



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**
Date/Time: **Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 5:15 pm**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**
Members: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney, Doug Diny, Chad Henke

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meeting (9/18/2023)
 - 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications
 - 3 Consider request for extension to open for business - Campus Pub Inc, dba Campus Pub, premises 110 W Campus Drive, owner, Kevin Steinke
 - 4 Operations Report from Fire Department September 2023
 - 5 Wausau PD Operations Report - 1st Quarter 2023
 - 6 Tavern Activities Report - September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023
 - 7 Community Outreach Update
- Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Chad Henke, Doug Diny, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, Jeremy Kopp, Todd Beaten, Tara Alfonso, Tracy Rieger, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Kody Hart

In compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 19.84, notice of this meeting was duly posted and sent to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes of previous meetings (8/21/23)

Motion by Diny, second by Henke, to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Peter Goetsch was recommended for denial for a Public Transportation Driver license and withdrew the application. Action on the determination for denying the Public Transportation Driver license for Emmanuel Reyes was not taken at the previous meeting to allow Reyes to provide additional evidence showing rehabilitation. Reyes did not provide additional evidence of rehabilitation to the clerk in the time since and was not in attendance.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Diny, to approve or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider Central Business District Obstruction Permit Applications - The Chocolate Shop, 532 S 3rd Ave and Forward Beverage Co, 303 N 3rd St

Henke questioned if Forward Beverage Co was providing beer in kegs on the sidewalk as kegs were drawn in the plan to be utilized. The company will be providing non-alcoholic beverages thus the kegs in the drawing will likely be empty and for display only.

Motion by Henke, seconded by Diny, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on creating Section 12.44.055 Block parties as a result of sunset/auto-repeal of original ordinance on November 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m.

Henke questioned if currently the licensed premises are allowed to expand their premise to legally hold a block party. Tara Alfonso, Assistant City Attorney, explained that under the proposed ordinance change outlined that if two adjacent bars want to hold a joint commercial block party the best practice would be to close the street in-between and have each establishment provide alcoholic beverages in sealed containers under the state law which allows cocktails-to-go in a tamper-proof sealed container for consumption on the street.

Larson questioned if other bars in the vicinity of Matt's 101 Pub would be a part of this proposed commercial block party. The proposed party would only include Matt's 101 Pub and the Chatterbox.

Diny questioned open container regulations. Open containers of alcohol cannot be sold and taken out of a licensed premise but containers of alcohol in a tamper-proof sealed container can be sold and taken out of the licensed premise for off-site consumption. Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk, stated that state law allows beer to be sold and then taken out of a licensed premise for consumption, but liquor cannot be sold for the same off-site consumption. It was mentioned that an extension of a premise can be provided in certain circumstances and on private property such as a sidewalk but a block party on a public street would not be considered an extension of the premise.

Motion by Diny, seconded by Larson to approve the ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on relocating District 1 & 2 polling place from Pilgrim Lutheran Church to the Lakeview Conference Center located at 1000 Lake View Dr (Door 31)

Motion by Larson, seconded by Henke, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on relocating District 6 polling place from Sylvan Hill to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 930 Edgewood Rd.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Diny, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Operations Report from Fire Department August 2023

Report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report – August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023

Rasmussen questioned if there was recent activity at Cruise In 1724. The activities report indicates that this bar is open for regular business during regular hours again.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Report placed on file.

Fire Operations Report, Tavern Report, and the Community Outreach Update available in online packet:

<https://www.wausauwi.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9703/638303873816530000>

Adjournment

Motion by Henke, second by Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hB1LVZd6XVc>

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CLERK'S REPORT TO PUBLIC HEATH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

October 16, 2023 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM # 2

Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or his designee. Applications marked pending will have a status update at the meeting. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

1. **Denial Recommendations: New Operator's License: Jason McGlone** - This application is recommended for denial due to a 2018 conviction for Substantial Battey with intent to cause bodily harm.
2. **Class B Beer & Liquor** –The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will review the application of The Pinery Coffee Company LLC, owner, Daniel Tyler, premises located at 300 N 3rd St, Suite 103, (license formerly held by Honest J's Wausau LLC, Devon Marx), just prior to the PH&S meeting with the recommendation to be included in the list.
3. **Class A Beer & Liquor** – Gandaki Mart LLC, owners Hari Raj Khanal, Suresh Subedi, and Suman Rijal, for new construction of service station/convenience store at 102 N 3rd Avenue. They anticipate opening in mid-November. They also own two other stations in the city at 1205 Merrill Avenue and 802 E Wausau Avenue.
4. There are no special events applications this month.

***Note:** Links to the Special Events Applications will be emailed to the committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Please let me know if you have any question regarding any license applications listed.

Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk

Date of Report: October 13, 2023

(715) 261-6621



PHS Date 10/16/2023

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
185369	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	MCGLONE, JASON	1520 ELM ST APT 441 WAUSAU WI 54401		MALARKEY'S PUB	09/08/2023	06/30/2024	No		
185989	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor	SUBEDI, SURESH	1906 N 10TH AVE, APT 6 WAUSAU WI 54401		FAST FUEL MART			Yes		
186028	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	TYLER, DANIEL	604 WILLIAMS STREET ROTHSCHILD WI 54474		THE PINERY COFFEE COMPANY			Yes		
185994	9075 - Cigarette	,	102 N 3RD AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		FAST FUEL MART					

Total Licenses

1

AGENDA ITEM #3

MEMO

To: Public Health & Safety Committee
From: Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk
Subject: Request for Extension for Good Cause – Campus Pub
Date: October 13, 2023

Campus Pub, 1110 W Campus Dr, renewed the Class B Beer & Liquor license for the 2023-2024 license year, however, the license was not issued due to a WI DOR Wholesaler's Report of Delinquent Retail License hold. Section 125.69(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes prohibits issuance of a retailer's license to any person having any indebtedness for intoxicating liquor to any wholesale permittee of more than 30 days standing. There is an outstanding invoice of \$7,765.71 owed to Badger Liquor Co, Inc. There is also delinquent Personal Property Tax owed to the city.

The business was closed by the Police Department at midnight on June 30, 2023. Attempts were made by the City Clerk by certified mail to contact the owner, Kevin Steinke, to find out the status of the business. Those certified letters were returned by USPS as not picked up. Mr. Steinke called the City Clerk on September 22nd requesting an extension.

5.64.160 - Abandonment of premises.

