W/Weapon	24
40	Information	23
37	Nuisance Property	22
16	Juvenile Transport	18
25	DNR Violation	17
16	Subject Stop	17
18	Dead Animal	16
9	Overnight Parking	14
16	Traffic Escort	11
17	Robbery	9
15	Non-Criminal Attempt To Locate	8
8	Traffic Pursuit	7
3	Arson	6
8	Escort	5
11	Repossessed Vehicle	5
5	CO Alarm	3
1	Explosive Event Disp	3
2	Grass Fire	3
2	Officer Safety	3
	Chimney Fire	2
	Blood/Med Transport	1
	School Walk Through	1
1	Weather Info	1
3	Criminal Attempt To Locate	
4	Car/Deer Voluntary	
1	Court Security	

Drug Enforcement

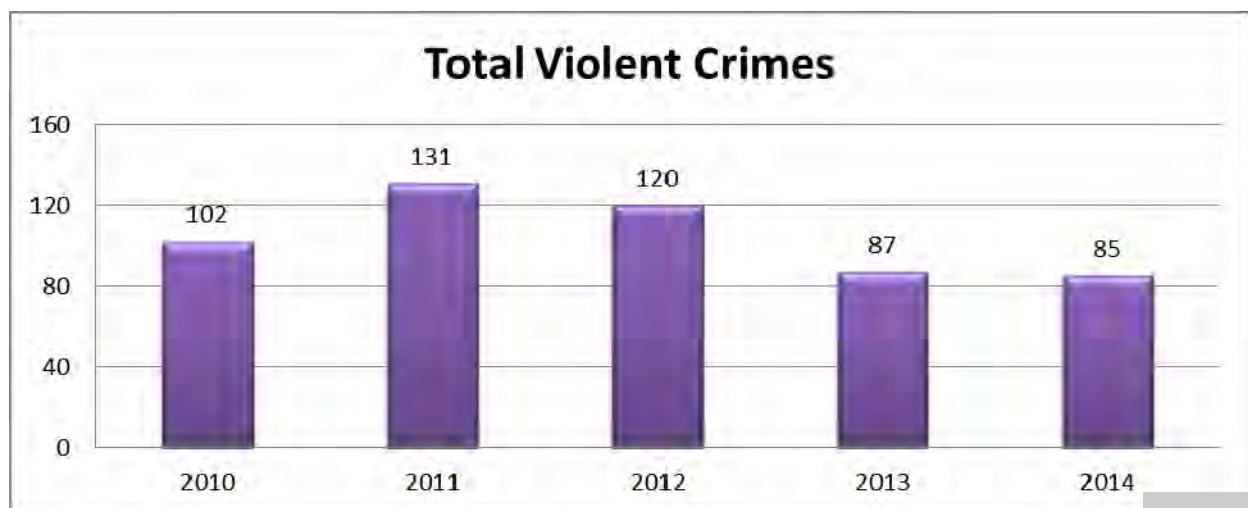
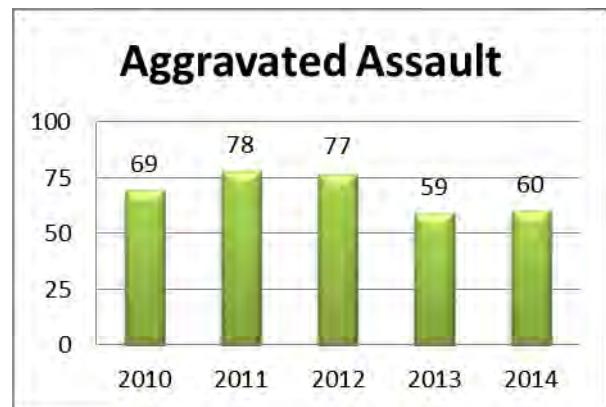
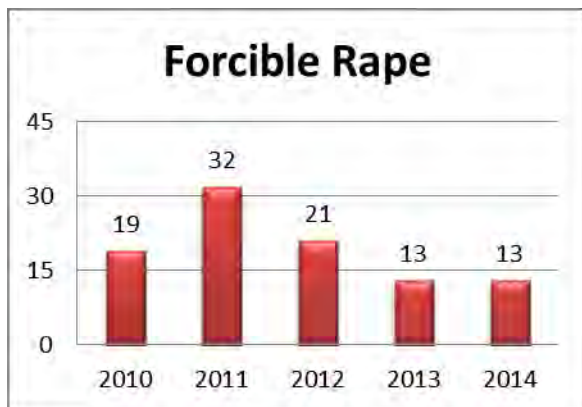
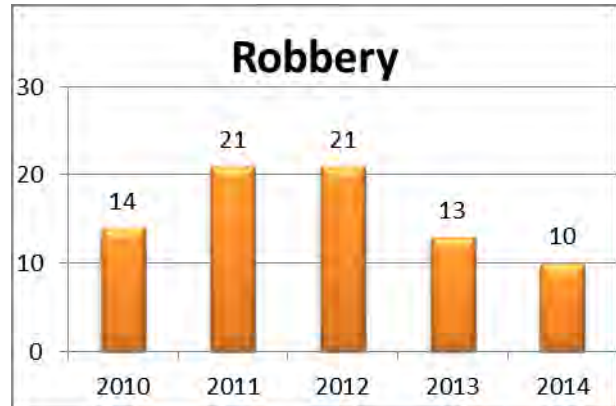
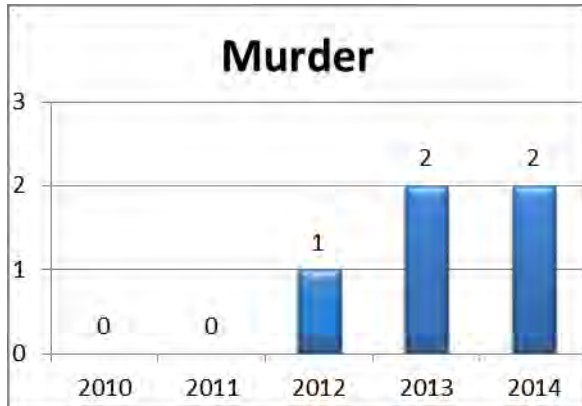
Drug use and abuse continues to drive crime in the City of Wausau. Wausau Police Department continues to dedicate significant resources to combat drug use and drug related crimes. The numbers listed below are total drug arrests within the city limits of Wausau.

This includes both arrests made by Wausau Officers, and arrests made by the Marathon County Special Investigations Unit (which includes two Wausau Officers).



