

Wausau Police Department



2017 Annual Report

Partnering with the Community

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Command Staff



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Chief of Police



Benjamin Bliven
Deputy Chief

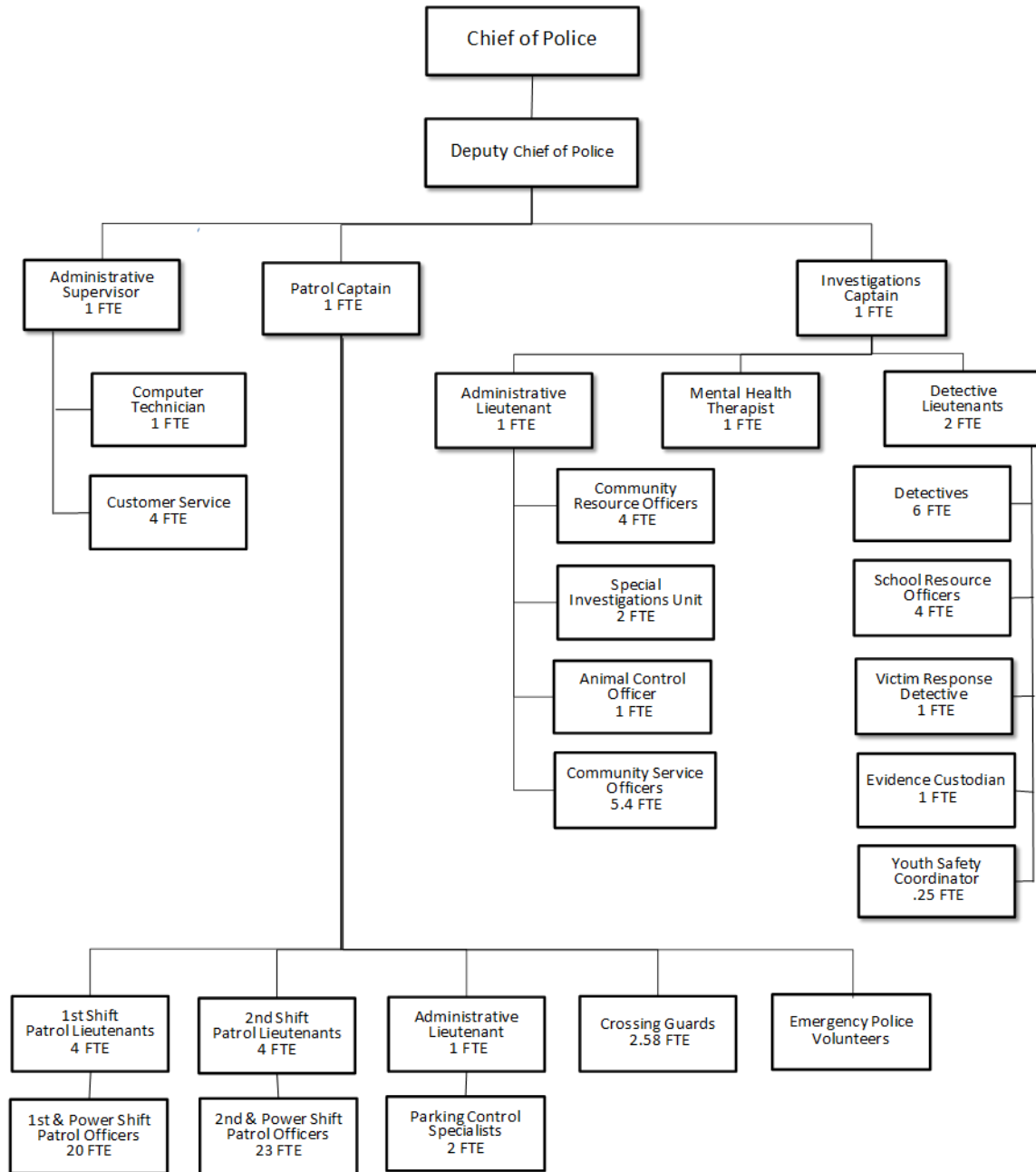


Matthew Barnes
Investigations Captain



Todd Baeten
Patrol Captain

Police Department Organizational Chart



Wausau City Government

Robert Mielke, Mayor

Lisa Rasmussen, City Council President



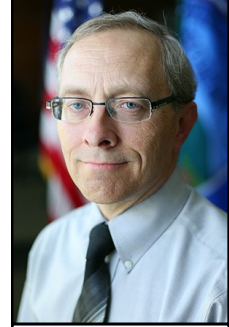
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Mayor



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First District



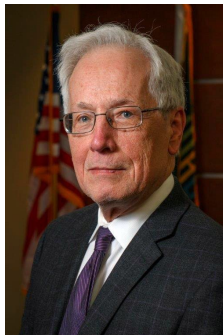
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Second District



David Nutting
Third District



Tom Neal
Fourth District



Gary Gisselman
Fifth District



Becky McElhane
Sixth District



Lisa Rasmussen
Seventh District



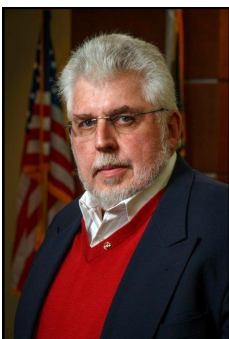
Karen Kellbach
Eighth District



Joe Gehin
Ninth District



Sherry Abitz
Tenth District



Dennis Smith
Eleventh District

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Police & Fire Commissioners

William Graef, Chair



William Graef



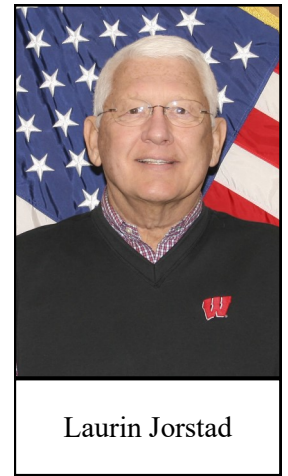
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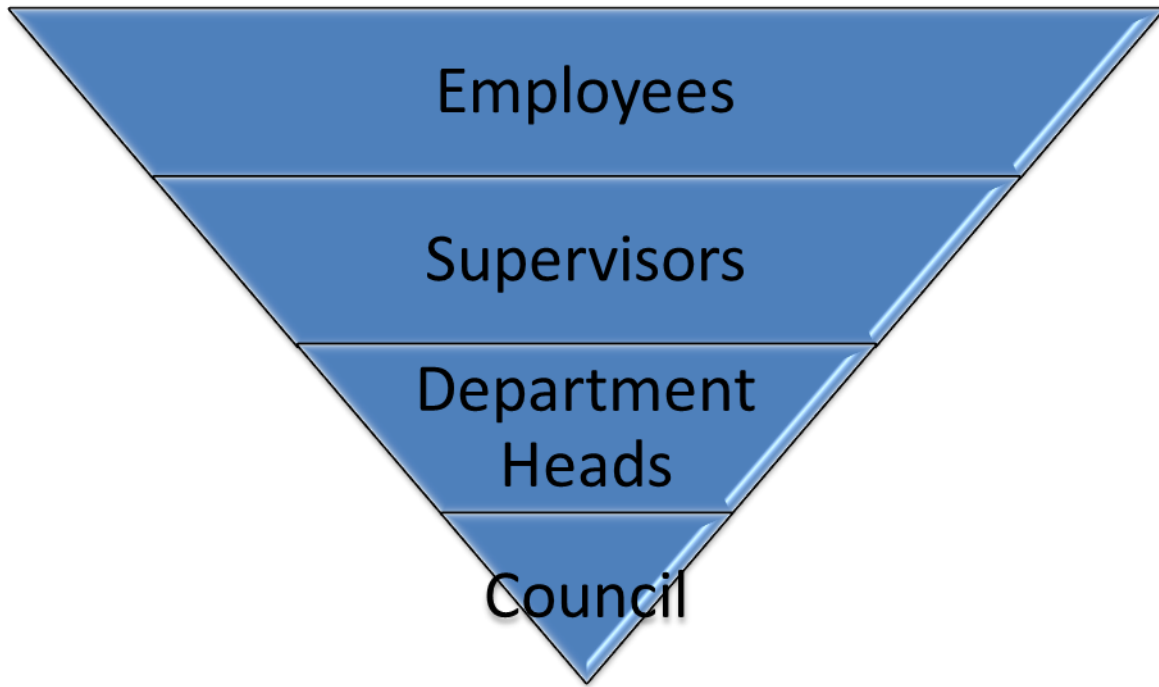


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Service to Our Citizens



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 strives for excellence and partners with our community to enhance the quality of life.

Vision

To be regarded as the standard of excellence in policing

Core Values

Integrity

Professionalism

Accountability

Respect

Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

Deputy Chief Benjamin Bliven



The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence and partners with our community to enhance the quality of life. This is our mission statement and we use it daily to make decisions for our department and our community. As our guiding principle, this mission statement continues to help us maintain our focus and our spirit.

We have a vested interest in making the Wausau community a better place. This is the “enhancing the quality of life” component of our mission statement. We live here, our family lives here, our children go to school here, and our friends live here as well. It is a great privilege to come to work each day and receive a salary to enhance the quality of life in our community. Our spirit is strengthened each time we are able to help a fellow community member. These are things that push us forward to do good work even though we are often caught in a quagmire of dysfunctional situations.

2017 was an extraordinarily difficult year for our community as a whole and for law enforcement professionals specifically. On March 22, 2017, four community members were shot and killed during one man’s rage. These four people, Diane Look, Karen Barclay, Sara Quirt-Sann, and Jason Weiland, were all cherished members of our community. Their families and friends will grieve for a long time, as will our community.

When incidents like March 22 occur, a heavy burden is placed on law enforcement to “handle” things. We must stop the threat, first and foremost, to prevent further lives being lost. We have to investigate the incident and present reports to the district attorney for prosecution. We must work with the families of those who lost their lives to make sure they have the resources they need and to provide information regarding the incident and investigation. We work with the businesses and others impacted directly by the crime. All of this requires police officers to bear a significant emotional strain throughout the incident, investigation and, in some cases, the prosecution.

The toll an incident like this takes is exacerbated ten-fold because an officer was also killed. Jason Weiland was a long time, well-respected police officer in this community. He was a friend of most police officers in the county. Even as the incident on March 22 unfolded, and in the days and weeks following, many local law enforcement officers tried to process what happened, worked to manage the stress from the incident itself, and then also began the grieving process because one of the victims was a fellow police officer, our friend. Another component of the significant strain our local law enforcement professionals experienced was the additional worry and concern of our spouses, children, and other family members. Their fears became very vivid and real in the wake of March 22 and this has weighed on the minds of our local police officers and families in the weeks and months following this tragedy.

Immediately following this incident, regular calls for service in our community didn't stop. Officers had to continue their regular daily work and try to manage their emotions while continuing to serve our community. There was little time to grieve and process emotions because work had to get done... our community needed us to continue our important work.

I mention all of this, not to ask for or seek pity from you, but to hopefully paint a picture of the difficult year law enforcement in Central Wisconsin experienced in 2017. There were many acts of kindness, and quite frankly, love, from our community that helped our local police move forward and cope with the tragedy of March 22. This support can only be described as unrelenting in the weeks following. Typing this, I am still moved to tears with the immediate conflicting emotions of sorrow and pride as I contemplate the events of that day and the community support that followed.

It is impossible for me to capture in this article the significance of community support in the recovery of the collective law enforcement group here in Marathon County. There was a deluge of gifts, hugs, cards, letters, spoken words, prayers, food, and so much more. For a month, an officer could not go to a restaurant in uniform without having his or her meal paid for by an anonymous citizen; sometimes there were arguments about who was going to pay for the officer's meal.

This support was, and continues to be, immensely important to us and our families as we continue to recover and refocus on the important work of maintaining the safety and security of our community. Gratitude abounds for each and every act of kindness and love each of you in our community has shown over the last year to the men and women of law enforcement.

In 2018, the Wausau Police Department will continue to strive for excellence, and we resolve to make an even more significant and positive impact in our community. We respond to 40,000 calls for service each year. In every one of those calls we recognize an opportunity exists to have positive impact in the lives of people in our community. Your trust and support of local law enforcement is vitally important to our success as a police department. We will work diligently every day to earn your trust and support by carrying out our work with integrity, accountability, professionalism and respect.