Any license to sell alcohol beverages authorized by this Chapter may be subject to revocation, suspension or non-renewal pursuant to the procedures in Wis. Stats. § 125.12 under the following circumstances:

- (a) It has not been issued following granting by the governing body contingent upon compliance with City requirements.
- (b) The subject premises is not open for business with stock and equipment within 90 days of the granting of such license; the Public Health and Safety Committee, for good cause, may extend said 90 day period of time for an additional 90 days if all of the following conditions have been met:
 - (1) At the time of application, the real property sought to be licensed does not have a permanent structure on it; and
 - (2) At the time of application, the real property sought to be licensed is either owned by the applicant, or is under lease to the applicant for a period greater than one year from the date of application, or is subject to an accepted offer to purchase, not conditioned on a future event. The deed, lease or offer to purchase must be presented to the Public Health and Safety Committee for review; and
 - (3) At the time of application, the applicant submits a floor plan for the structure intended to be constructed on the real property, said floor plan specifying that portion of the structure which is to be licensed; and
 - (4) The applicant agrees in writing, as part of the application, to submit to the Public Health and Safety Committee within 90 days of granting of the license or licenses a copy of the building permit and, if the applicant is not the owner or lessee of the property at the time of the application, a copy of the deed showing present ownership of the real property by the applicant; and
 - (5) The applicant agrees in writing, as part of the application to be diligent in all efforts to get the structure built and stocked within 180 days of the granting of the license.
- (c) The subject premises is not open for business at least 50 percent of the days within any 12-month period, either within a licensing year, or overlapping two licensing years.
- (d) The licensee does not own or lease a premises from which business may be conducted.
- (e) The licensee suspends or ceases doing business for a period of at least 30 consecutive days; the Public Health and Safety Committee, for good cause, may extend said period of time for 90 additional days. An establishment is deemed to have ceased regular operations when any of the following occurs:
 - (1) The alcohol beverage license is surrendered to the City Clerk absent the issuance of a newly-granted license; or

- (2) The establishment is no longer open to the public; or
- (3) The establishment is open to the public only intermittently in an attempt to circumvent the provisions of this subsection; or
- (4) The establishment fails to maintain open and active accounts with its food and/or alcohol distributors; or
- (5) The alcohol beverage license holder fails to submit a renewal application to the City Clerk before the last possible submittal date.

(Ord. 61-5479 §1, 2011, File No. 01-1008; Ord. 61-5133, 2001, File No. 01-1008.)

Wausau Fire Department Monthly Report

September 2023



(Extrication Training)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Robert Barteck

September was another exciting month for our department. Several structure fires occurred that Deputy Chief Kopp highlights in his report. The crews completed their Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support refresher course, and we wrapped up another hiring posting with an offer to a firefighter/paramedic candidate.

Administratively, we continued with budget planning for 2024 and worked on leadership transition items between me and soon-to-be Fire Chief Jeremy Kopp.

With the naming of Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp as my successor, we immediately dove into the succession planning and passing of the leadership responsibilities. This began with the finalization of the 2024 budget. Chief Kopp collaborated with the Finance Department and our Administrative Analyst to craft the cost to continue the budget in the City's new Workday Adaptive budget tool. We then moved on to supplementary budget requests for 2024.

Wausau Community Communication Specialist Ethan Bares and I were asked to present at the Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Fall Conference in Fond du Lac. We were the featured morning speakers with a two-hour time slot on the first morning of the conference. Our Presentation was titled *Transforming Community Connections Through Video and Social Media*. During the presentation, we highlighted how Ethan has used his talents to produce content to promote our department's initiatives. Ethan discussed equipment editing programs for any sized budget. I discussed how to leverage video and social media to communicate with our community and potential candidates. We have excellent data that support Ethan's work's effectiveness for the fire department, from his development of our YouTube page from zero to tens of thousands of views and followers. Since Ethan began producing content for us, every single candidate who has applied to our department has referenced watching our video.

In September we worked with Huma Resources for another firefighter/paramedic recruitment. We offered one candidate a position from that process. We are still three positions short of our new staffing number of 74. With two anticipated retirements in December, the department must recruit five quality candidates to reach our staffing goals. Deputy Chief Kopp spear-headed an initiative with the Human Resources Department to find these essential fire/medics by appealing to current paramedic students. In the fall of 2022 and winter of 2023, we successfully recruited five paramedic students currently enrolled in a program. We hired those students and supported them through completing their paramedic course with the full support of the department and all the tools at our disposal. This plan worked, and we are optimistic that we can use a similar hiring strategy to fill these last remaining positions. More to come on this topic.

I hope you find this monthly report informative. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or want additional information added to this report.

Robert Barteck – Fire Chief

EMS Division by EMS Division Chief Jared Thompson

CAAS Accreditation

The EMS Division received positive media attention upon hearing of our accreditation. New 12 came and did a great story explaining what this means to us as a department and what it provides to the community.



Wausau Fire Department EMS earns national accreditation



(WJFW) - Wausau's Fire Department has been providing emergency medical services...

wjfw.com - 1 week ago

Outreach

On September 20th, the EMS Division participated in the "Improve Your Balance: Prevent Falls Recourse Fair" at North Central Technical College. The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin and Aspirus Hospital presented this fair. This year, the Wausau Fire Department has responded to over 600 requests for ambulances due to falls. This was the number one dispatched reason in 2022. The fair highlighted how one can prevent falls and improve their balance. We talked with many residents about what we, as a department, see when responding to patients who fall, such as injuries, and what caused the falls. We set up a TV to share our data with individuals we spoke to.



Training:

The EMS Division concluded our recertification process for our Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) certifications. Forty-five paramedics successfully completed both didactical and practical portions. This class is recognized worldwide as the leading continuing education program for prehospital emergency trauma care. The mission of PHTLS is to promote excellence in trauma patient management by all providers involved in the delivery of prehospital care. PHTLS is developed by NAEMT in cooperation with the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma. The course emphasizes the application of trauma education through case studies, skills practice, and patient simulations. PHTLS is the global gold standard in prehospital trauma education and is taught in over 80 countries.



EMS Patient Experience Rep

The EMS Division is excited to share our patient care experience report for May. Our overall score was 91.22%. I want to highlight our five highest scores from this report.

5 Highest Scores



Here is an example of a survey sent back by a patient to the EMS Survey Team and uploaded to our account. Paramedics Nate Clark and Ashely Sakis were the crew members on this call.

Medics

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
Care shown by the medics who arrived with the ambulance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Degree to which the medics took your problem seriously	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Degree to which the medics listened to you and/or your family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Skill of the medics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extent to which the medics kept you informed about your treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extent to which medics included you in the treatment decisions (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Degree to which the medics relieved your pain or discomfort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medics' concern for your privacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extent to which medics cared for you as a person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comments (describe positive or negative experiences):
 My medic in back with me was very kind to me!