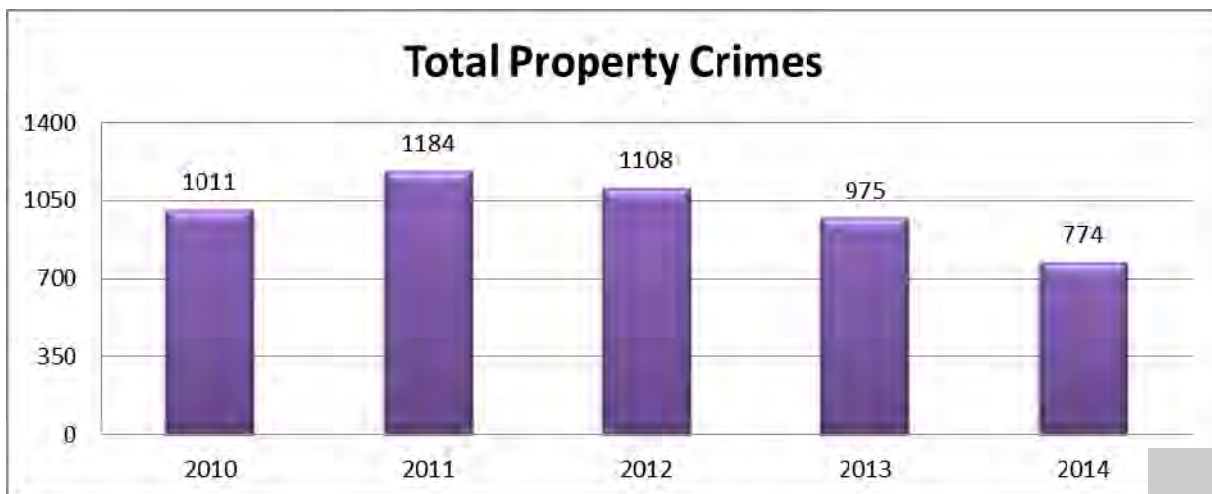
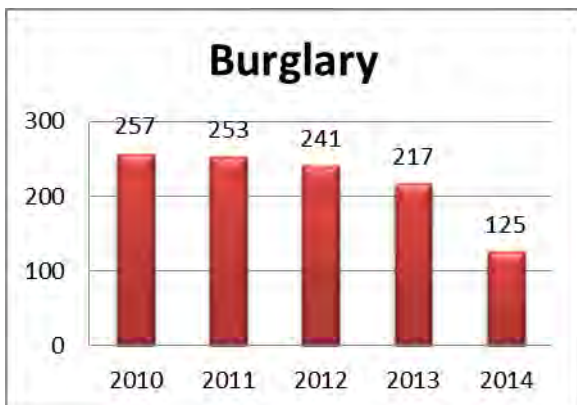
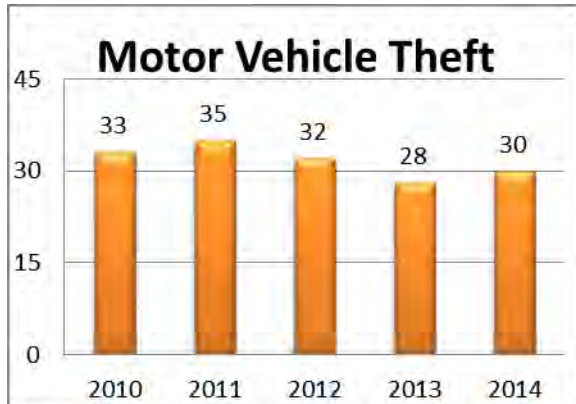
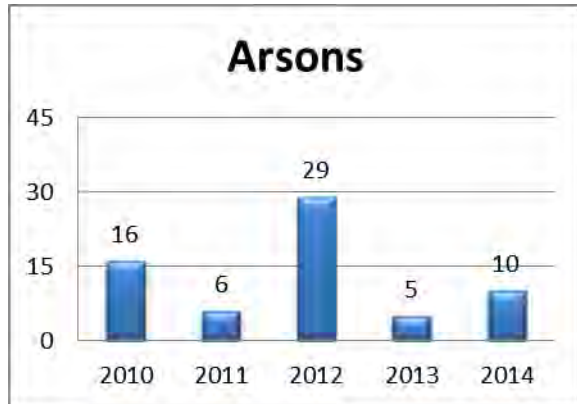
Violent Crime Index

A violent crime is a crime in which the offender uses or threatens to use violent force upon the victim. This entails both crimes in which the violent act is the objective, such as murder, as well as crimes in which violence is the means to an end such as robbery.



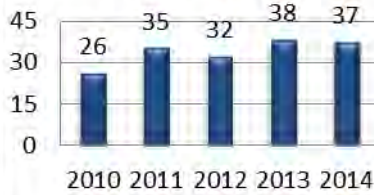
Property Crime Index

Property crime is a category of crime that includes, among other crimes, arsons, motor vehicle theft, burglary, and larceny/theft. Property crimes only involve the taking of money or property and does not involve force or threat of force against a victim.

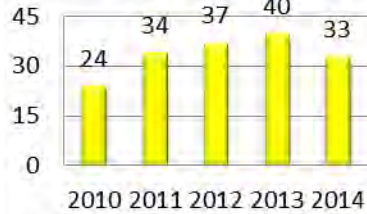


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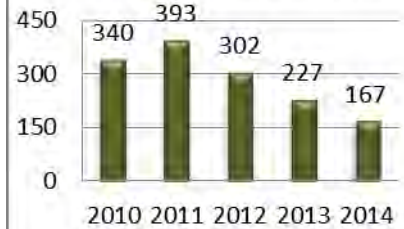
Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle



Smoking on School Property



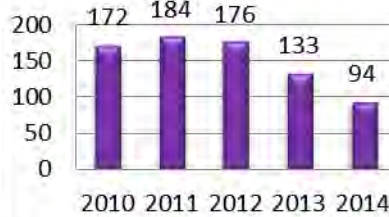
Underage Alcohol Violations



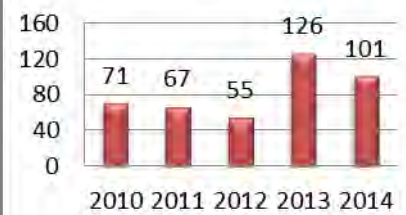
Disorderly Conduct



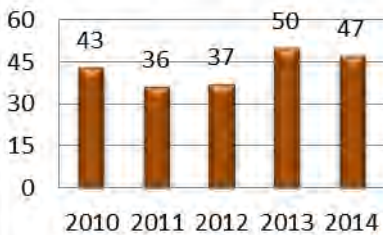
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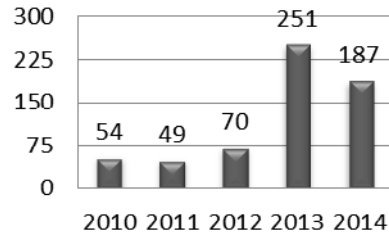
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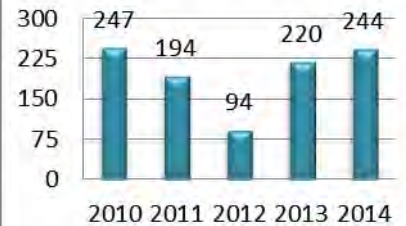
Disturbing the Peace