Sincerely,



Benjamin K. Bliven
Deputy Chief

Investigations Captain Matthew Barnes



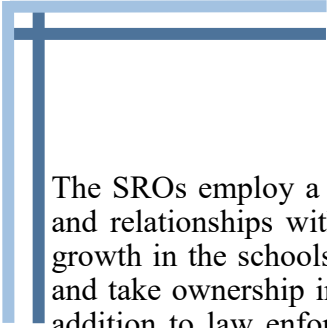
Each year the Command Staff of the Wausau Police Department write a letter for the Annual Report. Last year I wrote my letter as one of the Patrol Captains. My letter focused on the projects of the Wausau Police Department in regards to our efforts in addressing mental health in our area. I am pleased to report significant progress has been made in the mental health arena. Our Victim Resource Unit has continued to develop and continues to serve victims of crime and provide free therapy. Our partnership with the Marathon County Sheriff's Office and North Central Health Care has developed beyond "CIT" Crisis Intervention Training. We now have a CART team. Our Crisis Assessment Response Team is comprised of a Wausau Police Officer partnered with a crisis professional and a Marathon County Sheriff's Deputy partnered with a crisis professional. These two teams work full time serving the needs of citizens in crisis and in need of mental health services. Although new, the work being performed by the CART team has produced very positive results. We are excited to watch this strategy develop.

During 2017, I was privileged to serve at the Detective Captain. The Wausau Police Detective Bureau consists of two Detective Lieutenant's, six Detectives, four School Resource Officers, one Community Resource Unit Lieutenant, four Community Resource Officers, and the Victim Resource Unit (one officer and one therapist).

In addition to investigating homicides, burglaries, robberies, sexual assaults, and other high profile cases, the Detective Bureau has found its caseload involves many more cases of child victims. Approximately 40 percent of the cases investigated by the Detective Bureau are child abuse, child neglect, or sexual assault of a child cases. Investigations involving children require additional steps, time, knowledge, skills, and partnership. We are very grateful for our community partners including Social Services and the Child Advocacy Center. Without a team effort investigating these types of cases, the investigative process would take much longer and be more traumatic to the child victims.

The Community Resource Unit provides many different services to the City of Wausau. Both the Community Resource Unit and our Investigators assigned to the Marathon County Special Investigative Unit conduct drug investigations. The Community Resource Unit is also responsible for the neighborhood groups and provides numerous educational presentations throughout the community. Heroin distribution and use continues to be a significant issue in the City of Wausau. Significant resources are devoted to heroin investigation to include the investigation of overdoses. In 2017 the Community resource Unit executed 44 drug related search warrants.

The Wausau Police Department is pleased to partner with and assist the Wausau School District in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment in which to achieve the District's educational goals. There are four Wausau Police Officers assigned as School Resource Officers, with full-time placement at the high schools and middle schools during the school year. The Wausau Police Department and the District continue to share the cost of this service.



The SROs employ a community policing philosophy within their school communities, seeking to build trust and relationships with students and staff, to partner with them to enhance the quality of life and scholastic growth in the schools. They serve as part of the school administrative team within their respective buildings, and take ownership in the safety and success of their school community. The SRO role is challenging, as in addition to law enforcement duties, the SRO also serves as an educator, an informal counselor, safety and security consultant, and legal resource person for students and school staff. Parents attending athletic events and other school functions will often see SROs engaged there as well.

As you can see, there are a lot of moving parts to the Detective Bureau. I am impressed every day at the commitment of our staff to the Wausau Community, and feel very fortunate to work with such an impressive group of people.

Sincerely,



Matthew Barnes
Investigations Captain

Patrol Captain Todd Baeten



These past 12 months marked my first full year as patrol captain. How grateful I am for the opportunities afforded me by the department and the Wausau community. As we entered the second half of 2017 the Wausau Police Department reached full staff. This was the culmination of hiring approximately 30 new officers since 2014 – no small accomplishment when one considers the statewide shortage of applicants for police officer positions. When taken into account our authorized sworn staff of 76, changing nearly 40% of that staff in a four year period is quite a challenge!

All new officers begin their career with the department in the patrol bureau, thus resulting in our eager and energetic group of patrol officers.

We have been asked how we have managed to hire, train and retain that many new officers in such a short time. I think the key is found in adhering to our department mission and core values. The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence and partners with our community to enhance the quality of life. This mission – coupled with our core values of professionalism, accountability, integrity and respect – offers a template for our recruiting efforts. As we have become more mindful about our hiring practices, we look for those individuals who strive for excellence in their own lives and seek partnerships to benefit the greater good. Those individuals come to us with varied backgrounds. True, many of our candidates have studied criminal justice or a related field, but we are seeing increasingly more applicants looking to change careers. This diversity of thought and experience has enhanced our department’s ability to connect with our community and provide outstanding police services.

Most people’s first contact with our agency is through interacting with a uniformed patrol officer. In 2017, this may have been through one of the more than 7,500 traffic stops conducted by our patrol officers. Perhaps it was due to an officer’s attendance at a neighborhood group meeting, or during a presentation conducted by an officer on a variety of safety and/or prevention topics. Our patrol officers are making connections and are interested in the lives of our citizens. And while we are responsible for policing a city of 40,000, we know that our success lies in serving people one at a time. We are committed to providing excellent service in a timely manner to meet the needs of all.

One area within our circle of influence that is receiving more attention is that of mental health awareness. Communities around the state and nation are wrestling with issues related to mental health. Our patrol officers encounter many individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The Wausau Police Department is making it a priority to properly train our staff in recognizing and addressing these situations. This includes learning and practicing de-escalation skills, being aware of community resources and getting those other resources involved when appropriate.

Additionally, patrol officers with the Wausau Police Department are trained in many specialty areas including K9 Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Crisis Intervention Team, Motorcycle Officer, SWAT, Dive Team, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course Instructor, Defense and Arrest Tactics instructor, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Honor Guard, Crash Reconstruction Team, etc. The depth of commitment and professionalism exhibited by these officers is an example to me. I am extremely proud to serve alongside the men and women of the patrol bureau as we seek to “enhance the quality of life” for Wausau’s citizens.

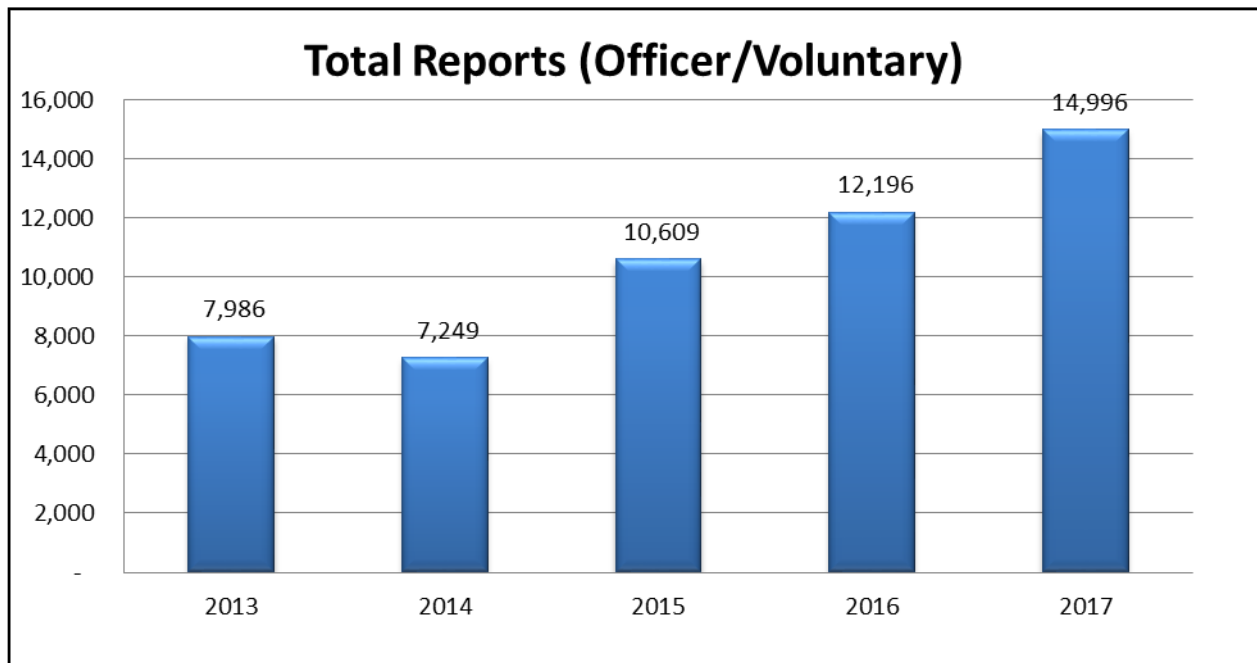
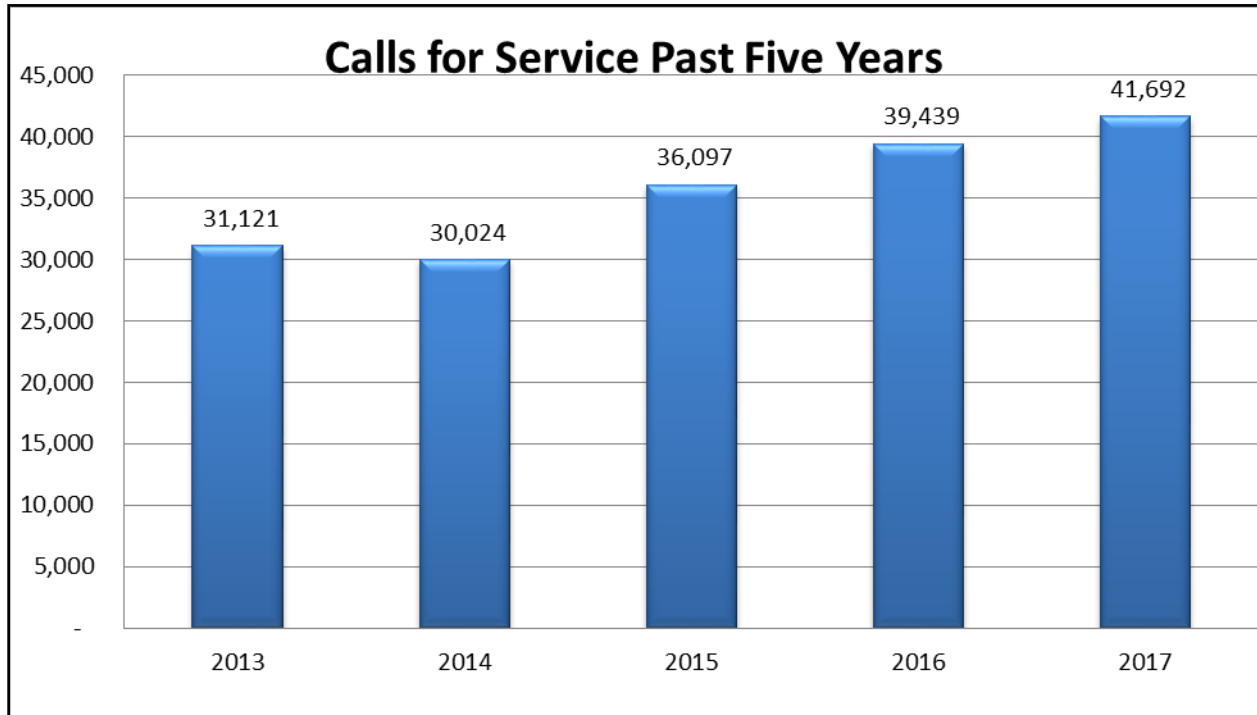
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Baeten', with a stylized, flowing script.