Office Staff

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
Professionalism of the staff in our billing office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willingness of the staff in our billing office to address your needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N/A

Comments (describe positive or negative experiences):

Overall Assessment

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
How well did our staff work together to care for you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extent to which our staff eased your entry into the medical facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Appropriateness of Emergency Medical Transportation treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extent to which the services received were worth the fees charged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overall rating of the care provided by our Emergency Medical Transportation service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Likelihood of recommending this ambulance service to others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Excellent!
 Excellent!

Comments (describe positive or negative experiences):

Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

City	# of Reports	% of Reports	# of Reports – YTD
City of Abbotsford	1	0.21%	3
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	1
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	1
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City of Schofield	1	0.21%	1
City of Wausau	450	92.59%	4,234
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	1
Town of Berlin	3	0.62%	29
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	0	0.00%	3
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	1
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	1
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0

Town of Hewitt	2	0.41%	24
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	3
Town of Marathon	1	0.21%	2
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	1	0.21%	5
Town of Rib Mountain	1	0.21%	5
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	2
Town of Texas	4	0.82%	40
Town of Wausau	6	1.23%	101
Town of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village of Athens	0	0.00%	5
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	2
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	1
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	11	2.26%	116
Village of Marathon City	3	0.62%	8
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	1
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village of Weston	2	0.41%	26
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	486	100.00%	4,626

Fire Training Division by Training Division Chief David Briggs

September Scheduled Training:

A brief breakdown of our scheduled activities follows:

- Vehicle Extrication
- Vehicle Fires
- Engineer Drill – Drafting Operations
- Railroad Incident Safety

September had lofty goals for training that relied heavily on external collaboration. Unfortunately, some of them fell through due to unforeseen circumstances. Four vehicles were slated for delivery to use for vehicle extrication among the three crews with one to be used for vehicle fire training. Unfortunately, only two vehicles were available due to neighboring departments training needs occurring at the same time as ours. Railroad safety training had been requested through two different railroad companies and one accepted our request. Unfortunately, they had to send their trainer to a national-level derailment which forced them to cancel on us only days before it was scheduled.

Vehicle firefighting has been discussed among many of the fire companies and video-based training has been put in place temporarily to cover newer vehicle technologies and the risks associated with lithium-ion battery fires. Vehicle fire training and railroad incident safety will be rescheduled once we can work with our collaborators to make it happen.

Vehicle Extrication

In 2022, the Wausau Fire Department responded for 139 vehicle accidents and an additional 6 extensive vehicle extrications. The skills required to remove a vehicle from around a victim are essential to rescuing motorists on our roadways. Due to the shortage of vehicles, two out of three crews were able to complete the hands-on training this month. Our supplier and transport service donate the vehicles to use for training, so we

are grateful for what we receive. We at times need to wait and reschedule to perform all skills.



Above: “B” and “C” crew work through scenarios utilizing tools and equipment at our disposal on rescue scenes.

Engineer Drill – Drafting Operations

As an urban fire department, drafting water from static sources is a rare requirement. The process of drafting requires a fire pump operator to remove all air from a fire pump to allow atmospheric pressure to “push” water in through hard suction hoses.

While this is a rare occurrence, it is something that does not have a zero-likelihood. Drafting is also performed during fire pump testing. In the event a fire pump service is performed, the pump needs to be re-tested to verify the repair did not impair the function, or it repaired the initial issue back to a functional state.

Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Taskforce 1

The Wausau Fire Department has been allotted 6 positions on Wisconsin Task Force 1. This Urban Search and Rescue team is in the process of training and certifying to become deployable throughout the state, country, and world. At this point in time, we have been given two preliminary positions and we were able to fill one. Firefighter/Paramedic Autumn Oertel was selected as our first member pursuing this highly technical training. Her introductory day of training took place on September 19th. She will continue to receive training in rope rescue, confined space, trench rescue, structural collapse rescue, water rescue, and other specialty disciplines throughout the next year. All initial training is held at the Regional All Climate Training center on Volk Field, Air National Guard Base.

Collaboration With NorthCentral Technical College

NTC recently took delivery of a tremendous asset to the Central Wisconsin area. The image below is of a FireVent firefighter ventilation training prop. We are currently working with NTC to determine when the opportunity to train on vertical ventilation can be brought to the Wausau Fire Department. Without the prop, or any other training facility, we currently use pallets staged on the ground to create a makeshift roof to cut with saws.



WTCS Technical Rescue Committee

The diligent work of the committee was nearing the accreditation process planned for September or October. However, the Wisconsin Technical College Coordinator has resigned, and this committee’s work is now on hold. We look forward to meeting the successor and working to bring technical rescue certification to Wisconsin technical colleges for the first time.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	509.25	85.20%	5,453.40
Driver/Operator Training	33.2	5.55%	720.75
Facilities Training	0	0.00%	39
Hazardous Materials Training	25.5	4.27%	353
Misc Training	0	0.00%	55.25
Officer Training	13	2.18%	353.45
Specialty Training	16.75	2.80%	1095
Total	597.70	100.00%	8,069.85

Training Categories:

Company Training – General firefighting training

Officer Training – Included leadership, management, supervision, and tactical considerations

Driver/Operator Training – Operation of fire apparatus

Hazardous Materials Training – How to mitigate the leak or spill of hazardous substances

Specialty Training – Rope, confined space, trench, collapse, ice, water, and other special rescues.

Facilities Training – Training at a live-burn facility (may include off-duty time)

Misc Training – Any other training category such as software, administrative, etc.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Admin Training	2.5	0.47%	109.5
EMS Training	496.75	93.02%	2,627
Fire Instructor Training	34.75	6.51%	439

Fire Prevention Training	0	0.00%	0
Investigation Training	0	0.00%	112.5
Total	534	100.00%	3,288

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Marshal Brian Stahl

Inspections: Within the City of Wausau for the month of September, we performed 267 total inspections. We had 24 properties that had Fire Code Violations with 25.7% being Fire Alarm systems being out of date and 22.9% being coded for annual extinguisher service. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted two consultation inspections for the month. Both were for the testing of the Fire Alarm system placement at a Healthcare facility. We also received and recorded 109 reports through the Compliance Engine for services rendered for fire suppression systems at varying businesses.

Investigations: The Prevention Division investigated three fires in the month of September. These properties were all privately owned residential properties. One fire was due to an underrated extension cord, powering a hot tub located outside of the house, adjacent to an exterior wall. The remaining investigations were for a residence having two fires within 10 hours of each other, one of which unfortunately rekindled overnight. A “rekindle” is defined as a fire that had been extinguished, and at some point, reignited. Typically, this happens with complex construction situations where a smoldering fire is overlooked or missed. In this case, the attic had knob and tube electrical wiring connected to newer wiring, covered with blown in cellulose insulation. The origin was in the attic and the rekindle occurred near the origin. Because of the nature of cellulose insulation, it is known for harboring smoldering fires as embers are difficult to detect with thermal imaging devices.