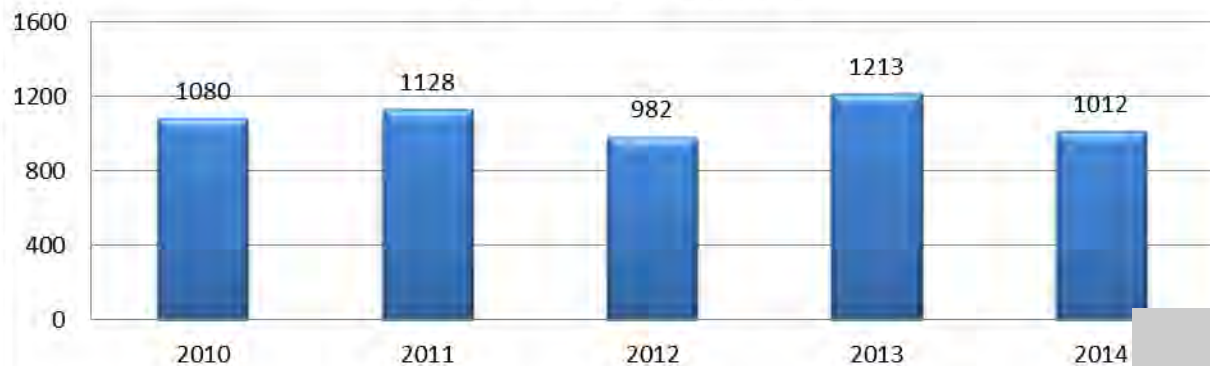
Animal Violations



Other Violations

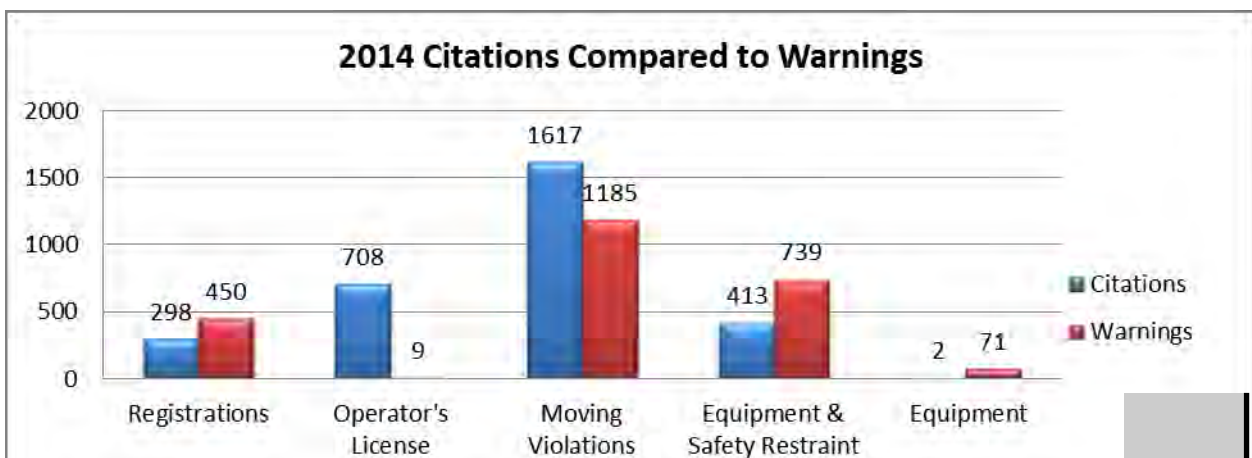
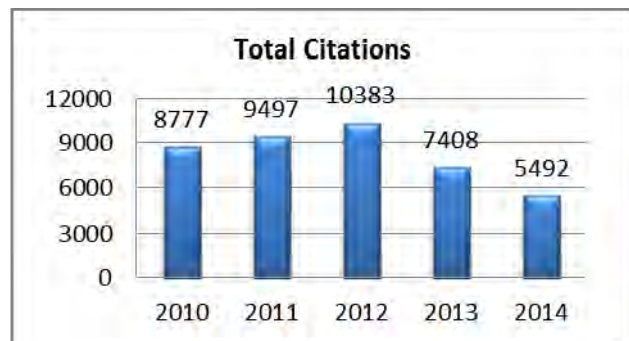
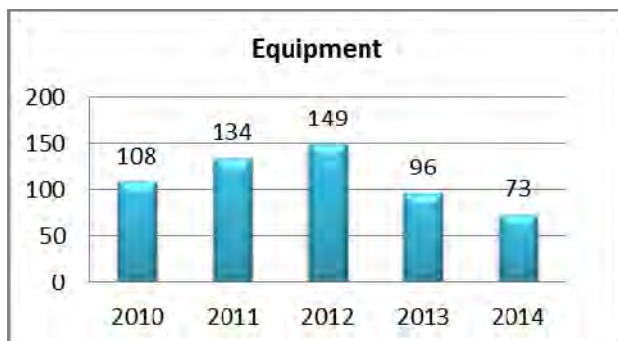


Total Municipal Citations



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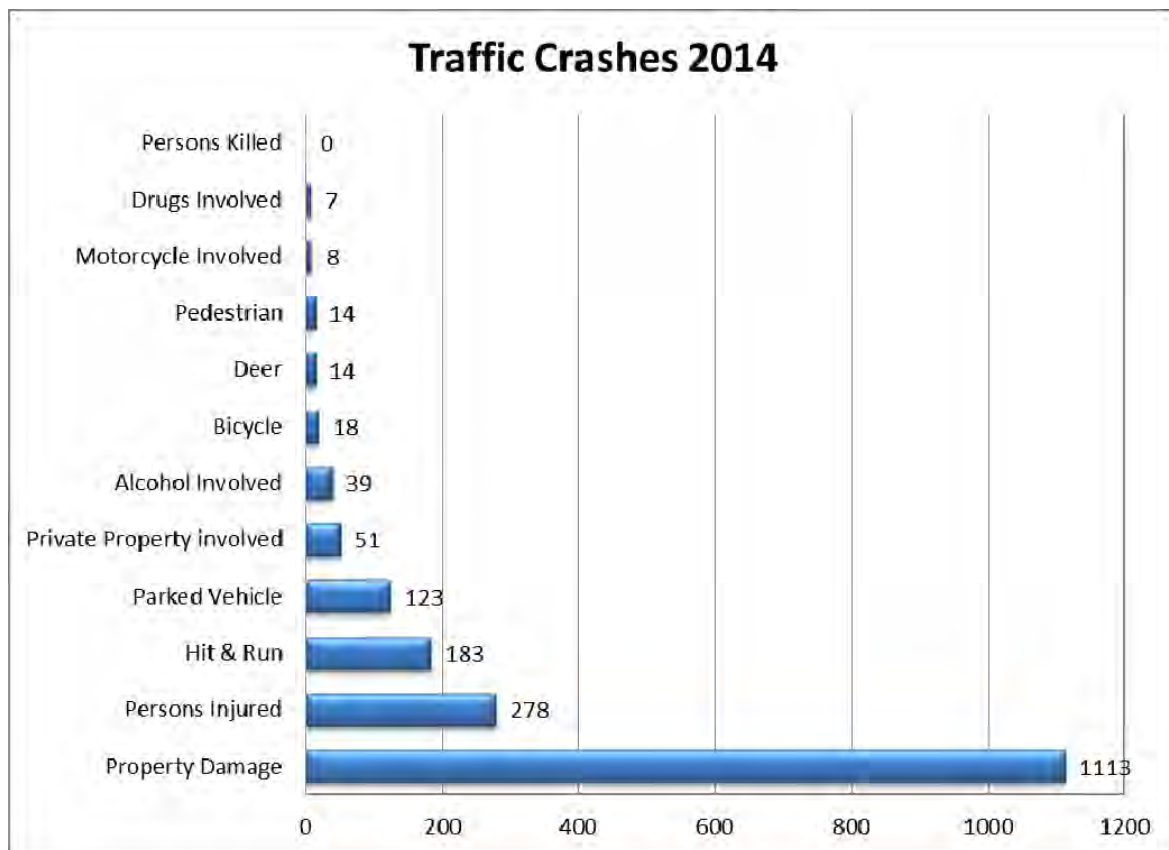
Traffic Citations & Warnings