Todd Baeten
Patrol Captain

Calls for Service

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

2016	Types of Calls for Service	2017
6407	Traffic Stop-SI	9799
3441	Criminal Misc.	3089
2101	Service Misc.	2389
1812	Extra Patrol	1788
1771	Suspicious Activity	1711
1328	Welfare Check	1416
1214	Traffic Crash PDO	1207
964	Telephone Message	1043
1347	Follow-up Investigation	996
1230	Dog Complaint	966
738	Medical Emergency	929
943	Parking Misc.	919
901	Civil Complaint	909
682	Family Disturbance	881
968	Probation/Parole	876
710	Lost & Found	872
816	Vehicle Lock Out	871
662	911 Hang up	766
730	Mental Subject	682
574	Disabled Vehicle	666
702	Criminal Theft	640
823	Traffic Misc.	608
628	Alarms	607
583	Field Interview Stop	540
522	Noise Call	459
558	Warrant Service	436
436	Vehicle ATL	424
445	Traffic Hazard	411
442	Juvenile ATL	336
309	Criminal Damage/Property	323
196	Community Relations	307
282	Hit & Run Crash	295

Calls for Service

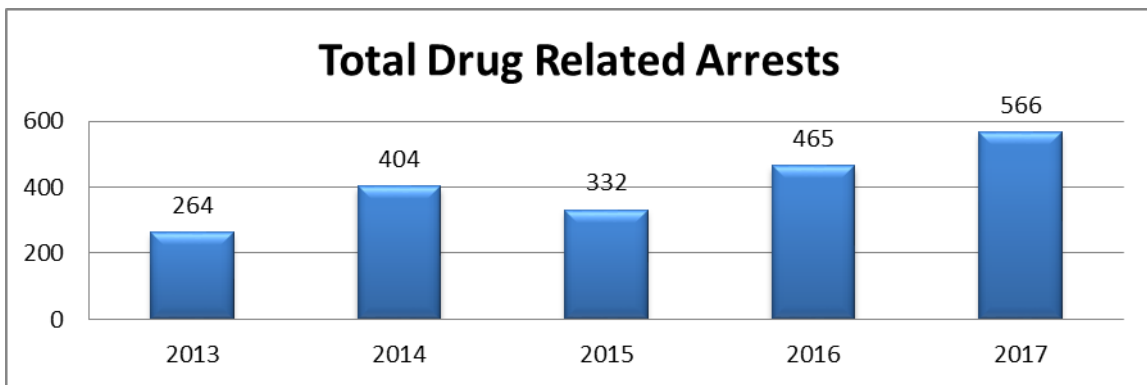
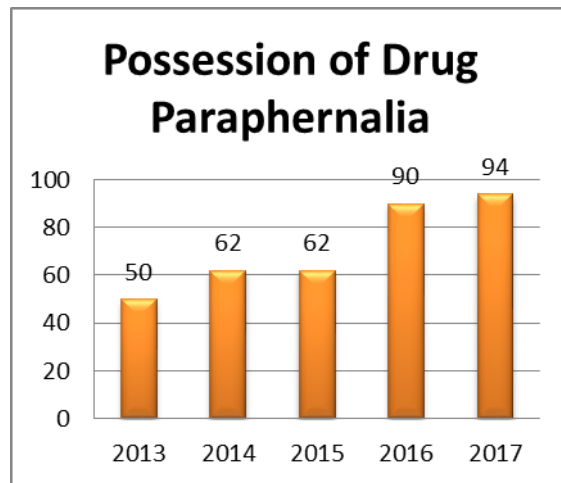
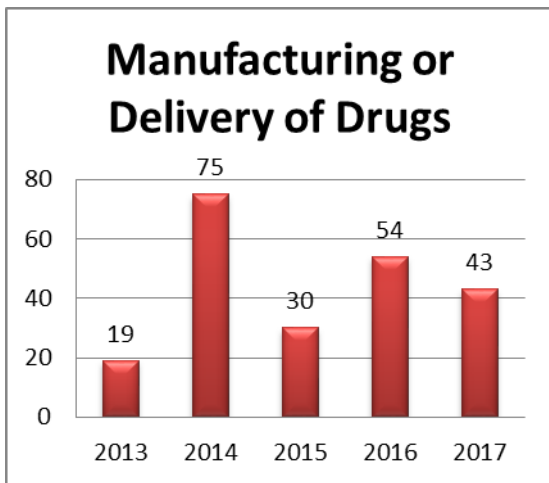
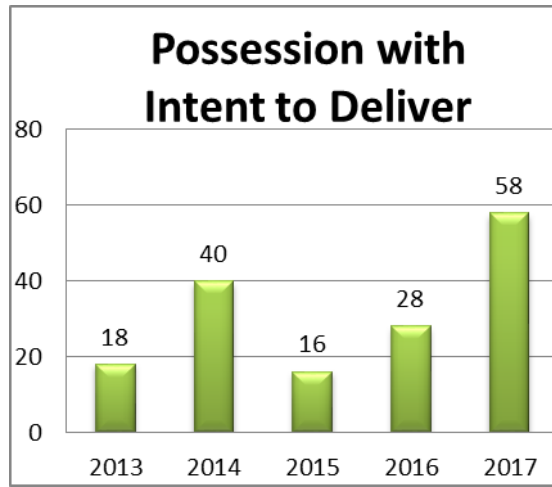
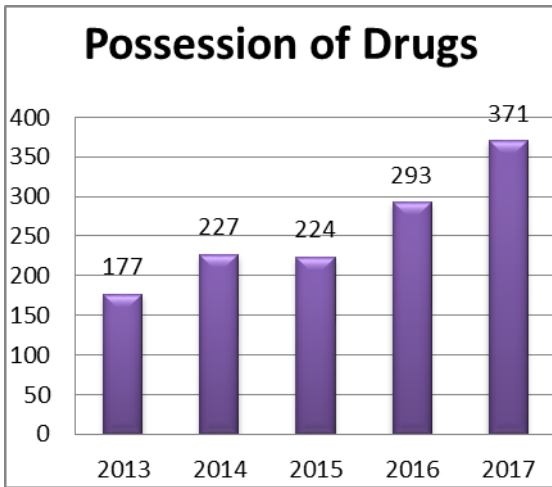
252	Gas Skip	257
181	Fraud	251
299	Juvenile Disturbance	242
108	Process Service	198
313	Fight	197
140	Special Investigations Infor	175
222	Bar Check	172
189	Information	161
128	Sexual Assault	146
103	ATL-Non Specific	141
185	Theft from Vehicle	140
138	Prisoner Transport	122
102	Utility Fire Call	117
133	Traffic Crash-Inj	105
117	Funeral Escort	102
154	Burglary	94
90	Fire Alarm	94
102	Battery	83
62	Overnight Parking	70
88	Fireworks Complaint	69
28	Structure Fire	60
33	Dead Animal	52
136	Vacant Home	52
33	Threat w/Weapon	51
64	Warrant Self-Initiated	44
61	Stolen Vehicle	43
43	Investigation	31
35	Business Security Check	27
108	Crossing Guard Duty	27
0	Powerline down (not on road)	27
35	Juvenile Alcohol	20
30	DNR Violation	17
88	Fire Assist	16

Calls for Service

7	Repossessed Vehicle	15
32	Open Door	14
15	Robbery	14
0	Tree down no traffic hazard	14
24	Traffic Pursuit	11
13	CO Alarm	9
6	Drug Overdose	9
32	Traffic Escort	8
2	Car/Deer Voluntary	4
192	EMS Assist	4
7	Tower check	4
12	Escort	3
2	Grass Fire	3
8	Non-Criminal ATL	3
1	Weather Info	3
1	Arson	2
11	Juvenile Transport	2
1	Subject Stop	2
0	Chimney Fire	1
0	Fingerprints	1
1	Nuisance Property	1
0	School Walk Through	1
1	Explosive Event Disp	0
1	Haz Mat	0
4	Officer Safety	0
1	Traffic Weight Violation	0

Drug Enforcement

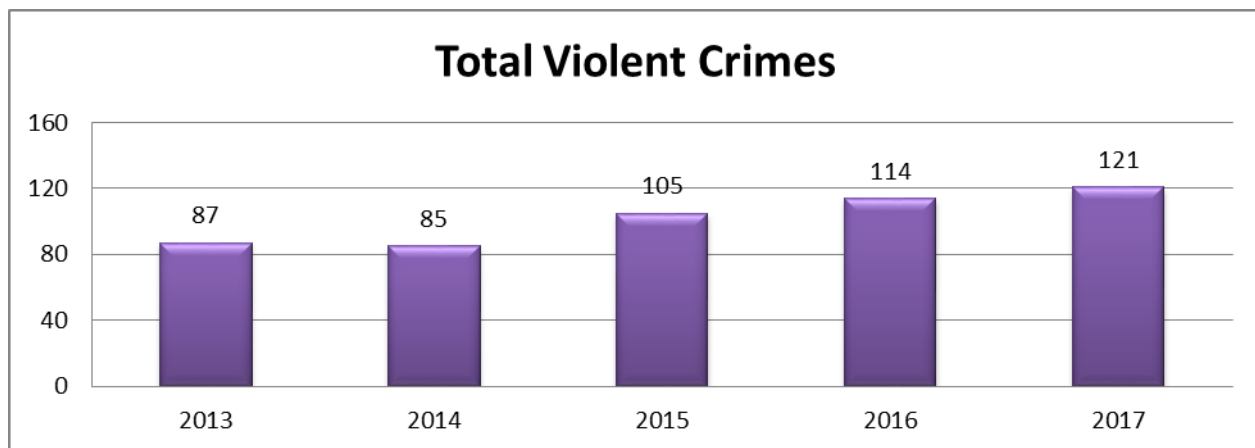
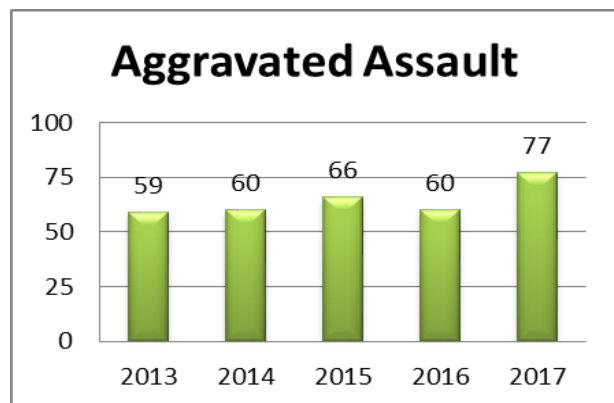
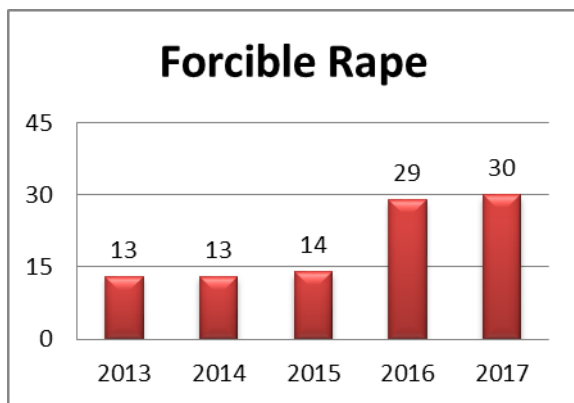
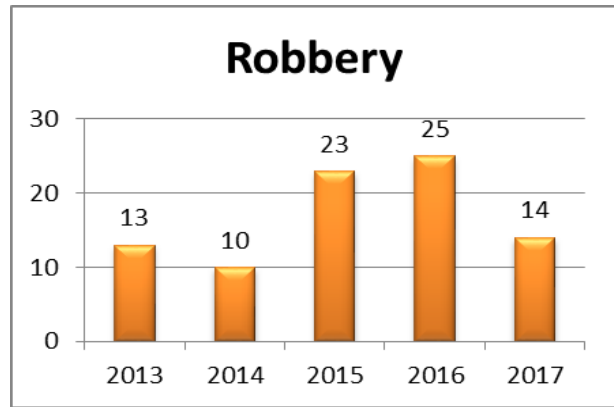
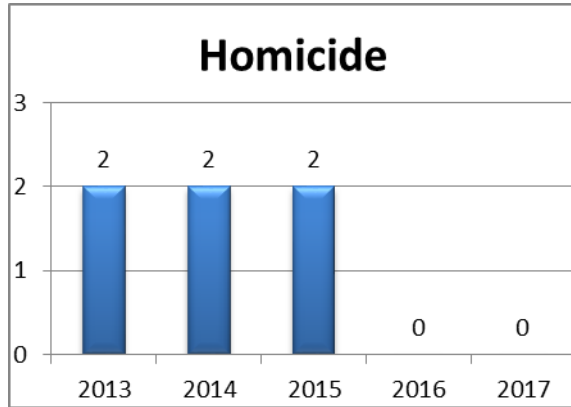
Drug use and abuse continues to drive crime in the City of Wausau. Wausau Police Department continues to dedicate significant resources to combat drug use and drug related crimes. The numbers listed below are total drug arrests within the city limits of Wausau. This does not include arrests made by the Marathon County Special Investigations Unit (which includes two Wausau Officers).



Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

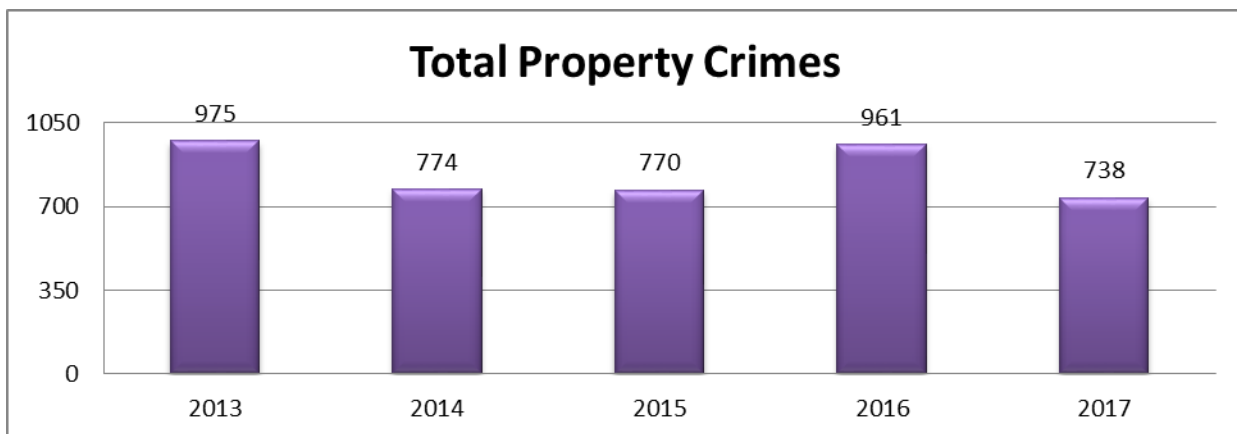
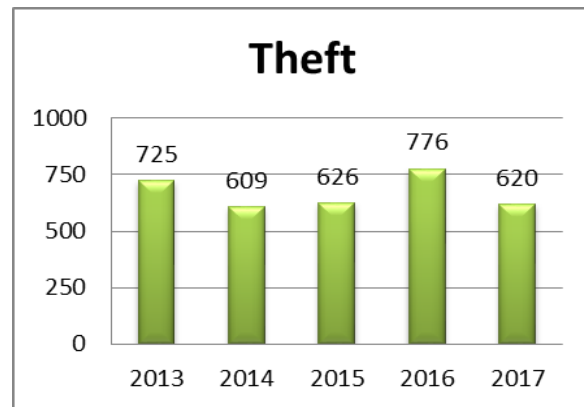
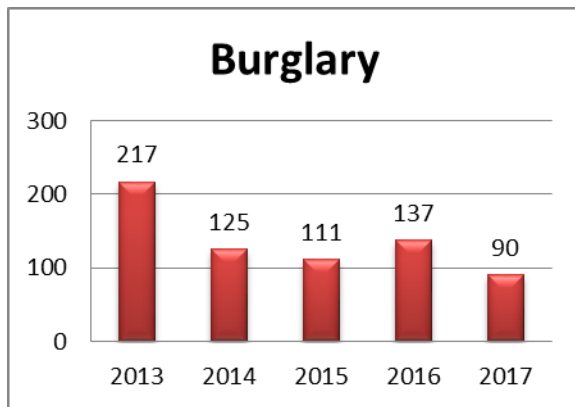
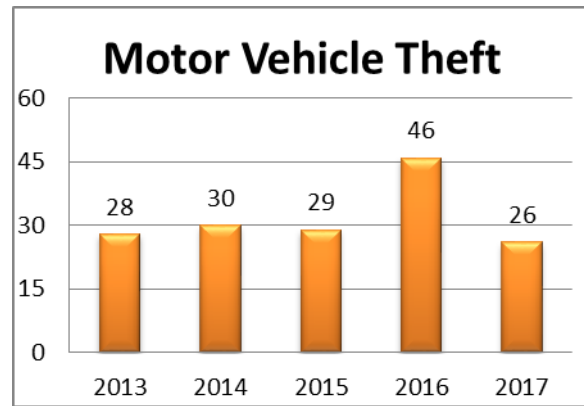
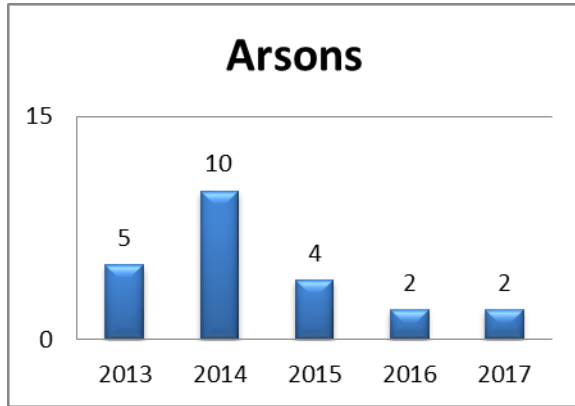
Violent Crime Index

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 homicide, as well as crimes in which violence is the means to an end such as robbery.



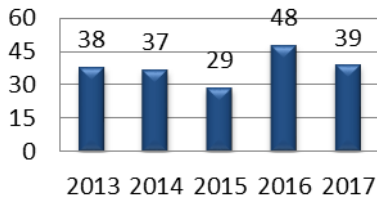
Property Crime Index

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.

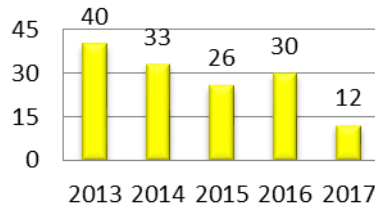


Municipal Citations

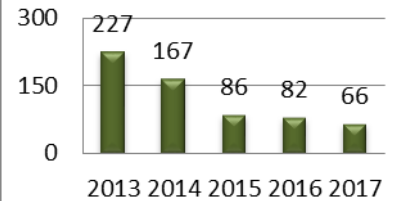
Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle



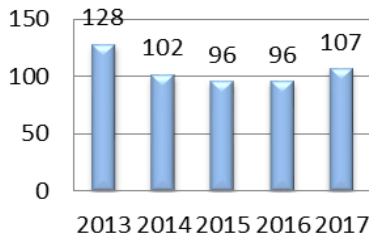
Smoking on School Property



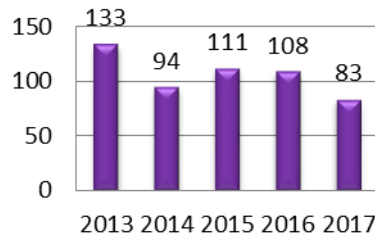
Underage Alcohol Violations



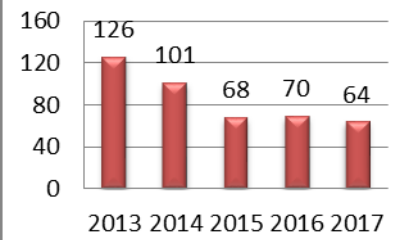
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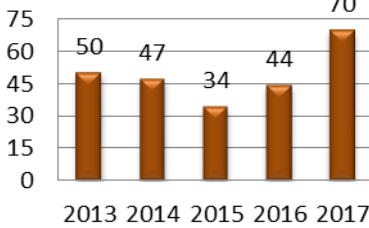
Retail Theft



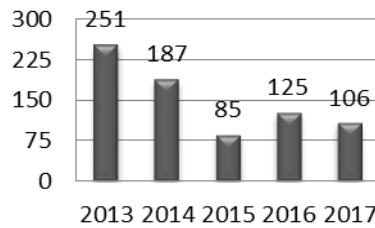
Underage Tobacco



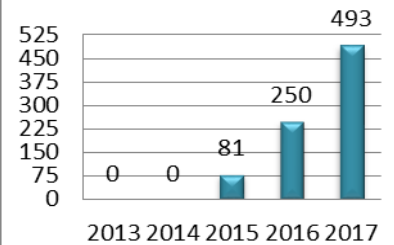
Disturbing the Peace



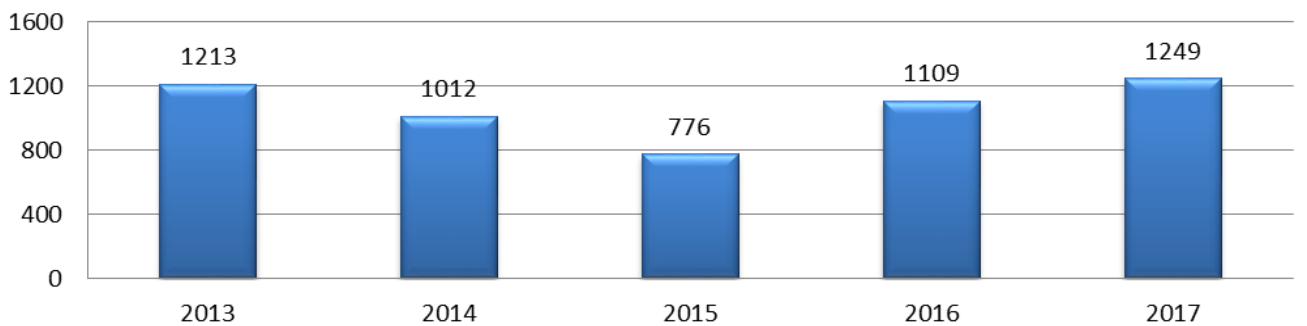
Animal Violations



Use Mobile Devices

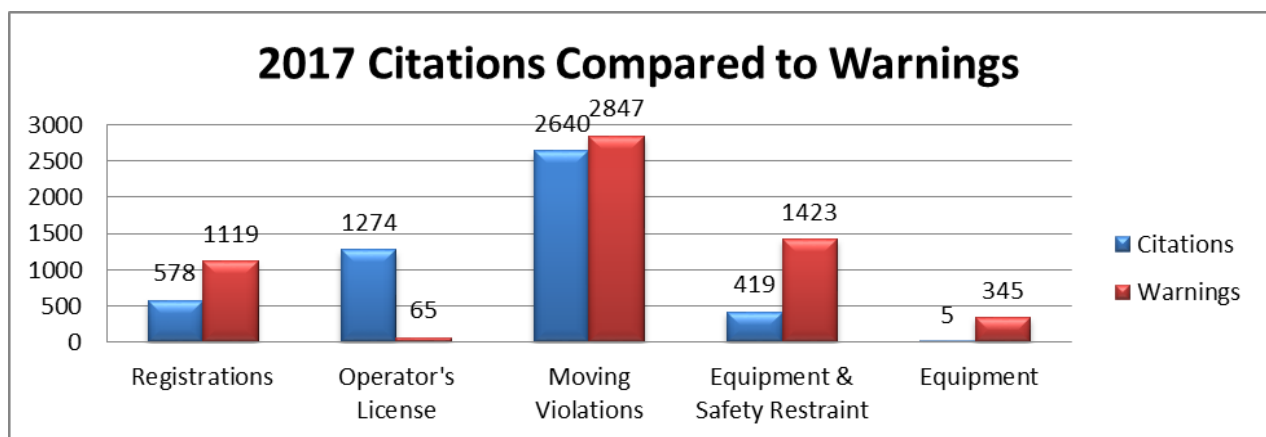
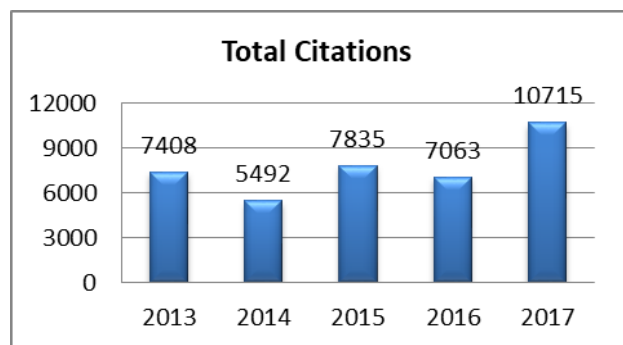
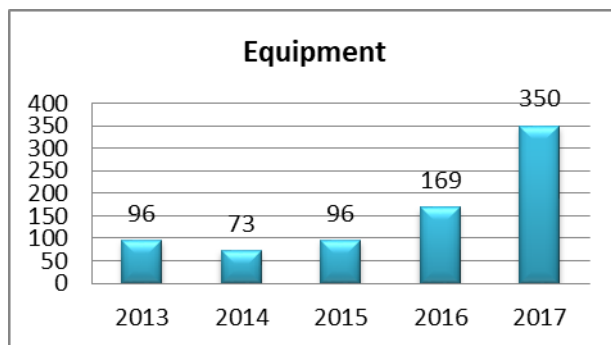
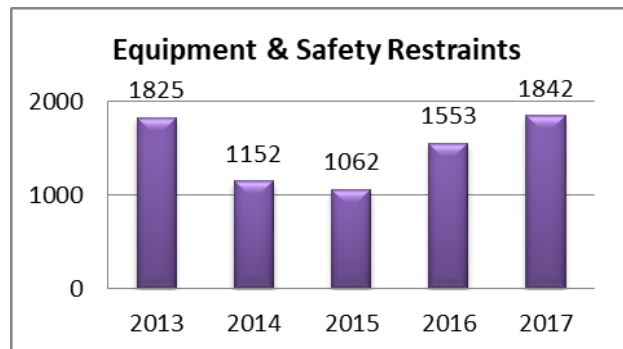
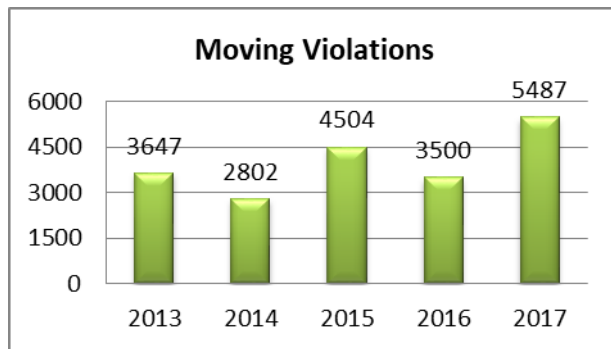
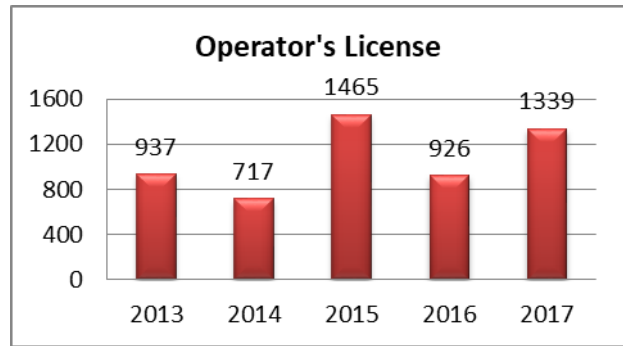
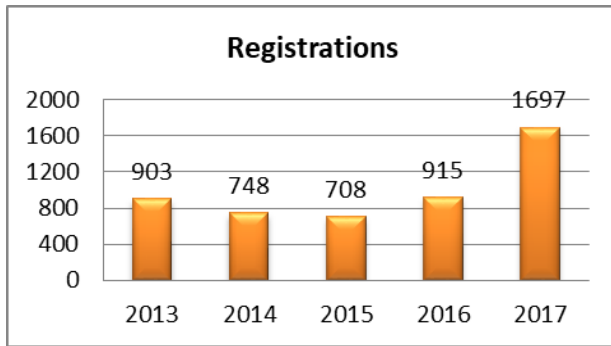