Public Outreach: Throughout September we performed outreach several times. We witnessed and advised on three fire drills. Two were for elementary schools and one for Lactalis Heritage Dairy (Kraft) located on Townline Rd in Wausau. New smoke alarms and a CO detector were also installed in three separate private residences. We also performed a walkthrough inspection for a proposed “startup” business in town. This entailed walking with the potential owners through an existing building. The potential new owners wanted clarification on what would be needed to become compliant with the Fire Code.

Education: The month of September the Prevention Division worked on maintaining our EMS certifications. We completed Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) pretest for our refresher class scheduled for November. This is a requirement for the Paramedic level of EMS. We also attended the IAAI Fall Seminar which will provide tested hours to maintain our FIT certification in investigations.



Fire Prevention **MONTH**

"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- Hear a BEEP, get on your feet. Get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 from outside.*
- Hear a CHIRP, make a change. A chirping alarm needs attention.*
- Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old.*
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.*

National Fire Protection Association nfpa.org

Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Monthly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	259	2,293
Re-inspections	7	246
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	1	39
Total Inspections	267	2,464
Fire Investigations	2	17
Inspection Department Activities	Number	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	4	85

Fire Operations Division by Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp

Significant calls:

Wausau Fire responded to 4 structure fire calls, 2 garbage can fires, and one brush fire in the month of September. The brush fire started on accident in front of a house where the owner was using chemicals to get rid of a bee's nest and caught the landscaping on fire. Fire department personnel noticed the fire from the fire station and jumped into action preventing the fire from extending into the house. Our fire prevention bureau is tracking the suspicious garbage can fires and will be working with PD if they keep happening to find out cause. The 4th structure fire was a rekindle from a fire the crews fought earlier. This was an extensive fire in a home with blown in insulation, these types of rekindles are common throughout the country because of smoldering insulation that is hard to track and extinguish. The tenants were evacuated and staying somewhere else after the initial fire and not home at the time of the second fire.

Recruitment and Retention:

One hiring process closed in September in which we were able to move a candidate on to the Police and Fire Commission at the end of October. We also welcomed new Firefighter Marshal DeValk to our Paramedic cohort at station two with expected graduation date in December becoming a paramedic. Another process will open in October and close on October 31st. We are hoping to get some candidates from other technical schools who graduate next May in this process. In November we will know how short we are from hitting our full staffing goal in 2023 and decide if we want to do another EMT basic class in conjunction with NTC like we did this year. Fingers crossed we get enough applicants in October to reach our end of the year goals!

Fleet:

Fire Marshal Stahl's new pickup is in and will be replacing the old Ford Fusion and going into service October 6th. The other two pickup trucks should be arriving in October according to DPW.

Buildings and Grounds:

Station three has received new landscaping in the back of the station and additional parking on the west side of the building, thank you DPW! New beds have arrived at central; we are no longer sleeping on cots. The women's bathroom is awaiting new vanity and paint.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by my office. 715-261-7901.

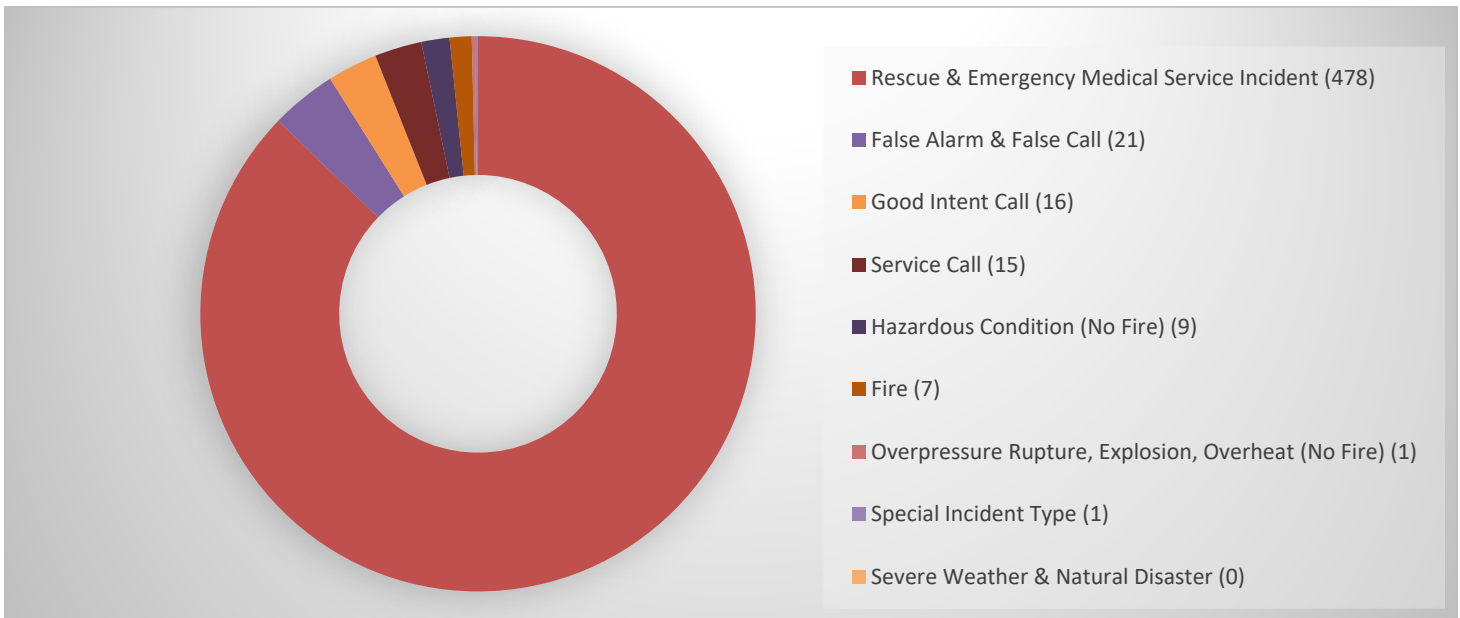
Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
9/5/2023	3006 Seymour Lane	City of Wausau	F23001499	Natural vegetation fire, other
9/8/2023	911 North 9th Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001521	Building fire
9/17/2023	526 Porter Street	City of Wausau	F23001577	Building fire
9/19/2023	111 South 1st Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001584	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire

9/25/2023	518 North 2nd Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001628	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
9/28/2023	302 North 8th Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001647	Building fire
9/29/2023	302 North 8th Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001650	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2023	2022	2021	% Of Change from 2022 to 2023
January	579	591	502	-2.03%
February	506	507	456	-0.20%
March	551	540	497	2.04%
April	527	498	503	5.82%
May	574	574	556	0.00%
June	553	590	583	-6.27%
July	679	531	587	27.87%
August	571	600	577	-4.83%
September	548	524	525	4.58%
October		545	552	
November		574	562	
December		612	590	
TOTAL		6686	6490	