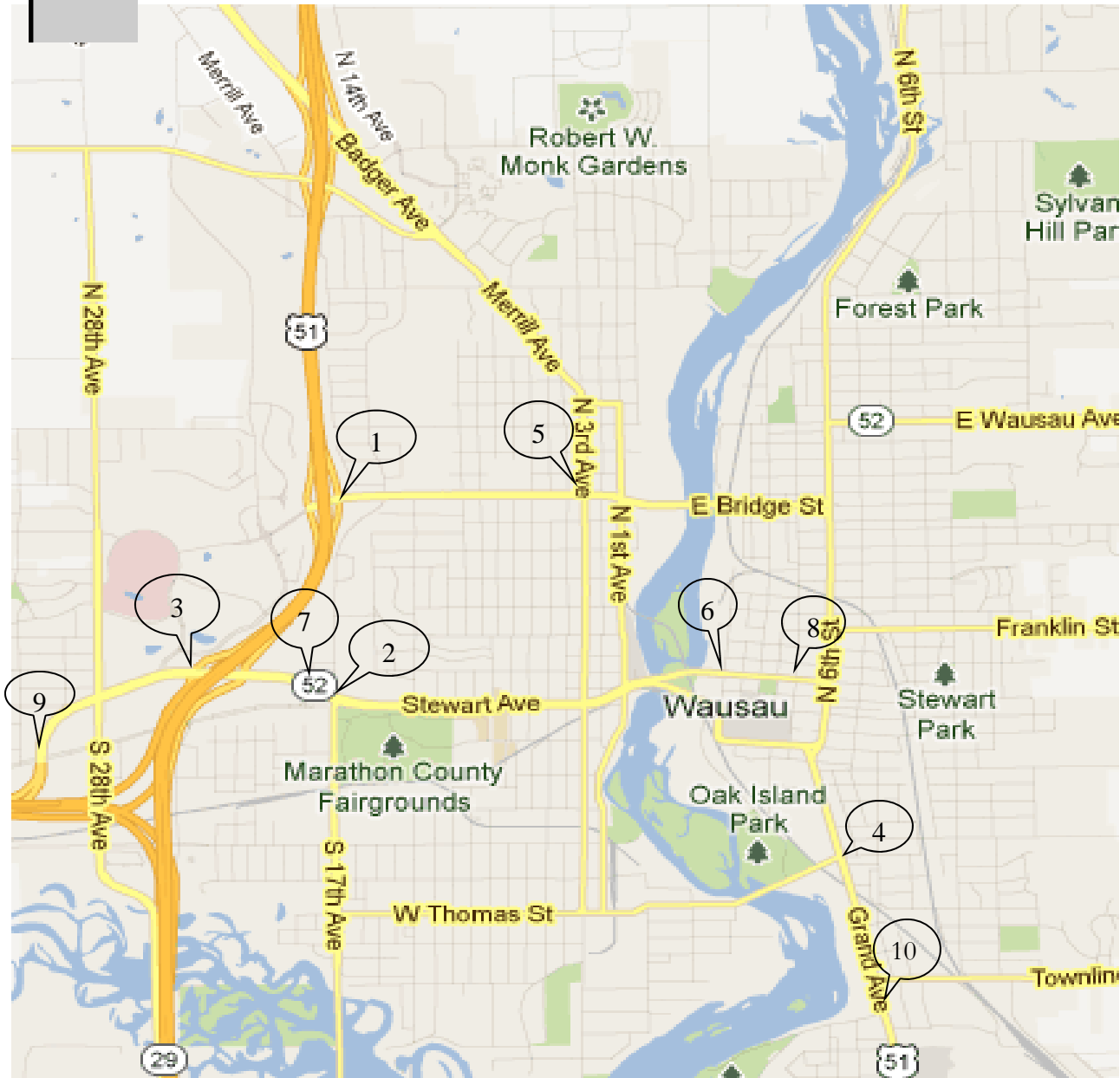
Traffic Crashes

Reportable Accident vs. Non-Reportable Accident—the difference between the two types of accidents is the estimated cost to repair damage sustained by a vehicle in the accident and whether a person is injured. An accident is considered reportable if the damage sustained by one vehicle is greater than \$1000, a person is injured, or if damage to government property occurs with a value over \$200.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Non-Reportable Accident	306	257	248	223	204
Reportable Accident	872	964	931	1118	1124
Total Accidents	1178	1221	1179	1341	1328