Total Municipal Citations



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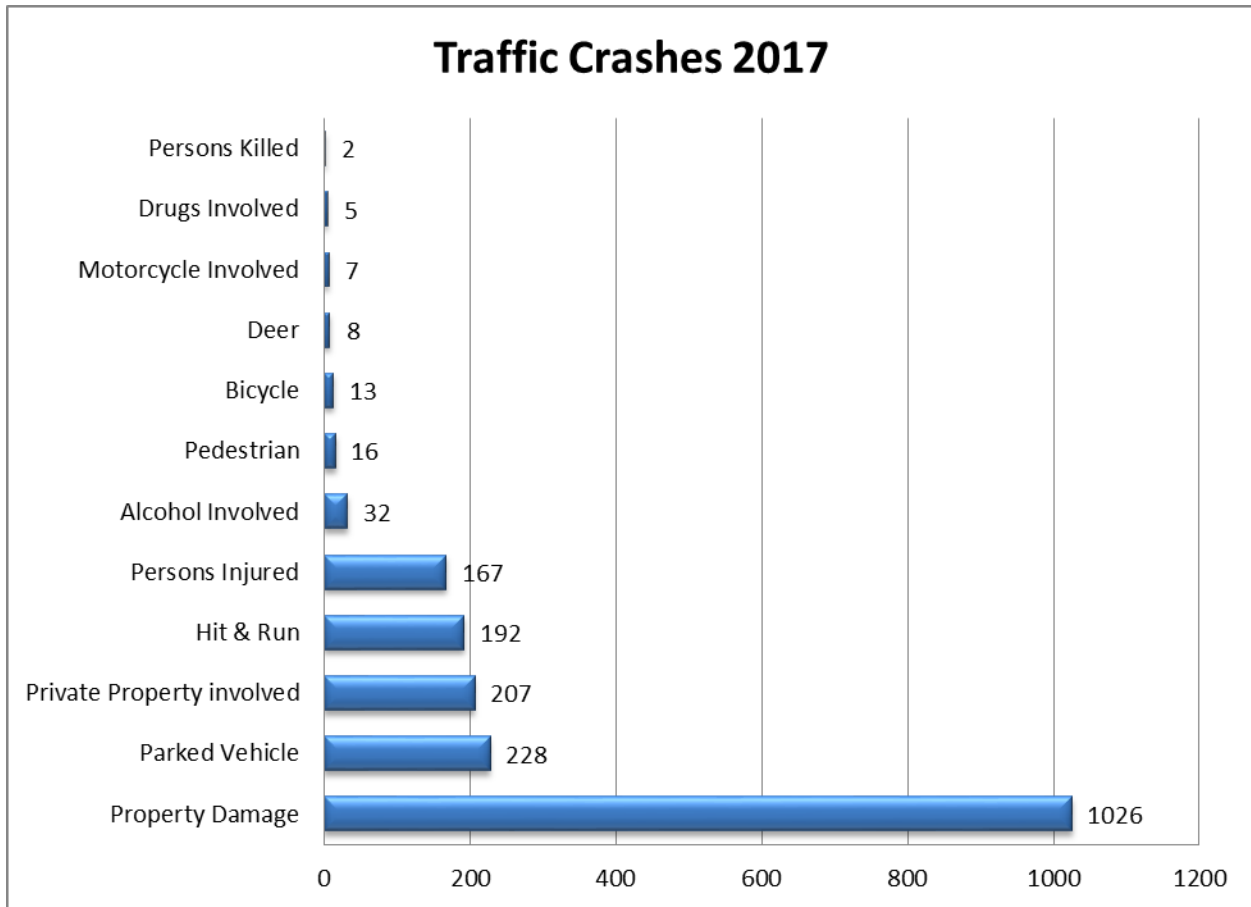
Traffic Citations & Warnings



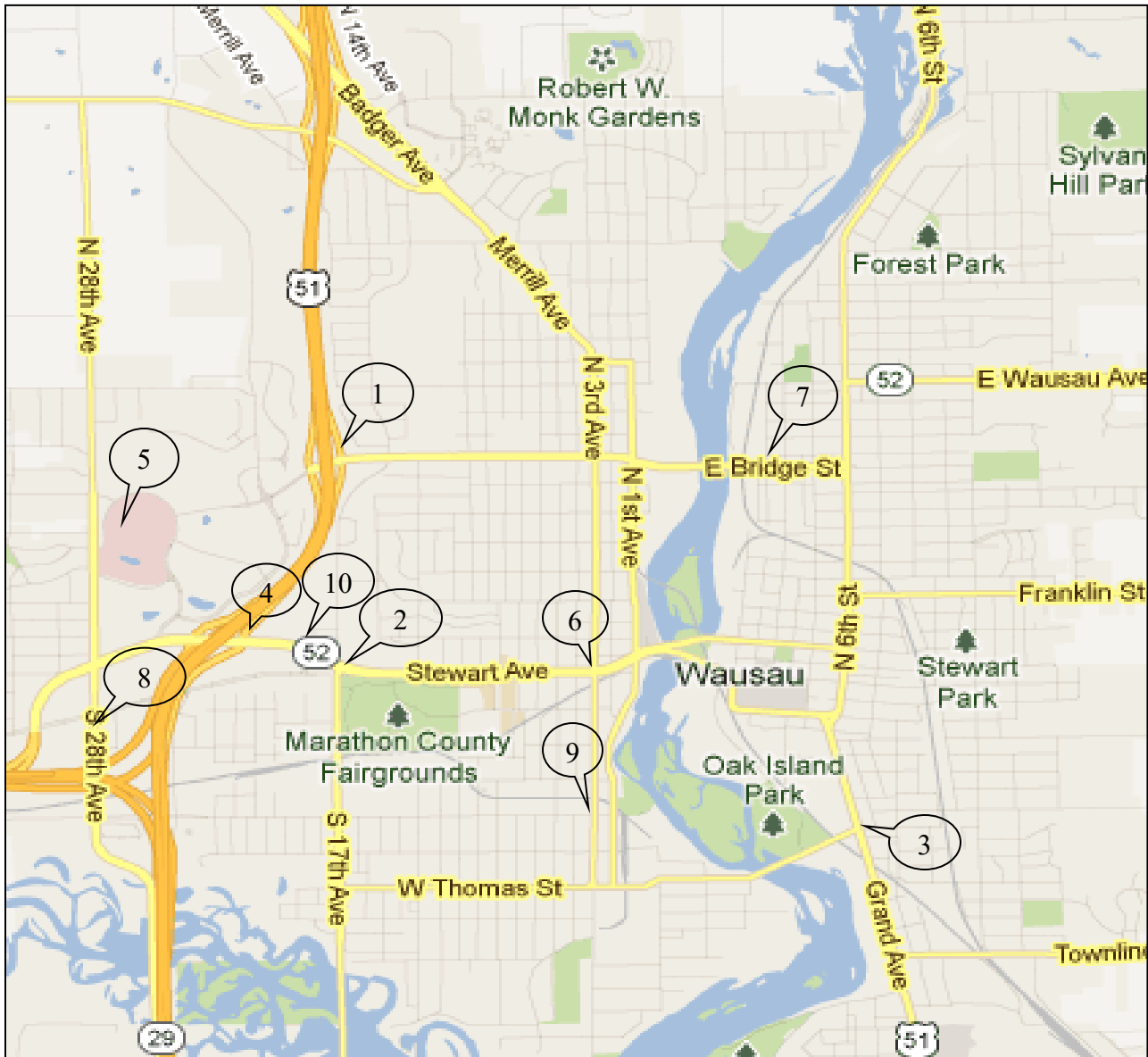
Traffic Crashes

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.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Non-Reportable Accident	223	204	156	140	118
Reportable Accident	1118	1124	1055	1098	1052
Total Accidents	1341	1328	1211	1238	1170