Responses by Municipality (All NFIRS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	1	0.18%	3
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	1
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	2
City Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City Of Schofield	1	0.18%	1
City Of Wausau	515	93.98%	4,706

Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Rosholt	0	0.00%	1
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Berlin	2	0.36%	28
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Cassel	0	0.00%	3
Town Of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	1
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Hamburg	0	0.00%	0
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Hewitt	2	0.36%	21
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	3
Town Of Marathon	1	0.18%	2
Town Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	2
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Rib Falls	1	0.18%	5
Town Of Rib Mountain	1	0.18%	5
Town Of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Stettin	0	0.00%	2
Town Of Texas	3	0.55%	37
Town Of Wausau	5	0.91%	97
Town Of Weston	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village Of Athens	0	0.00%	4
Village Of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Edgar	0	0.00%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	1
Village Of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	2
Village Of Maine	11	2.01%	113
Village Of Marathon City	3	0.55%	8
Village Of Rothschild	0	0.00%	2
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Weston	2	0.36%	25
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	548	100.00%	5,088

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	221:03:46 Hours
EMS Incidents	792:08:15 Hours

Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	681.25 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	1,131.70 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	8
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	14
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	0
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	2
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	0
Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	3
Request for Fire from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	0
Total Non-Aid Incidents (outside City with no other agency response)	9

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT



1st Quarter, 2023

Chief's Message

The Wausau PD experienced significant change in the 3rd quarter of 2023. Chief Ben Bliven retired from the Wausau PD and Deputy Chief Barnes was sworn in as the new chief on September 7th. Anytime the leader of an organization leaves, and an internal candidate replaces them, change follows throughout the organization. We are in the process of selecting a new Deputy Chief, followed by a new Captain, and with known retirements three Lieutenants. The good news is we have an abundance of outstanding and qualified staff to fill all those positions.

The staff have been informed they should not expect dramatic change with new leadership. We are a progressive and high functioning department. We will continue working to overcome challenges facing this department and the Wausau community.

The recruitment of officers and staff that meet our standard for character and ability is a challenge. Specifically, our desire to recruit minority and female officers. We recognize a need to reinvent our recruitment strategy to include increased use of targeted social media, a streamlined hiring process, and the development of a trained recruitment team that travels outside our normal recruitment areas.

We will continue to seek innovative solutions and work with partner organizations as we grapple with a growing homeless population.

At the September Police and Fire Commission meeting, two Wausau PD officers received lifesaving awards for their actions in two separate incidents.

As you will see in this report, during the third quarter, officers investigated three suicides, and two shooting incidents.

I am very excited and energized to lead this department and serve the Wausau community. As a new chief, I could not ask for a better and more dedicated staff.

Thank you,

Chief Barnes



General Crime Statistics



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
July 2023 - September 2023

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

July 2023 - September 2023

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	494	504	264	184	17	201
Crimes Against Persons	124	124	90	71	7	78
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	20	20	12	11	0	11
- Rape	6	6	3	3	0	3
- Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Fondling	14	14	9	8	0	8
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	0	0	0	0
- Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Statutory Rape	1	1	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	101	101	78	80	7	67
- Aggravated Assault	42	42	35	26	3	29
- Simple Assault	48	48	33	28	4	32
- Intimidation	11	11	10	6	0	6
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	2	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	223	233	60	38	6	44
Robbery	3	3	1	1	0	1
Burglary	16	16	1	0	0	0
Theft/Larceny	104	104	30	22	2	24
- Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Theft - Purse Snatching	1	1	1	1	0	1
- Theft - Shoplifting	48	48	19	14	1	15
- Theft From Building	8	8	2	1	0	1
- Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Theft From Motor Vehicle	11	11	3	2	1	3





Crime Counts - Wausau PD
July 2023 - September 2023

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	2	2	1	1	0	1
• Theft - All Other Larceny	34	34	4	3	0	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	10	5	1	2	3
Stolen Property Offenses	5	5	3	3	0	3
Arson	1	1	1	1	0	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	4	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	22	22	3	2	0	2
• Fraud - False Pretenses	12	12	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	2	2	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Impersonation	1	1	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	7	7	2	1	0	1
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	3	3	1	0	1	1
Extortion/Blackmail	3	3	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	53	62	15	8	1	9
Crimes Against Society	147	147	114	75	4	79
Weapon Law Violations	16	16	12	7	1	8
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	130	130	101	67	3	70
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	82	82	64	54	3	57
• Drug Equipment Violations	48	48	37	13	0	13
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	1	1	0	1
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0	0	0	0





Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

July 2023 - September 2023

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	234	22	256
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	18	0	18
Disorderly Conduct	68	6	74
Driving Under the Influence	36	0	36
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	2	0	2
Liquor Law Violation	5	5	10
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	16	1	17
All Other Offenses	89	10	99

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Victim counts are calculated based on the number of victims connected to each unique offense type in an incident. For Crimes Against Persons, the number of victims will be equal to the number of offenses. Victims will be counted more than once if they are connected to multiple offenses.

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Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

September 2023

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	131	134	65	44	5	49
Crimes Against Persons	30	30	20	14	4	18
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	8	8	5	4	0	4
- Rape	1	1	1	1	0	1
- Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Fondling	5	5	4	3	0	3
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	0	0	0	0
- Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Statutory Rape	1	1	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	23	23	15	10	4	14
- Aggravated Assault	10	10	6	5	1	6
- Simple Assault	10	10	7	3	3	6
- Intimidation	3	3	2	2	0	2
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	58	61	14	9	1	10
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0	0
Burglary	3	3	0	0	0	0
Theft/Larceny	26	26	5	3	0	3
- Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Theft - Shoplifting	14	14	4	3	0	3
- Theft From Building	2	2	0	0	0	0
- Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Theft From Motor Vehicle	2	2	0	0	0	0





Crime Counts - Wausau PD
September 2023

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Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Extortion/Blackmail	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	20	23	8	5	1	6
Crimes Against Society	43	43	31	21	0	21
Weapon Law Violations	4	4	2	1	0	1
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
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• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
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• Drug/Narcotics Violations	25	25	19	19	0	19
• Drug Equipment Violations	14	14	10	1	0	1
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• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0





Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

September 2023

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	81	3	84
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	4	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	21	2	23
Driving Under the Influence	17	0	17
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	2	1	3
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	10	0	10
All Other Offenses	27	0	27