Top Ten Crash Locations



1) W Bridge Street/US 51

2) S 17th Ave/Stewart Ave

3) Highway 52 Parkway/US 51

4) Grand Ave/E Thomas St

5) N 3rd Ave/W Bridge St

6) N 1st Street/Scott Street

7) S 18th Ave/Stewart Ave

8) N 5th Street/Scott Street

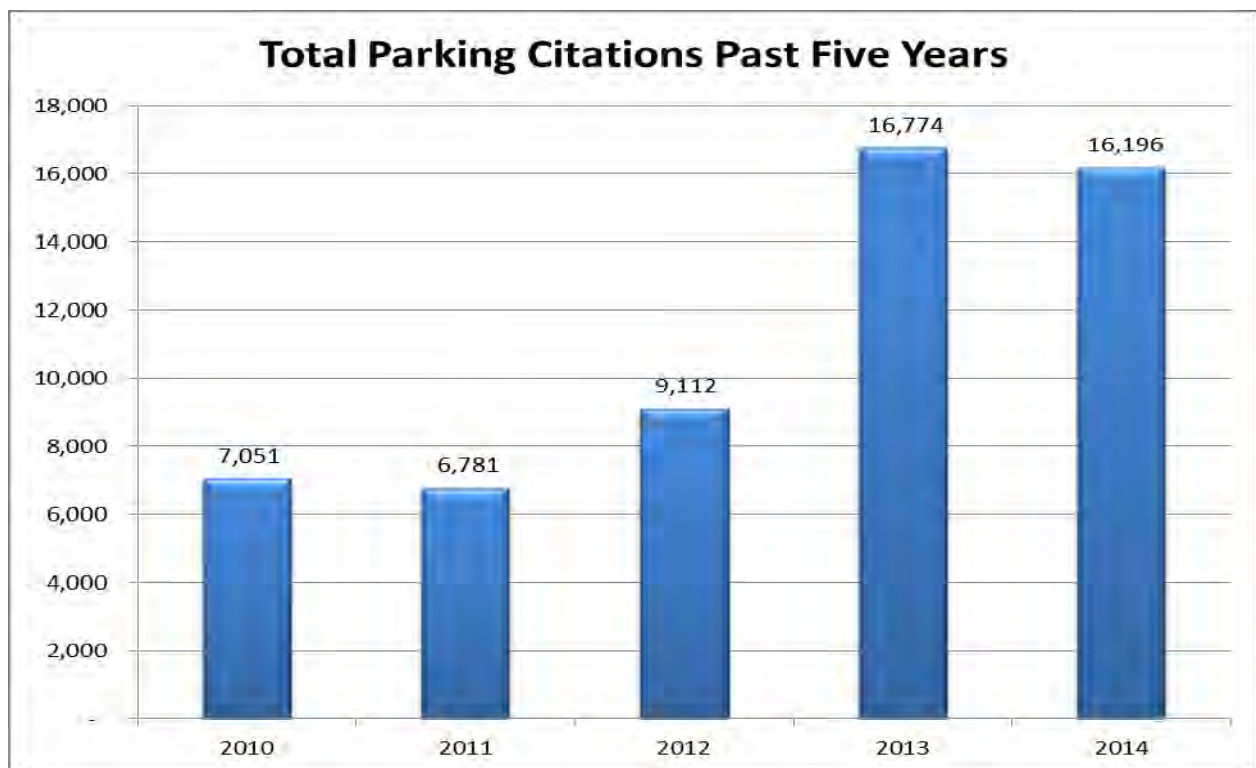
9) Highway 52 Parkway/Stewart Ave

10) Grand Ave/Sturgeon Eddy

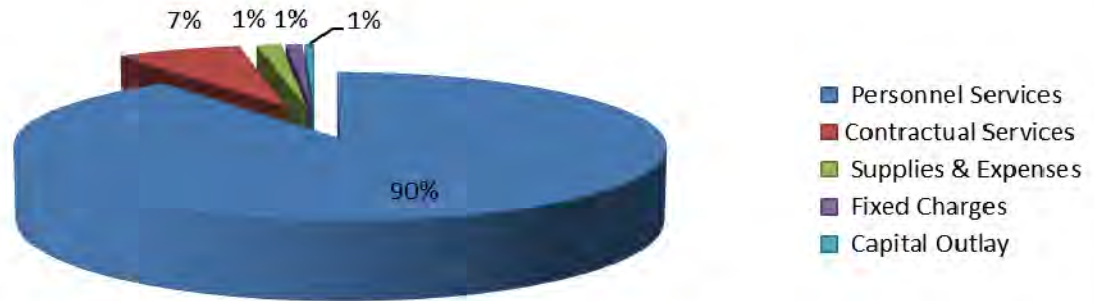
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Parking Citations Issued

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Expired Meter	1,880	1,792	4,151	9,134	7,526
Overtime Parking	224	198	1,262	2,423	2,215
Parked 2:30-6 AM	2,869	2,925	1,537	1,889	3,186
No Permit on City Property	311	288	183	460	1,041
Parked in No Parking Area	291	282	262	444	450
Parked on Private Property	178	148	138	139	228
Handicapped Parking	32	35	28	317	285
Abandoned Vehicle	164	154	158	36	40
All other Violation	1,102	959	1,393	1,932	1,225
Total Parking Citations Issued	7,051	6,781	9,112	16,774	16,196