Most Frequent Crash Locations

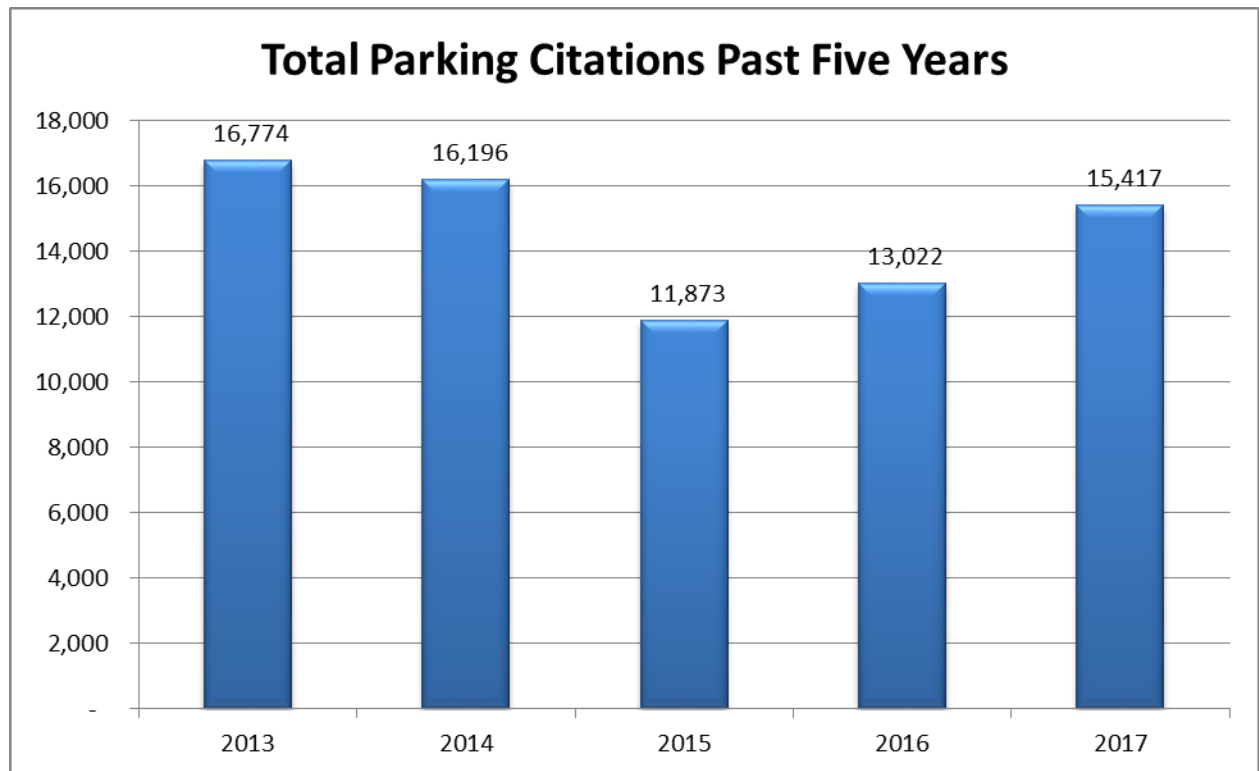


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| 3) Grand Ave/Thomas St | 8) S 28th Ave/Stewart Ave |
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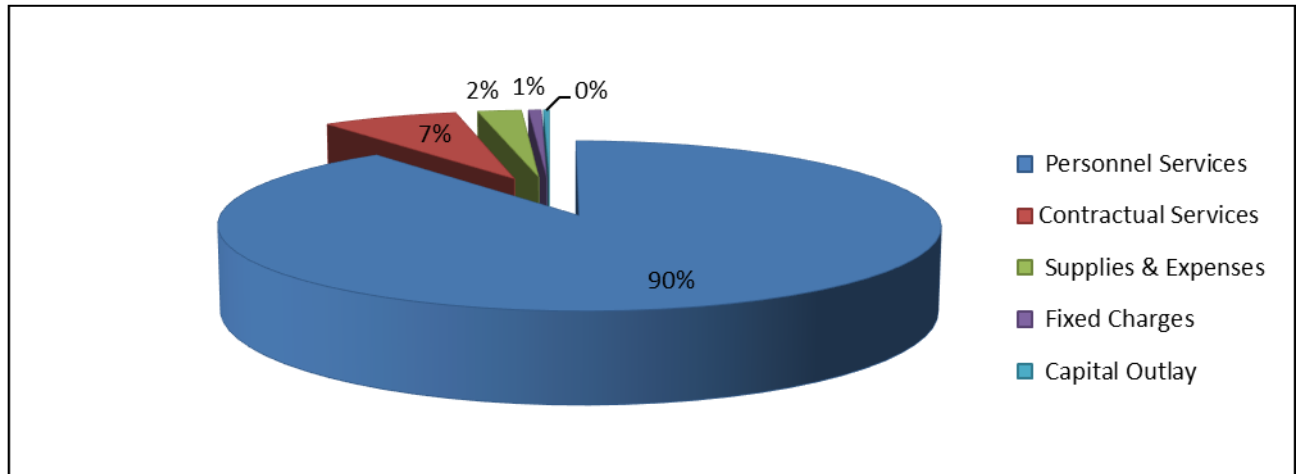
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Parking Citations Issued

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expired Meter	9,134	7,526	4,767	3,398	4,177
Overtime Parking	2,423	2,215	2,325	3,468	4,217
Parked 2:30-6 AM	1,889	3,186	2,292	3,335	3,148
No Permit on City Property	460	1,041	657	449	379
Parked in No Parking Area	444	450	414	277	234
Parked on Private Property	139	228	102	197	519
Handicapped Parking	317	285	168	322	579
Abandoned Vehicle	36	40	32	58	90
All other Violation	1,932	1,225	1,116	1,518	1,894
Total Parking Citations Issued	16,774	16,196	11,873	13,022	15,417



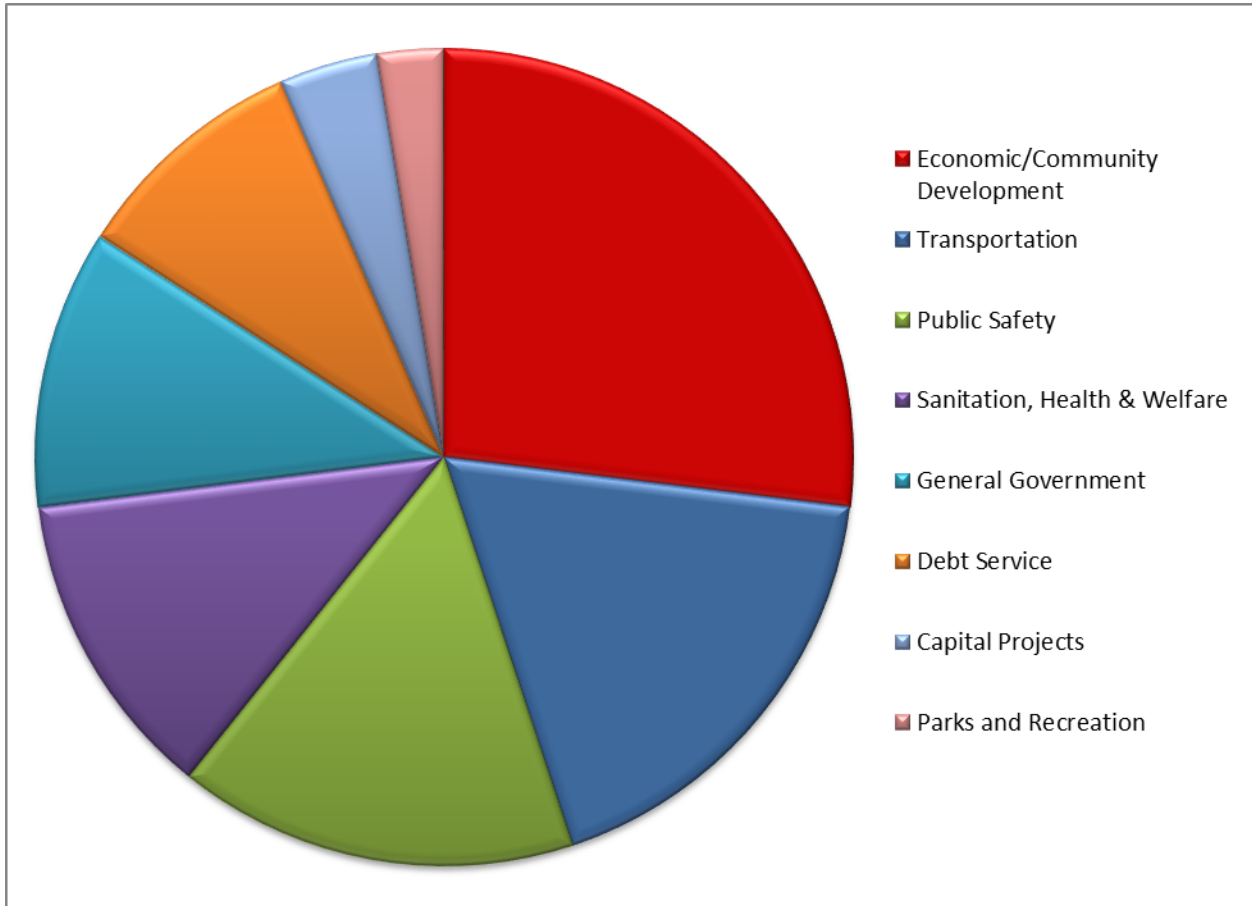
2017 Police Budget Summary



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Personnel Services	7,719,852	7,474,660	7,863,866	7,867,467	8,153,990
Contractual Services	565,259	586,619	601,631	583,298	653,222
Supplies & Expenses	89,617	115,868	138,500	163,267	209,768
Fixed Charges	84,457	71,921	59,823	60,049	60,651
Capital Outlay	75,720	44,478	24,959	37,514	27,951
Total Expenses	8,534,904	8,293,546	8,688,779	8,711,595	9,105,582
Intergovernmental Grants /Aids	211,547	186,598	121,441	7,262	32,538
Public Charges	23,383	33,146	24,868	24,008	24,968
Intergovernmental Charges	304,619	309,014	333,097	102,658	189,216
Miscellaneous	94,337	126,996	99,491	20,209	29,424
Other Financing Sources	29,290	-	-	-	10,572
Total Revenues	663,176	655,754	578,897	154,137	286,718

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2017 City of Wausau Expenditures



Economic/Community Development	\$ 27,256,963
Transportation	18,169,200
Public Safety	16,027,318
Sanitation, Health & Welfare	12,429,714
General Government	11,175,493
Debt Service	9,512,545
Capital Projects	3,948,193
Parks and Recreation	2,653,979
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 101,173,405

Retirements

Officer Roy Umlauf
Badge # 893
April 1989 to January 2017



Captain Greg Hagenbucher
Badge # 861
March 1986 to January 2017

Officer Pao Yang
Badge # 951
March 1995 to March 2017



Promotions & Assignments

Benjamin Bliven
Promoted to Deputy Chief
January 2017



Todd Baeten
Promoted to Patrol Captain
January 2017



Cord Buckner
Promoted to Lieutenant
February 2017



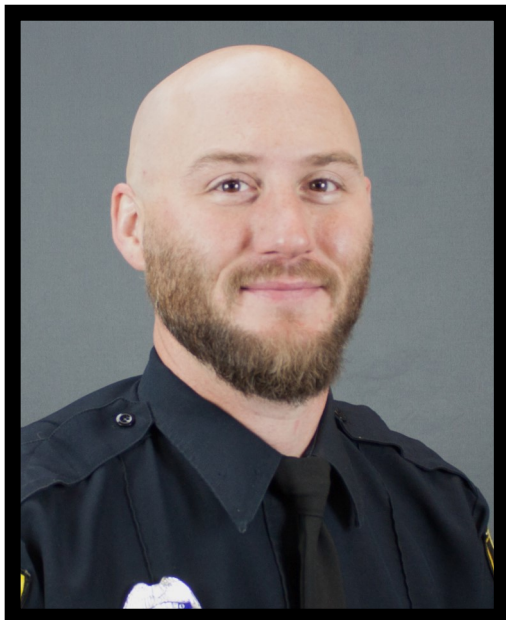
Promotions & Assignments



Anthony Reince
Promoted to Detective
September 2017



Nathan Pauls
Promoted to Lieutenant
December 2017



Max LaPorte
Promoted to Detective
December 2017

Second Annual Awards Banquet

On March 1, 2017 the Wausau Police Department held its second Awards Banquet to honor our staff and community partners that help us to accomplish our mission and achieve our goals. Acts of heroism, service that goes above and beyond what is normally expected, and acts that positively impact our citizens were highlighted during our ceremony. Craig Schneller, the guest speaker, clearly articulated the impact that our department had on himself and his family as they dealt with the murder of their daughter, Breanna Schneller. A big Thank You to all of our sponsors that helped us with this event!



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 The Women's Community
 Wausau on the Water (WOW)

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Second Annual Awards Banquet

Award Recipients

Civilian Awards

Public Official Partnership Award.....Alderman Romey Wagner
City Employee/Department of the Year Award.....Tracy Marchel—City/County IT
Dispatcher of the Year Award.....Nathan Jones—MNSO Dispatch
Emergency Police Volunteer of the Year Award.....Frank Schuelke
Police Support Staff Person of the Year Award.....Jim Hellrood
Community Caretaker Award.....Catholic Charities
Stakeholder Service Award.....VCA Companion Animal Hospital
Journalistic Excellence Award.....Holly Chilsen & Jeff Thelen
Community Partner Award.....Northcentral Technical College
Lifetime Achievement Award.....Retired Marathon County DA Ken Heimerman

Supervisor Awards

Training Officer Award.....Lieutenant Bill Taylor
Core Values Award.....Lieutenant Ben Graham
Supervisor of the Year Award.....Lieutenant Dwayne Dachel
Don Ryder Bridge Builder Award.....Captain Todd Baeten
Leadership Award.....Lieutenant Ben Graham & Lieutenant Nate Cihlar
Sir Robert Peel Award.....Deputy Chief Ben Bliven & Captain Todd Baeten

Officer/Detective Awards

Distinguished Service Award.....Officer Pao Yang
Bullseye Award.....Detective Cord Buckner
Outstanding Team Award.....Lieutenant Melinda Pauls, Lieutenant Matt Van Lieshout,
Officer Brent Tidquist, Officer Paul Piskoty, Officer Kevin Cornell, Officer Anthony
Reince, Officer Brent Olson, Officer Shawn Pierschalla, Officer John Phillips, Officer Koua
Thao, Officer Nick Stetzer, Officer Jacob Chittum, Officer Garrett Carr, Officer Brian
Burkhardt, Officer Dennis Peterson, Officer Luis Lopes-Serrao, Officer David Bertram
Problem Solving Officer Award.....Officer Anthony Reince
Badges Award.....Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigations
Awesome! Award.....Detective Jen Holz
Lifesaving Award.....Officer Shawn Fritsch, Officer Brent Olson, Officer Brian Burkhardt
Excellence in Policing Award.....Officer Kevin Cornell
Back-up Officer Award.....Officer Houa Lee
Rookie of the Year Award.....Officer Dennis Peterson
Chief's Commendation.....Jim Merklein
Valor Award.....Officer Jim Martin
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.....Officer Jacob Chittum