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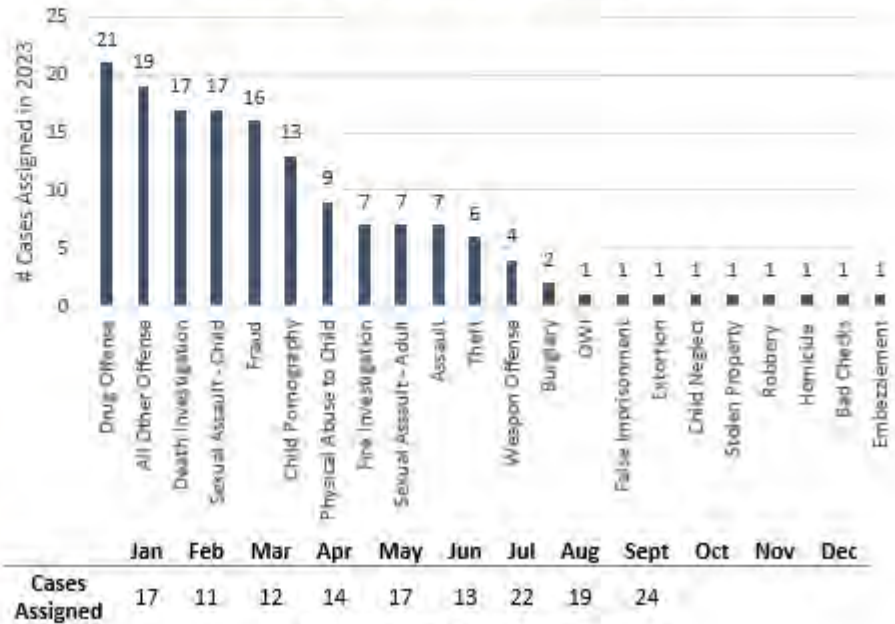
Investigations Bureau

- Detectives
- School Resource Officers (SRO)
- Victim Resource Unit (VRU)
- Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)

Public Health & Safety – Investigations Bureau Update

This report provides a snapshot of major cases

Detective Case Load by Crime Type



3rd Quarter Convictions

- Merisa Wagner**
Guilty Child Abuse
Sentence Pending
- Aaron Templeton**
Guilty of Drug Delivery
8 years Prison; 5 years Parole
- Delfino O'Day Figueroa**
Guilty of Sexual Assault of a Child
Life without Parole
- Alexander Tillou**
Guilty of Child Enticement
5 years Prison; 10 years Parole

Major Cases (last quarter)

Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
7/9/2023	Death Investigation	Suicide 41-year-old female died by suicide Case Closed
7/23/2023	Shooting incident	Shooting House struck by gunfire following <u>dispute</u> 800 block of S 3 rd Ave 18-year-old Nicholas Multani Arrested Case Closed
7/25/2023	Death Investigation	Drowning 55-year-old female died by drowning Alcohol a contributing factor 200 block W Washington St Case Closed
8/9/2023	Death Investigation	Suicide 58-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
9/16/2023	Death Investigation	Sudden Death 35-year-old male died at Big Bull Falls Park Toxicology results pending Case Open
9/20/2023	Shooting incident	Shot Fired at M&R Station Called to bar for disturbance and a man fled and fired a <u>gun</u> 800 block of S 3 rd Ave 42-year-old Joseph Slater arrested Case Open
9/30/2023	Death Investigation	Suicide 25-year-old female died by suicide Case Closed



Drug Overdoses

2023



2019-2023



Overdoses by Location (current year)



Summary

2021 had the highest number of police responses to drug overdoses in WPD history. That year, we responded to 40 overdoses, 12 of which were fatal.

In 2022, there was a 12% decrease in total overdoses (at 35). That decrease was primarily owed to a drop in fatalities. 2022 saw 9 fatalities (down 25% from the previous year).

Overdoses continue to trend downward in 2023 (down 31% from the previous year). Through September, there's been 18 reported overdoses, 5 of which were fatal.



Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)

WPD CART QUARTERLY

July - September 2023

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 / 51.45 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
Jul - Sept 2023	315	577	28	173
2023 Total	814	1,481	75	468
2022 Total	930	1,874	126	583
2021 Total	910	1,886	160	357

51.15 by Type	Adults / Juveniles	Community / Facility
Jul - Sept 2023	21/7	17/11
2023 Total	57/18	52/23
2022 Total	102 / 24	84 /42

*CART is a shared resource with MNSO; above data represents WPD jurisdiction activities only. WPD has one (1) CART Officer, on M-F day shift schedule. This position is not back-filled during the CART Officer's off-days. MNSO's CART Deputy also responds to relevant CFS in the City when available.

“CFS”: Calls For Service (Officer initiated activities and calls received from Dispatch).

“Mental Health” and “Welfare Check” are the two most common types of CFS (coded by Dispatch based on the initial information reported) that involve individuals in crisis.

“Community” origin of 51.15 / 51.45: Law enforcement is called to a location in the community (*residence, business, public location*) in response to an individual in crisis (or incapacitated). De-escalation, safety planning, and/or diversion is not viable or is unsuccessful, resulting in 51.15 or 51.45 detention.

“Facility” origin of 51.15: While under care or custody of the Jail, NCHC, or medical facility; an inmate or patient is suicidal or otherwise assessed on-site by a Crisis Professional, and deemed in need of 51.15. Law Enforcement is then called upon to confirm and complete the 51.15 (as required by WI Stats.) **Lacks opportunity for diversion.**

“51.15”: “Emergency Detention” under WI Statute 51.15. Law enforcement may take into custody an individual who is:

- (1) Mentally ill, drug dependent or developmentally disabled, and;
- (2) A substantial probability of physical harm to him/herself or others is evident by recent acts or omissions, attempts or threats.