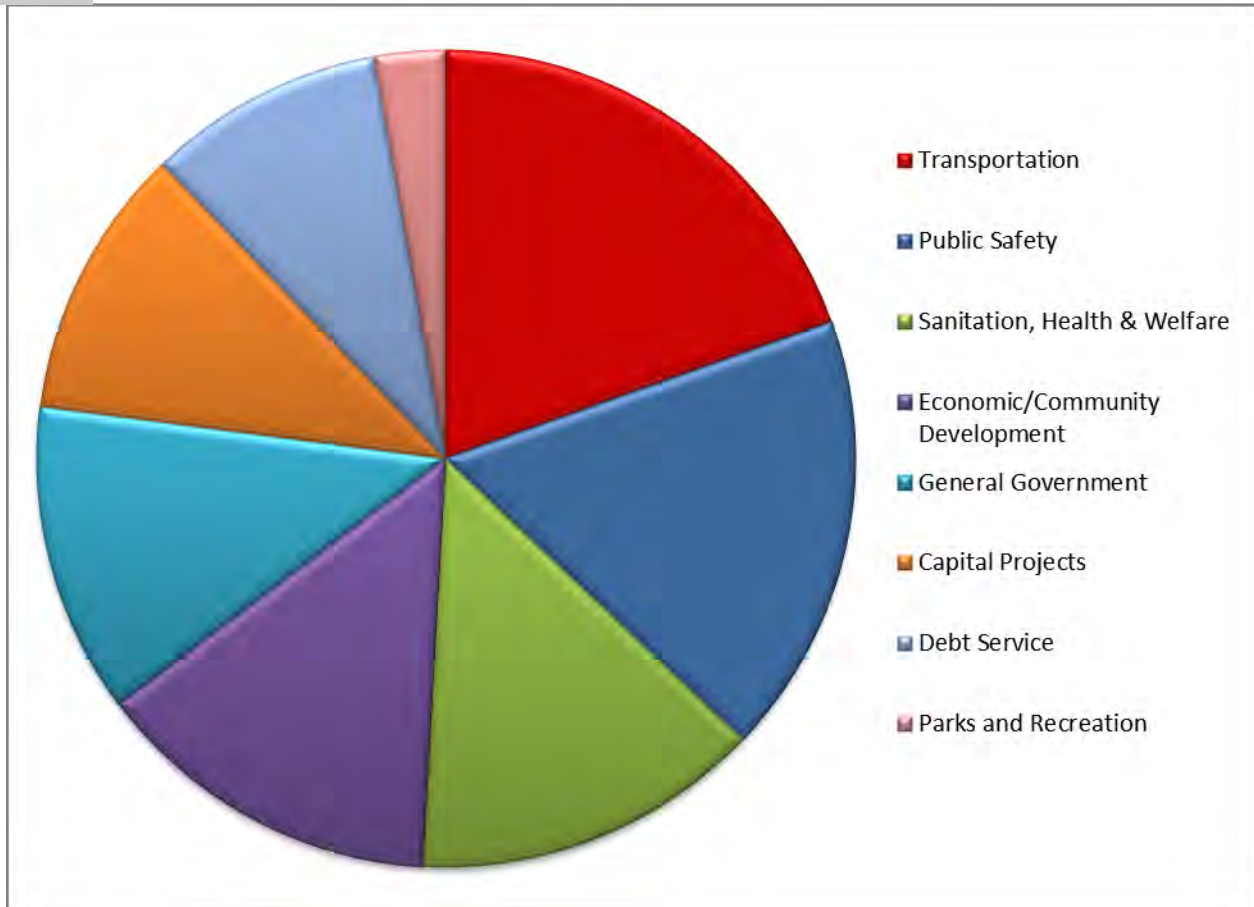
2014 Police Budget Summary



	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual
Personnel Services	\$7,273,345	\$7,550,276	\$7,407,626	\$7,719,852	\$7,474,660
Contractual Services	584,000	639,509	667,130	565,259	586,619
Supplies & Expenses	84,394	103,143	97,247	89,616	115,868
Fixed Charges	63,027	67,868	74,752	84,457	71,921
Capital Outlay	4,056	2,235	6,424	75,720	44,478
Total Expenses	\$8,008,823	\$8,363,030	\$8,253,179	\$8,534,904	\$8,293,546
Intergovernmental Grants /Aids	\$201,697	\$209,044	\$206,105	\$211,547	\$186,598
Public Charges	17,463	15,442	19,795	23,383	33,146
Intergovernmental Charges	324,299	327,000	299,879	304,619	309,014
Miscellaneous	65,350	92,663	16,426	94,337	126,996
Other Financing Sources	35,000	38,500	87,743	29,290	-
Total Revenues	\$643,809	\$682,649	\$629,948	\$663,176	\$655,754

Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

2014 City of Wausau Expenditures



Transportation	\$	16,833,164
Public Safety		15,058,840
Sanitation, Health & Welfare		11,927,320
Economic/Community Development		11,924,612
General Government		10,565,892
Capital Projects		9,264,003
Debt Service		8,086,996
Parks and Recreation		2,419,032
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Total Expenditures	\$	<u>86,079,859</u>



Memorials

Retired Wausau Police Officer William (Bill) Jensen Passes Away

Monday, August 19, 2013, Bill Jensen passed away at Aspirus Hospital. Bill was a Police Officer with the department for 30 years before retiring to enjoy his love of fishing and hunting. One of Bill's accomplishments while on the force was graduating from Northwestern University Accident Reconstruction Training Course. He held badge number 672 as a Patrolman.



Loss of a Retired Officer David Lewitzke June 23, 1931—September 8, 2014



Retired officer, David Lewitzke, passed away September 8, 2014. Dave worked as a Patrolman for the Wausau Police Department for 31 years, retiring in 1993. Dave had a ton of stories about walking the beat, picking up stray animals, and helping out with any call he could, and he was happy to share them! He loved to talk about all the stories from “the old days.” Even 20 years after retirement, Dave was still attending lodge meetings, and enjoyed reminiscing about his career on the force. After retirement, he loved spending time with his grandchildren, taking care of the garden, snowmobiling, and hunting.

The love of his life, Elaine, passed away just 2 months before Dave. September 8th he joined her on what would have been their 58th wedding anniversary. He loved telling everyone he encountered that divine intervention brought the two together, and the secret to a happy marriage was two words: “yes, dear!”

Dave made friends wherever he went, and will be missed by many.

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Memorials



Loss of a Crossing Guard Todd Seliskar November 2, 1967—September 16, 2014

Todd was a terrific Crossing Guard. Always upbeat and happy-go-lucky. He always waved at people driving by when he was on duty, especially school bus and city bus drivers. Todd was also in the Wausau Emergency Police unit until last year; he had to resign due to too much on his plate. Upon our last conversation with him, Todd had planned to rejoin the Emergency Police in October.

Loss of K-9 Foster December 2001—September 2014

After many years of service to the Wausau Police Department and the City of Wausau, K-9 Foster died unexpectedly. The department and community have many fond memories of Foster and the work he accomplished. Foster contributed to many cases, but if you ask some of the officers, a lot of the best stories were far more entertaining than drug busts!

Officer Dave Landretti and Foster were a staple in this community for a long time as he attended many events and performed many demonstrations. The community owes both Dave and Foster a huge thanks for their service.



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Retirements

Paul Luoma
Evidence Custodian 9 years
42 years of serving Wausau
January 1971 to December 2013



Lieutenant James Wadinski (Wad)
Badge # 806
33 years of service
September 1980 to February 2014

Officer Mark Klein
Badge # 842
30 years of service
March 1984 to May 2014





Retirements



Detective Mary Wogernese
Badge # 852
29 years of service
March 1985 to June 2014



K9 Pluto
9 years of service
September 2005 to December 2014



Promotions & Assignments

Captain Benjamin Bliven
Promoted to Patrol Captain
March 2013



Lieutenant Nathan Pekarske
Promoted to Lieutenant
March 2013

Lieutenant Michael Felder
Promoted to Lieutenant
September 2013



Lieutenant Melinda Pauls
Promoted to Lieutenant
May 2014

Promotions & Assignments

**Detective Jon Kindlarski
Promoted to Detective
November 2014**

**Officer Anthony Reince
Assigned to School Resource Officer
November 2014**



**Officer Andrew Hartwig
Assigned to School Resource Officer
January 2013**

**Officer Jeffrey Schremp
Assigned to School Resource Officer
April 2013**





Awards

**Officer Anthony Reince
Lifesaving Award
January 2013**



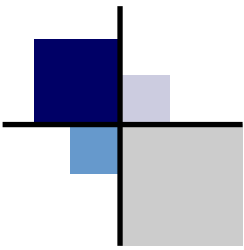
**Captain Bryan Hilts
United Way's "Advocate of the Year"
January 2013**



**Officer Jacob Albee
Veterans of Foreign Wars "Americanism"
WI Professional Police Association "Meritorious"
March 2013**



**Officer Shawn Pierschalla
Noon Optimist "Respect for Law"
May 2013**



Awards

Officer Lisa Rennie
Asian Gang Investigator's Association
Honored for years of service on Board
June 2013

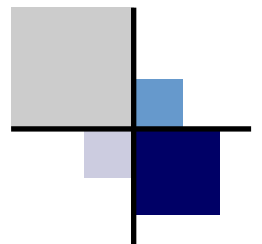


Officer Nathaniel Stetzer
Officer Sarah Bedish
Officer Anthony Reince
Lifesaving Awards
January 2014

Detective Nathan Cihlar
Veterans of Foreign Wars "Americanism Award"
March 2014



Officer Anthony Reince
Lifesaving Award
May 2014





Awards

Officer Jillian Kurtzhals
Noon Optimist “Respect for Law”
May 2014



Chief Jeff Hardel
Wausau City Council Recognition for roll in Acting Fire Chief
July 2014

Awards

Detective Jennifer Holz
Featured presenter at
National Drug Endangered Children
Conference in Florida
October 2014



Captain Benjamin Bliven
20 Under 40 Nomination
November 2014

Lieutenant Craig Dunbar
Wausau School District's
"Friends of Education"
November 2014





Welcome New Hires!