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Awards



**James Merklein
Wausau Common Council
Certificate of Commendation
For Assisting Officer Martin
January 2017**

**Detective Lieutenant Bill Kolb
The Women's Community
2017 Outstanding Service in Supporting Sexual
Assault Victims Award
April 2017**



**Deputy Chief Ben Bliven
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Graduate of the FBI National Academy
June 2017**

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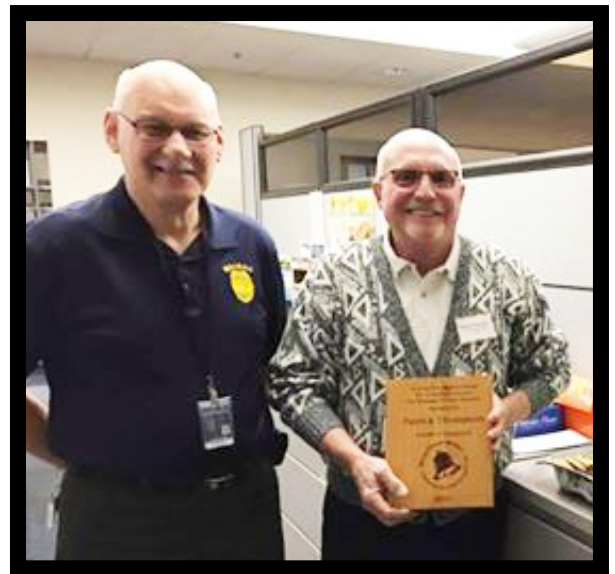
Awards

Officer Luis Lopes-Serrao
Wausau Noon Optimists
2017 Respect for Law Award
July 2017



Brady Duke
WI Victim/Witness Professionals Association
Nominated for 2017 Crime Victim Service
Award
July 2017

Patrick Thompson
Wausau School District
Friend of Education Award
November 2017



Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

Welcome New Hires!



Officers Christopher Piasecki, Jordan Gaiche, & Michael Horejs

January 2017



Teri Daigle



Amy Lund



Jean Frankel

Customer Service Representatives

February 2017

Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

Welcome New Hires!

Kristen Seidler
Victim Mental Health Therapist
March 2017



Officers Ben Slempek, Corrine Zimmerman, Ross Kramer, Ty Woodward
May 2017

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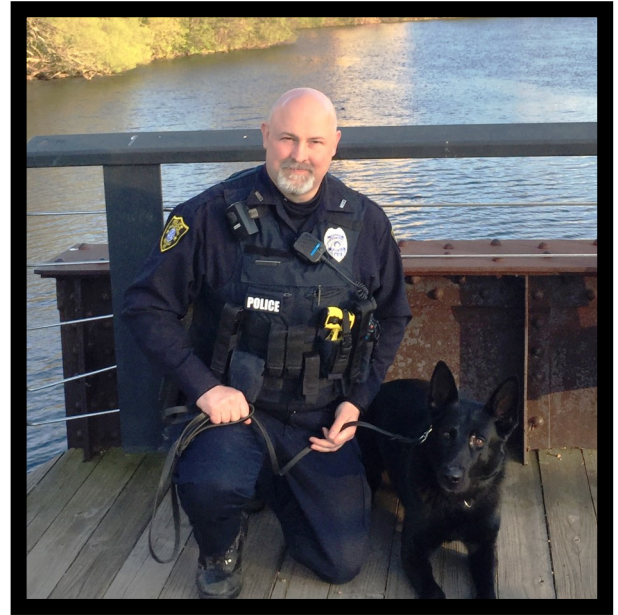
Officers Joshua Bigger & Benjamin Thumann
August 2017

K9 Units

Officer Shawn Fritsch & K9 Zanto

Officer Shawn Fritsch & K9 Zanto became partners in May 2013. Zanto is a 6 year old German Shepherd.

In 2017, Zanto completed 220 searches and 1 demonstration.



Officer Mark Jaeger & K9 Layla

Officer Mark Jaeger & K9 Layla became partners in May 2015. Layla is a 7 year old Belgian Malinois. Prior to joining the police department, she worked by protecting our military base in Afghanistan.

In 2017, Layla completed 184 searches.

Officer Luis Lopes-Serrao & K9 Zander

Officer Luis Lopes-Serrao joined the Wausau Police Department on August 1, 2015 with his partner Zander. Zander is a 7 year old German Shepard.

In 2017, Zander completed 350 searches and 2 demonstrations.



K9 Units



Officer Mark Kurtzhals & K9 Rio

Officer Mark Kurtzhals & K9 Rio became partners in May 2017. Rio is a 2 year old Chocolate Labrador.

In 2017, Rio completed 59 searches and 8 demonstrations.

Officer Nick Stetzer & Therapy K9 Badge

Officer Nick Stetzer completed Therapy Dog training, with his dog Badge, through the American Kennel Club in October 2017. K9 Badge accompanies Officer Stetzer to school on a part-time bases as the new program is evaluated.

Badge is a 3 year old Flat Coated Retriever.



Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

School Resource Officers

The Wausau Police Department is pleased to partner with and assist the Wausau School District in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment in which to achieve the District’s educational goals.

There are four Wausau Police Officers assigned as School Resource Officers (SRO,) with full-time placement at the high schools and middle schools during the school year. The Wausau Police Department and the Wausau School District continue to share the cost of this service.



The SROs employ a community policing philosophy within their school communities, seeking to build trust and relationships with students and staff, to partner with them to enhance the quality of life and scholastic growth in the schools. They serve as part of the school administrative team within their respective buildings, and take ownership in the safety and success of their school community. The SRO role is challenging, as in addition to law enforcement duties, the SRO also serves as an educator, an informal counselor, safety and security consultant, and legal resource person for students and school staff. Parents attending athletic events and other school functions will often see SROs engaged there also.

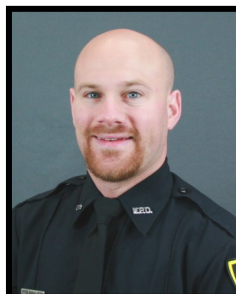
We are proud to have an SRO team with a combined 46 years of law enforcement experience and dedicated service to the City of Wausau:

In the winter/spring semester, our Middle School SROs also visit the elementary schools and teach the HOPE curriculum to 5th graders. The program focuses on the importance of making positive choices, internet safety, and addresses the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.

To see more, check out the SRO’s Facebook page, “Wausau Police Resource Officers”, or click [here!](#)



Ofc Jeffrey Schremp
Wausau West HS



Ofc Nick Stetzer
Wausau East HS



Ofc Koua Thao
Horace Mann MS



Ofc Kevin Cornell
John Muir MS

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SWAT



Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team is comprised of a variety of members from various Marathon County Law Enforcement agencies. The Wausau Police Department has five members on the team:

Lieutenant Nathan Pauls
Officer Nathan Porath
Officer Koua Thao
Officer Jacob Albee
Officer John Phillips

The SWAT vehicle was open to the public at the Forest Park Neighborhood Group Annual Picnic

Officer Jacob Albee
Honing his marksman skills

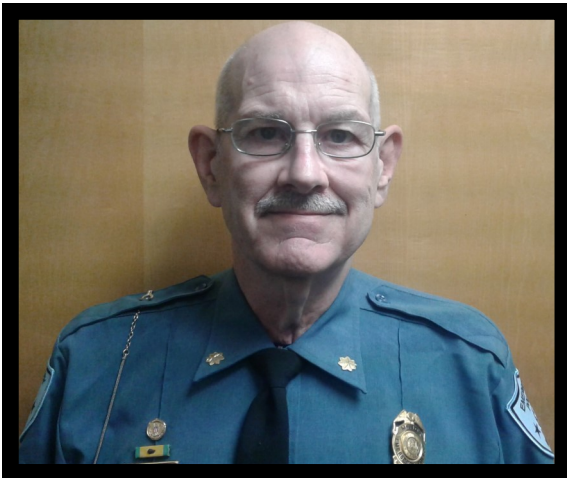


Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

Emergency Police

The Emergency Police Unit of the Wausau Police Department was formed in 1951 to assist the department with traffic and crowd control. There are three squads and 30 officers. Last year, the unit volunteered 3,621.3 hours of service. The director is Larry W. Jaeger and his executive officer is Major Frank Schuelke. The unit assists with all of the major events that bring large groups of people to the area, requiring extra hands to keep the events organized and flowing. The unit also comes in on an emergency basis such as storm assistance and scene security. This assistance helps to free up officers to handle other calls that need attention.

Wausau Emergency Police have training at various times during the year and work hard to be ready. In February, the unit conducted their annual uniform inspection and also celebrated the 30th anniversary of Major Frank Schuelke. As in any volunteer organization, we are always looking for new recruits. This year we welcomed nine new officers: Dallas Adams, Fong Moua, Lisa-Ann Weitz, Johnny Xiong, Toulee Yang, Touger Vang, Gail Byrne Heidi Wolfe, and Yeeleng Xiong. 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.



Major Frank Schuelke celebrated his 30th Anniversary with the Emergency Police.

Lucene Udulutch, the “Cookie Lady” retired after twelve years as an Emergency Police Officer.



Explorer Post

Wausau Police Department Explorer Post #0442



The Wausau Police Explorer Post #0442 is a learning-for-life program sponsored by the Wausau Police Department. The program partners police officers with youth between the ages of 14-21 who have an interest in law enforcement. The program teaches those youth what a career in law enforcement is actually like. These students also have opportunities to volunteer in the community through various events.

In 2017 our explorer's dedication to community service was outstanding! The explorers constantly look for ways they can give back to the community. This includes volunteering at several Paws & Protect events, the Balloon & Glow Rally, traffic control / assistance at numerous local 5K events, the Kronenwetter Run for the Fallen event, participating in the Relay for Life, several Special Olympic events, the Wausau PD Community Thank You picnic and more. We can't thank these youth enough for their generosity.

Our explorers meet twice a month and are given lessons in numerous topics related to law enforcement. This could include classes on arrest & search, statutory law, first aid, traffic enforcement, firearms safety and use, evidence recovery, crime scene searches and the list goes on. We also had opportunities to cross-train with the Wausau Fire Explorer Post on things such as crash response and officer down response.

In February we sent a group of explorers to the Wisconsin State Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in the Wisconsin Dells. This conference gives youth the opportunity to meet their peers from local, county and federal explorer posts from across the state in compete in various skill events. It also allows them to learn what other posts are doing in the state, fundraising opportunities and let's not forget, have some Dells fun!

In May, we sent a group of explorers to the Fox Valley Law Enforcement Exploring Competition. Our Explorers performed extraordinarily well and placed in the Burglary in Process scenario and Physical Agility competition.

In October, we had an opportunity to send two of our senior explorers to the annual Wisconsin Explorer Leadership Academy, sponsored by WLEEEAA, at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. This was a one-day training program which taught the youth the importance of leadership, leadership skills and more.

This program is funded through membership fees, community donations and fundraising events. The program is run by a dedicated group of police officers, called Advisors, who love teaching youth. This past year we added a civilian advisor, Ashley Bores, to our group. Ashley is also the mother of one of our explorer.

We look forward to another great year. The explorer post operates year-round and is always recruiting. If you are interested in learning more about the program, you can visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PoliceExplorer or contact Lead Advisor Officer Koua Thao #113 at (715) 261-7841 or by e-mail at koua.thao@ci.wausau.wi.us.

Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

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.



Community Events



After the events of March 22, 2017, one young man took the adage “Take a negative and turn it into a positive” to heart. Brady Duke wanted to help our officers cope with their stress by donating his beloved Wii for them to use to relax.

Our officers were so moved by his gesture, that they replace his Wii with a new Xbox. In addition, for this brave & selfless act, Brady was nominated for a Crime Victim Service award for outstanding victim advocacy and his award was presented to him during the monthly Police & Fire Commission meeting.



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Community Events



Above and left:

Over the course of a year, we receive visits from a variety of Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops wanting to learn more about their community and those that help to make it better.

On May 5th, kids all around the country celebrated Bike/Walk to School Day. GD Jones Elementary in Wausau was no different, and they were joined by some of Wausau's finest police officers and fire crew!



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Community Events



For National Police Week in May, students in the Wausau East High School Graphics class designed, produced and donated custom t-shirts for the WPD. Each shirt was personalized with the officer's badge number on the back of the shirt.