Officer Jacob Chittum
May 2013



Parking Control Specialist
Angela Lewitzke
November 2013



Evidence Custodian
Aimee Castillo
December 2013



Welcome New Hires!



Officer Katie Mallum
Officer Garrett Carr
Officer Brian Burkhardt
Officer Rory Jirovec
April 2014

Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Friday
April 2014



Officer Matthew Withrow
May 2014



K9 Units



Officer Mark Jaeger & K9 Pluto

Officer Mark Jaeger and K9 Pluto were partners for 9 years. Pluto retired at the end of 2014 at the age of 12. Pluto is a Belgian Malinois and was born in Holland.

In 2014, Pluto completed 180 searches.

Officer David Landretti & K9 Foster

Officer David Landretti and K9 Foster were partners for 9 years. Foster passed away in September 2014. Foster was a German Shepherd born in the Netherlands.

In 2014, Foster completed 172 searches.



Officer David Jordan & K9 Mabel

Officer David Jordan and K9 Mabel are partners for 8 years. Mabel is a Belgian Malinois.

In 2014, Mabel completed 85 searches.

Officer Shawn Fritsch & K9 Zanto

Officer Shawn Fritsch and K9 Zanto became partners in May of 2014. Zanto is a 3 year German Shepherd born in Germany.

In 2014, Zanto completed 115 searches.



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SWAT



SWAT members are from left to right:

Carol Yaron, Jeff Stefonek, Eric Heggelund,
Dean Stangl, & Andrew Hartwig

Pictured right:
Officer Andrew Hartwig



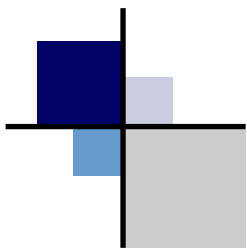
The photo of the Marathon Armored Rescue Vehicle (MARV) was taken at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.



Emergency Police

The Emergency Police Unit of The Wausau Police Department was formed in 1951 to assist the department with traffic and crowd control. The unit is staffed by volunteers who volunteered over 3000 hours of service last year. The Unit assists with all of the parades, races, the Balloon Rally & Glow, the Wisconsin Valley Fair, The Festival of the Arts, Art in the Park, and other events as needed. The Unit is also ready for any Emergency, such as; storms, floods, or other happenings where the police may need additional staffing for scene security and crowd control. Wausau Emergency Police have training at various times during the year and work hard to be ready. The present director is Larry W. Jaeger and his executive officer is Major Frank Schuelke. There are three Squads and at present, 35 Officers. As in any volunteer organization, we are always looking for new recruits. A candidate must be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check and an interview to become a member. Our members range in age from 18 to 70 plus, both male and female. The unit provides the uniform, except pants and shoes. Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact the police department.





Explorer Post

Wausau Police Department Explorer Post #0442

The Wausau Police Department Explorer Post #0442 was very active during 2013 and 2014. The Explorer Post allows youth between the ages of 14-21 years old to learn about law enforcement and is a very unique hands on experience. Post meetings were held two times a month and explorers learned about a wide variety of topics including ethics, traffic stops, and responding to many different kinds of calls for service.

In both 2013 and 2014, explorer post members assisted the Emergency Police directing traffic at the Rib Fest and Balloon Rally. The explorers also organized a team to raise money and participate in the Light the Night fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

In 2013 and 2014 the explorers participated in the WI Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association statewide competition. During the competition, the explorers participated in numerous events including conducting traffic stops, crime scene response, responding to a burglary in progress, and crisis negotiations. During the 2013 conference one of our teams placed 3rd in responding to a Burglary in Progress and 2014 conference one of our teams placed 3rd in Crime Scene Search.

In both 2013 and 2014 the explorers were giving the opportunity to go to Camp Tesomas in Rhinelander. During the camp, explorers worked on team building, worked on target practice, rode ATV's, and participated in many other fun activities.



Explorers Eric Brushhart and Kaylee Weadow placed 3rd in responding to a Burglary in Progress during the 2013 State competition.



Explorers practicing room clearing.

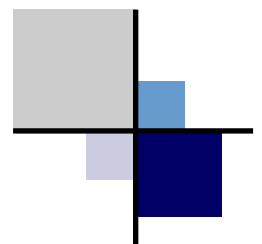


Explorers Ryan Lynch, Harmony Danielson, Kaylee Weadow, and Eric Brushhart placed 3rd in Crime Scene Response during the 2014 State Competition.



Explorers practicing ground handcuffing.

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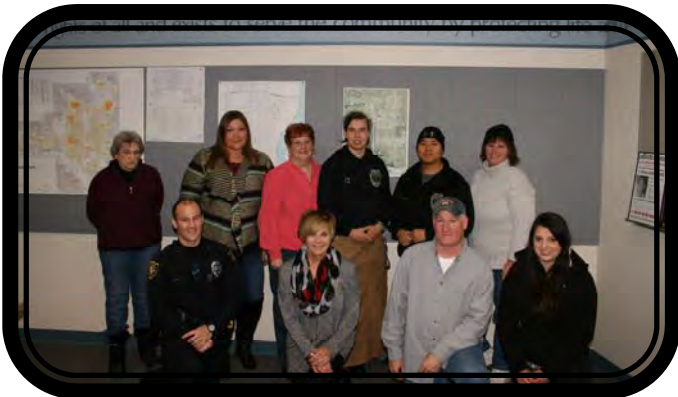
Citizens Police Academy

The Wausau Police Department embraces a style of policing that involves a close working relationship with our community. In an effort to strengthen and enhance this relationship, our agency offers a creative venture to develop an increased partnership with our citizens.

Our department designed an eight week police course for citizens of Wausau, and the surrounding communities, called “Citizen’s Police Academy.” Our Citizen’s Police Academy has three goals:

- Provide citizens with a better understanding and knowledge of the Wausau Police Department’s operations, practices, and functions
- Strengthen the community’s support and involvement
- Create better communication and working relationships between the citizens and Wausau Police Department.

Citizens learn about drug identification/investigations, OWI investigations, and interview/statement analysis. Citizens have an opportunity to participate in simulated firearms training and a demonstration of the Taser X26 (electronic control weapon). Citizens also tour the Wausau Police Department, Marathon County Jail, and Marathon County Dispatch Center.



Class of November 2014

Class of May 2014



Community Events

February 2013, the Marathon County Dive Team volunteered time to help ensure the safety of the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Sunny Vale Park in Wausau.



February 2013, Officers Dave Landretti and Mark Jaeger donated their time to the Stable Hands fundraiser. An Equine Therapy Center designed to enhance the quality of life for special needs individuals.

March 2013, Lieutenant Dwayne Dachel posing with a future police officer.



Community Events



April 2013, basketball game between Law Enforcement and the Boys and Girls Club.

May 2013, Officers attended the Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony on the 400 Block.



June 2013, Wausau Police Department, Probation & Parole, and Everest Metro Police Department participated in a Kickball Tournament to benefit Special Olympics.



Community Events



Every year the Wausau Police Department is involved with the Torch Run for Special Olympics.

In 2013, Motor Cycles Officers Mark Klein and Mark Kurtzhals escort the torch runner.

2014 Law Enforcement participants are shown below.



June 2013, Officer Maureen Pilsner escorted area safety patrols to Washington DC. One patroller from each school is chosen to attend based on their; leadership, responsibilities, making good decisions, and are role models for other students.



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Community Events

The Wausau Police Benefit Association has sponsored veterans in the Never Forgotten Honor Flight program.

In 2013, Captain Bryan Hilts and Detective Jeff Strobach participated in the flights as guardians.



August 2013, Officer Landretti and K9 Foster demonstrated the tactics used with a K9 at Camp Sturtevant.

September 2013, Wausau Police provided a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for the Pink Floyd Tribute concert crowd on the 400 Block.



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Community Events



September 2013, Out of the Darkness Walk. This fundraiser brings awareness and resources to help eliminate suicide.

Each year, the Wausau Professional Benevolent Association donates turkeys to the Neighbors' Place.



October 2014, Wausau Police Department participates in the Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Special Olympics.

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Community Events



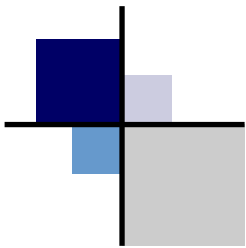
September 2014, Marathon County District Attorney's office and the Wausau Police Department participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge. The Wausau Fire Department provided the aerial fire truck and fire hose to douse the participants.

The Ice Bucket Challenge was a way to raise money for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). This event raised over \$500 for this cause.

October 2014, Wausau Police Benefit Association sponsors a friendly game of basketball with the Green Bay Packer's basketball team 'The Legends'. The game was held at Wausau East High School in 2014.



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2014 Department Photos



Chief Jeff Hardel 805



Capt Greg Hagenbucher 861



Capt Benjamin Bliven 001



Lt Edward Gault 801



Lt Craig Dunbar 841



Lt Mark Pankow 921



Lt Dwayne Dachel 891



Lt Michael Juedes 862



Lt William Kolb 931



Lt Luke Heindel 882



Lt Matt Barnes 005



Lt Nathan Pekarske 061



Lt Todd Baeten 022



Lt Michael Felder 934



Lt Melinda Pauls 024



Det Jeff Strobach 913



Det Cord Buckner 974



Det Kay Hansen 962

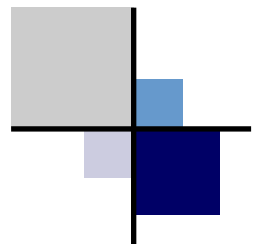


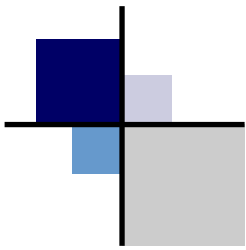
Det Nathan Cihlar 054



Det Nathan Pauls 991

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Det Jennifer Holz 012



Det Jon Kindlarski 081



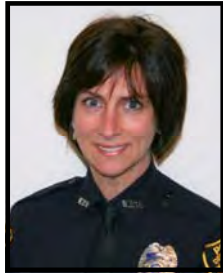
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Ofc Roy Umlauf 893



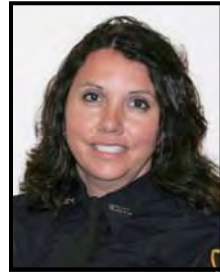
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Ofc Lisa Rennie 911



Ofc David Jordan 912



Ofc Maureen Pilsner 914



Ofc Thomas Hines 922



Ofc Mark Jaeger 924



Ofc Brent Tidquist 933



Ofc Paul Piskoty 935



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Ofc Dean Talg 941



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Ofc Joe St. Amand 971



Ofc Thomas Peterson 973

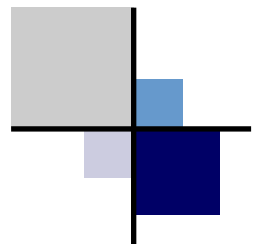


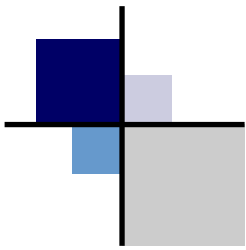
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Ofc John Jurasin 011

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Ofc Bill Taylor 023



Ofc David Prokop 025



Ofc Dale Zander 041



Ofc Jillian Kurtzhals 043



Ofc Sandra Hunt 044



Ofc Nathan Porath 045



Ofc Anthony Reince 047



Ofc Shawn Fritsch 051



Ofc Andrew Hartwig 071



Ofc Jeffrey Schremp 072



Ofc Matt VanLieshout 074



Ofc Shawn Pierschalla 075



Ofc Jacob Albee 076



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Ofc Patrice Pettigrew 092



Ofc Eric Lemirand 093



Ofc Sarah Bedish 111

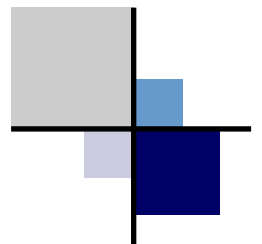


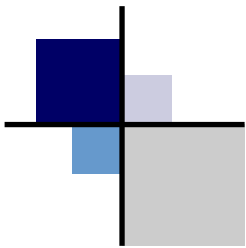
Ofc Koua Thao 113



Ofc Nathaniel Stetzer 121

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Ofc Nick Stetzer 123



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Ofc Garrett Carr 141



Ofc Brian Burkhardt 143



Ofc Rory Jirovec 145



Humane Officer
Ashlee Bishop



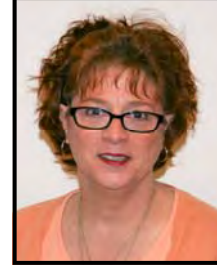
Administrative Supervisor
Susan Lang



LE Computer Tech
Cheryl Stieve



Administrative Assistant
Mary Jordan



Administrative Assistant
Linda Turk



Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Friday



Parking Control Specialist
Pamela Finch



Parking Control Specialist
Angela Lewitzke



Evidence Custodian
Aimee Castillo



K9 Pluto



K9 Mabel



K9 Zanto