Officer Grover participated in Story Time at the Wausau Children's Museum, reading to the children, pointing out the parts of his uniform, letting them listen to his radio, and taking pictures. Officer Grover impressed on the parents the importance of teaching toddlers and preschoolers their parents' first and last names and their addresses.

Our department was proud to be honored with an award at the Boys & Girls Club Member Recognition Dinner this year. Listening to the inspiring stories of how the Club has impacted so many young people makes us want to work even harder to match their pace.

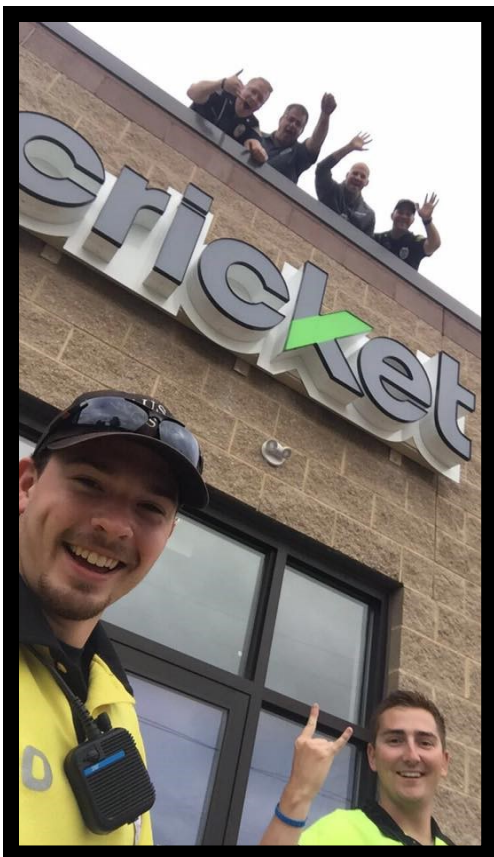


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Community Events



June saw the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This event is always dear to our heart, and this year was a beautiful day to be out there with these awesome athletes!



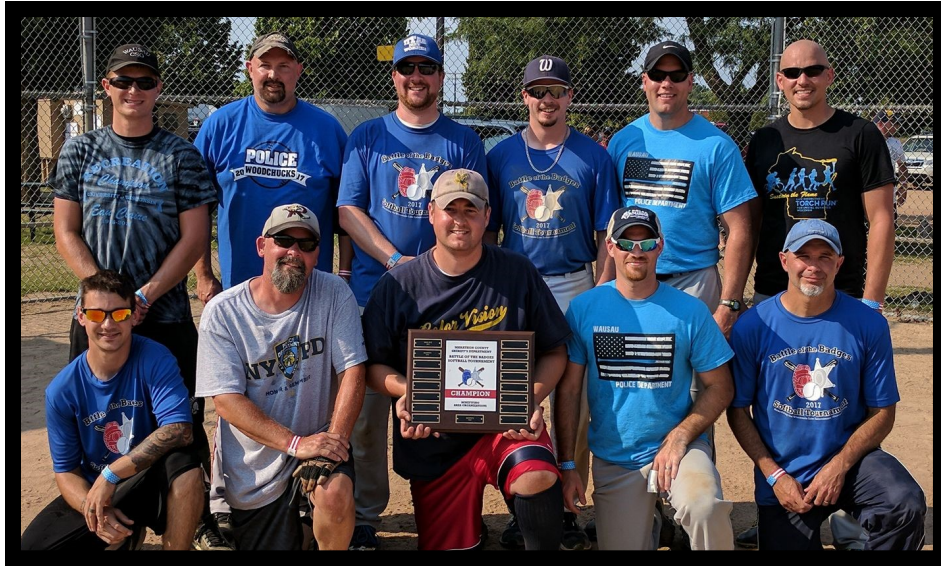
In August, officers continued their support of Special Olympics with the Cop on a Rooftop Event. Officers volunteered to sit on the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts to raise awareness and funds for the athletes.



Our officers spent extra hours working the 4th of July Celebration and the Wisconsin Valley Fair, helping keep on top of things so that all can have a safe and enjoyable time.

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Community Events



The Marathon County Sheriff's Department held their annual softball tourney at Sunnyvale Park in August. Twelve teams from local law enforcement, corrections, and fire departments participated to raise money for a local organization. This year, the Wausau PD team swept the tournament, and helped to make a healthy contribution to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Museum of Valor and the Jason Weiland Memorial Fund.

On July 29, the Wausau Police Department did it's first live tweet-along event. Spectators could follow Officer Lopes-Serrao on his night shift and see all the things that he encounters. Even if you don't have Twitter, you are still able to see the feed by going to www.twitter.com/wausaupd.



In August, the Milwaukee Brewers hosted Law Enforcement Night at Miller Park. All past and present law enforcement officers were invited on the field for the pregame flag ceremony.

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Community Events



It takes a whole lot of people to put on a Thank You event for a city, but we managed to do it a second time! August saw the Wausau Police Department cook for and entertain all those that came down to the 400 Block to have a little fun. There were demos by the K9 unit, hands on viewing of the SWAT unit, food and a donut eating game. Look for us again next year!



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Community Events



Mountain Terrace Senior Living invited police, fire and sheriff's departments to their facility to thank those who serve our community. While there, the various agencies brought equipment and vehicles for the public to check out.



Above: Forest Park Neighborhood Group Picnic; Neighborhood groups are an important way that residents can build pro-active, positive relationships with law enforcement, making everyone's jobs easier. Below: Many of our officers wear pink in October to support Breast Cancer Awareness. These officers went a step farther and sported mustaches for the cause!



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Community Events

It was our pleasure to be able to donate 100 turkeys to The Neighbor's Place to help out families in need.



Coffee With A Cop is always a success! Citizens get a chance to get to know some of our officers, give feedback, and ask questions.

Wausau Police Department—Partnering with the Community

Community Events



For the third year in a row, the Marathon County Sheriff's Department and the Wausau Police Department have a Socktober competition. With a lot of help from Intercity State Bank. The PD beat the Sheriff's Dept by over 100 pairs! Socks go to the Warming Shelter, Open Door Outreach Center and The Neighbor's Place.

Each year, the Wausau Police Department does a Holiday Heroes initiative. Officers deliver some holiday cheer by providing gifts to children in the city of Wausau during the holiday season.



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2017 Department Photos



Chief Jeff Hardel 805



Dep Chief Ben Bliven 001



Capt Matthew Barnes 005



Capt Todd Baeten 022



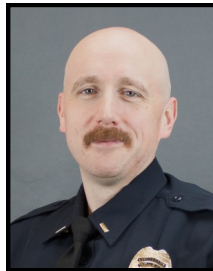
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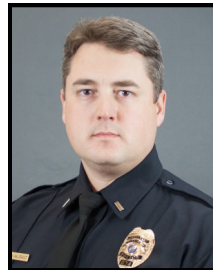
Lt Bill Taylor 023



Lt Benjamin Graham 084



Lt Nathan Cihlar 054



Lt Matt Van Lieshout 074



Lt Andrew Hartwig 071



Lt Cord Buckner 974



Det Jeff Strobach 913



Det Nathan Pauls 991



Det Jennifer Holz 012



Det Jon Kindlarski 081

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Det Jillian Kurtzhals 043



Det Anthony Reince 047



Ofc Lisa Rennie 911



Ofc Mark Jaeger 924



Ofc Brent Tidquist 933



Ofc Paul Piskoty 935



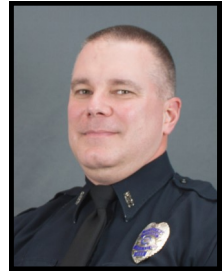
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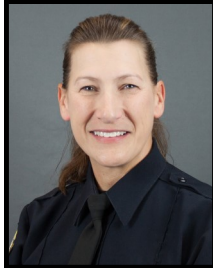
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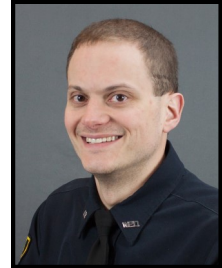
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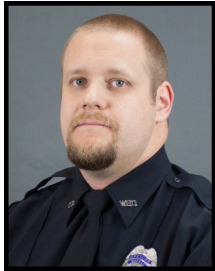
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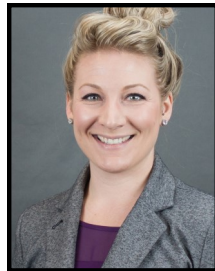
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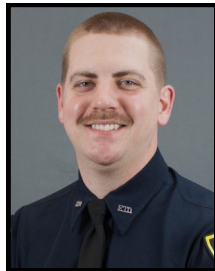
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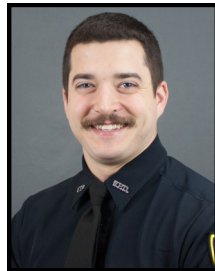
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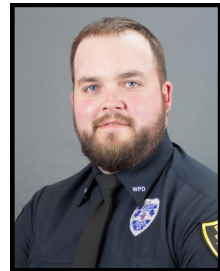
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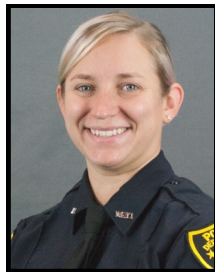
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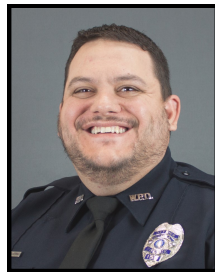
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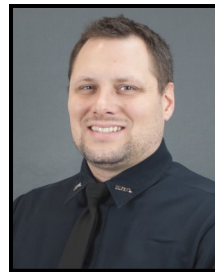
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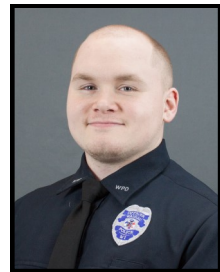
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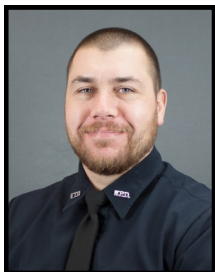
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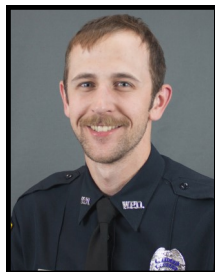
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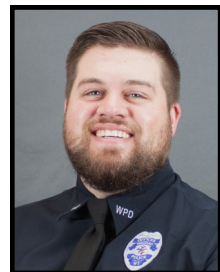
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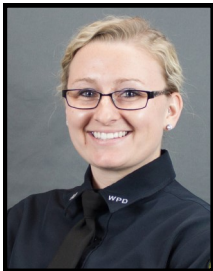
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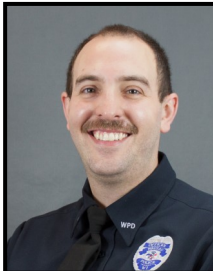
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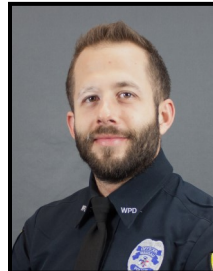
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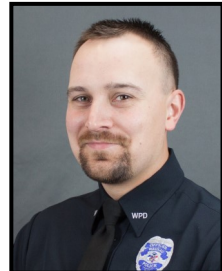
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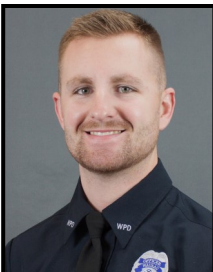
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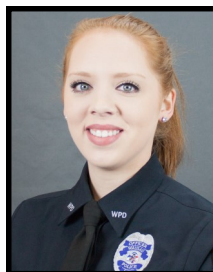
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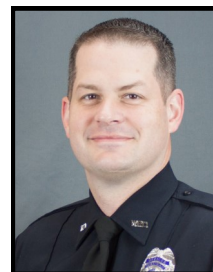
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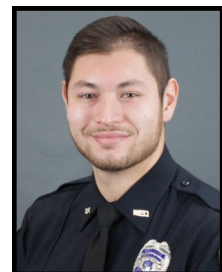
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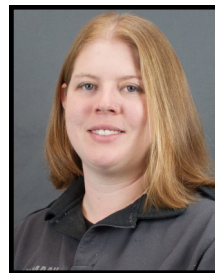
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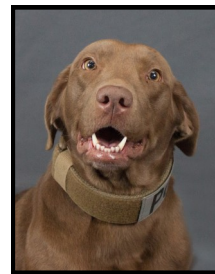
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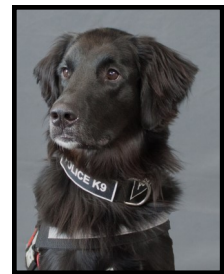
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