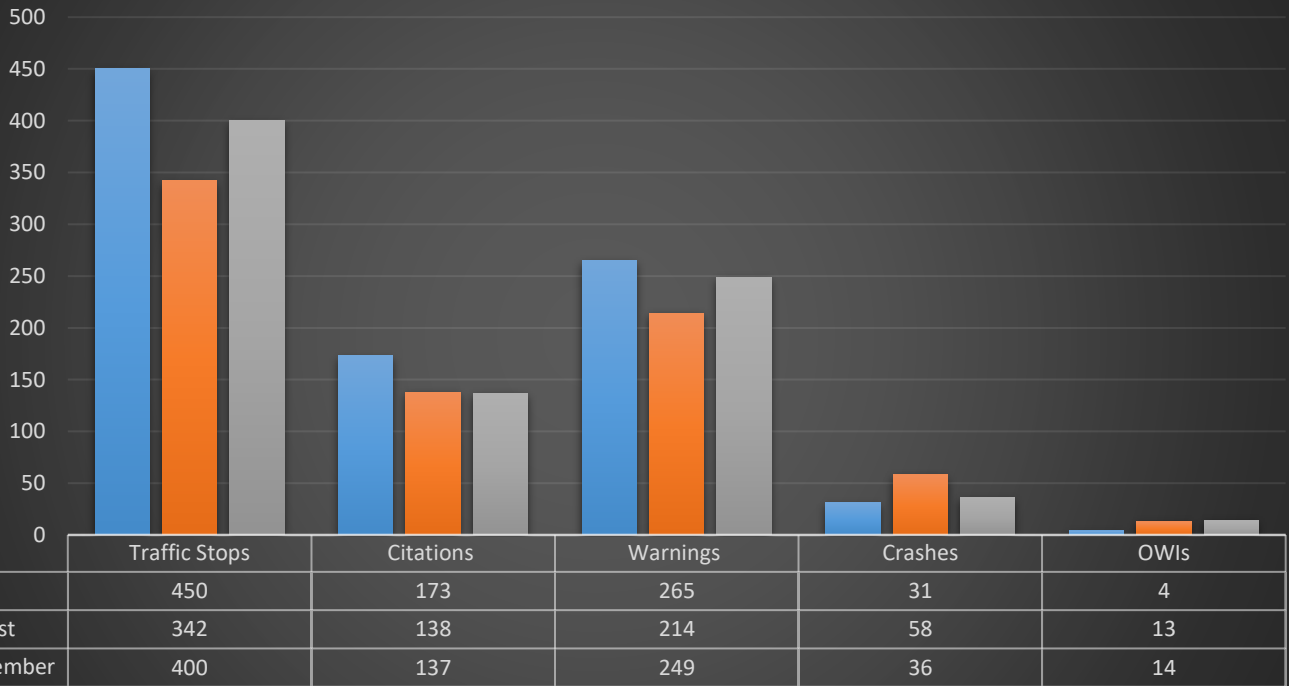
“51.45”: “Alcohol or Drug Detention” under WI Statute 51.45. “A person who appears to be ‘incapacitated by alcohol or another drug’ shall be placed under protective custody by a law enforcement officer.”



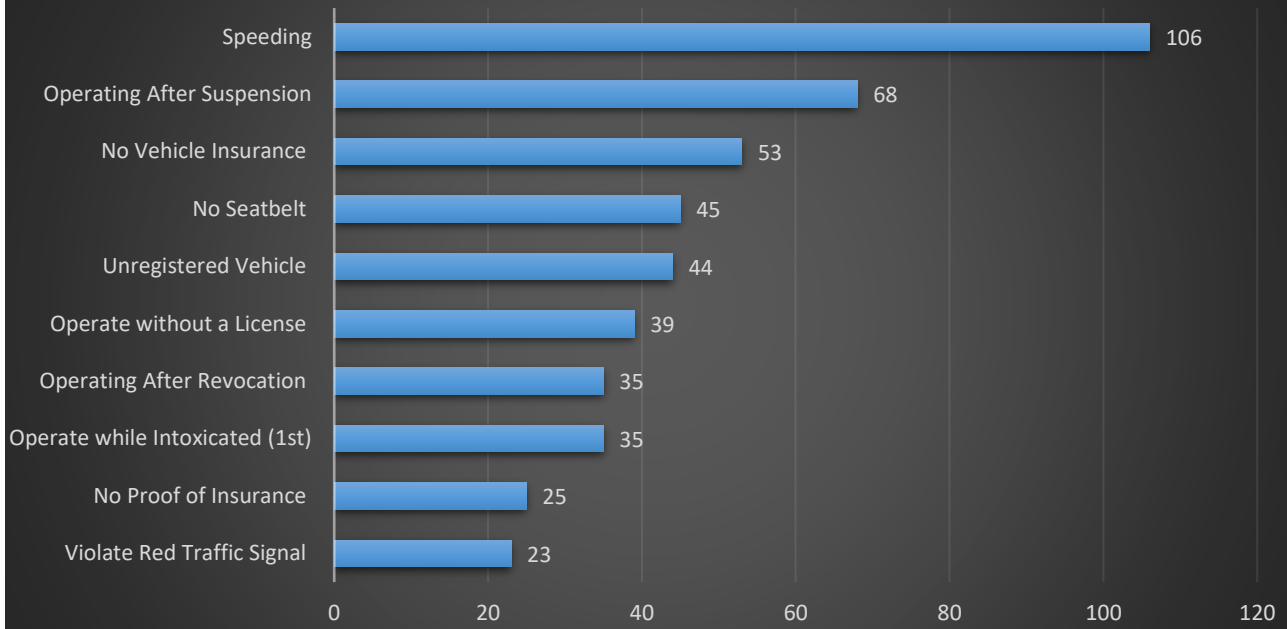
Year-to-Date Traffic Totals 2023

Traffic Stops 3378	Citations 1509	Warnings 2091
Operating While Intoxicated 104	Traffic Crashes 431	Patrol Hours Worked 41845.5

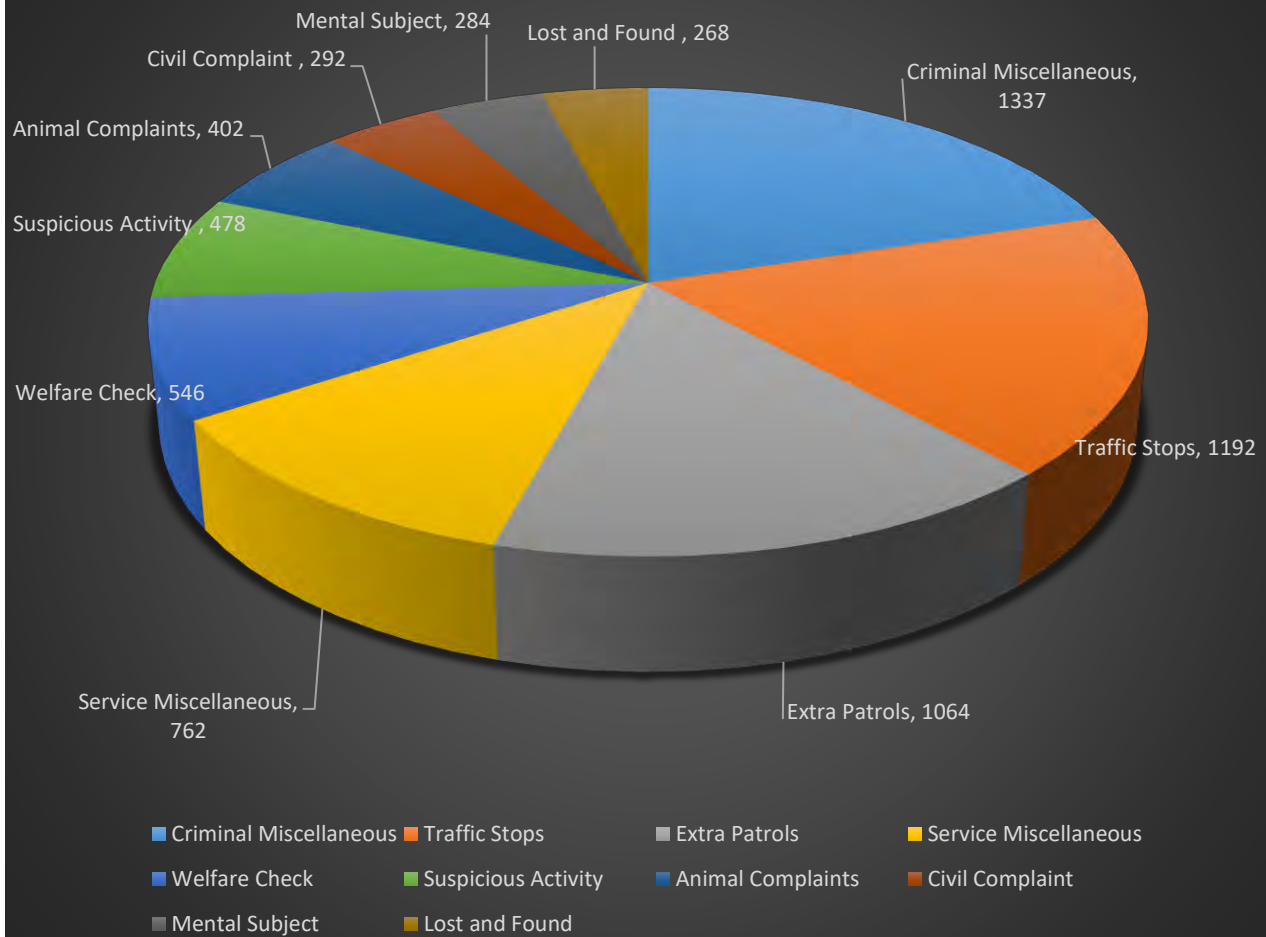
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - Third Quarter 2023



Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - Third Quarter 2023



Top Calls for Service - Third Quarter 2023



Overtime Report

Quarterly Overtime Report: July – September 2023

Code	Description (as officer submits)	Description (as lieutenant adjusts)	When to Use	Total Monthly Hours
601	SickCover	Sick Coverage	To cover vacancy due to sickness (non-covid) or FMLA	433
602	JobInjury	On Job Injury Coverage	To cover vacancy due to job injury	
603	VacCover	Vacation Coverage	To cover vacancy due to vacation (or other guaranteed time off)	154.75
604	TrainCov	Training Coverage	To cover vacancy due to on- or off-duty training	265.5
605	Pres/Meet	Present/Meetings	For after-hour presentations or meetings	69.75
606	Late/Call	Late Arrest/Call	For calls/investigations that begin on-duty but continue beyond scheduled hours	336.75
607	Call-In Trk	Call In / Call Back	When called in or back to work outside scheduled work hours	96.75
608	CourtOf	Court on Off Time	For attending court (or related meetings) off-duty	67.25
609	CourtCncl	Court Cancelled	When court (or related meetings) are cancelled without 24-hour notice	32
610	ReimbOT	Reimb	For contracted police services (e.g. private citizen/business event)	55.5
611	OtherActiv	Other OT	Overtime not covered by other codes	128.25
613	SchoolReim	School Reimb OT	For SRO overtime activities	
614	FBI-TF	FBI TF Comp Accl 1.5	For all non-grant overtime accrued by FBI - TF members	5.75
615	OT COVID P	Due to COVID Comp Accl 1.5	To cover vacancy due to COVID-related illness or absence	
616	OT TrainGn	Training (General)	For first 12 hours of in-service and all mandatory training attended on off-days	95.75
617	OT TrainST	Training (Special Teams)	For overtime associated with joint team training (SWAT, Dive, MFF, CNT, Bomb)	55.75
618	OT SpecTm	Special Teams Deployment	For overtime associated with special team deployment (SWAT, Dive, MFF, CNT, Bomb, CRT, Etc.)	36
619	OT Instruc	Instructing	For overtime associated with certified instructing (Firearms/DAAT/EVOC/etc.)	24
621	OT Invest	OT Investigation	For after-hour investigations (w/supervisor approval)	49.5
622	OT MilCov	Military Lv Coverage	To cover vacancy due to military leave	4
	OT Beat Grant	Beat Grant Program	For BEAT Grant activities	3
	OT Grant P	Grand Funded	For grant-funded overtime (traffic/meth/heroin/etc.)	147.5



	Program Paid Immediately		
OT IntGovt	InterGovt Agreement	For overtime reimbursed by other agency	
TrnAcr1.5	Training Time Accrual 1.5	For in-service training beyond 12 hours, training beyond regular hours, travel, all voluntary training on off-days, K-9 training, CRT Training	261

Budget Impact:

2060.5 overtime hours @ \$54.36 (average OT wage) = \$112,008.78

FBI-TF and OT Grant P are reimbursed at 100%

156.25 hours @ 54.36 = \$8,493.75

Total 2023 Overtime Budget - \$526,000

Percentage of overtime budget expended— 77.0%

Citizen Complaints & Internal Investigations

1. A citizen filed a complaint alleging two officers lied in their criminal investigative reports. The allegation was investigated and determined to be “Unfounded”.
2. An internal investigation was conducted after receiving an internal report of an officer making inappropriate/unprofessional comments to another staff member. The allegation was determined to be founded and the offending officer was disciplined.
3. An internal investigation was conducted after officers reported unprofessional communication and a violation of our “Use of Force” policy during an arrest. The investigation identified policy violations and the offending officer was disciplined.





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Date 10/05/2023
To Chief Barnes
From Lt. Nate Stetzer
Subject TAVERN REPORT September 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

Whiskey River Bar and Grill, 5512 Stewart Avenue

El Jalapenos, 300 N 3rd St

Malarkeys, 412 N 3rd St

M & R Station, 818 S 3rd Ave

North End Pub, 1002 N 3rd Ave

Oz, 320 Washington St

Hutch's Bar, 4411 Stewart Ave

Pollock Inn, 1206 N 3rd St

Lickity Splitz, 1709 Merrill Ave

Newch's Eatery, 1810 Merrill Ave

Treu's Tic Toc Club, 1201 W Thomas St

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

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ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

None this month. The checks were cancelled due to staffing issues.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS AT TAVERNS TO WHICH POLICE WERE DISPATCHED.

Aftershock Bar and Grill, 1418 Lenard Street

- (1) *Event #23124211, 09/08/2023 at 9:32 PM, WELFARE CHECK:* Officers responded to a heavily intoxicated male stumbling around in the parking lot. Officers contacted the subject who was intoxicated but able to care for himself. No enforcement actions were taken.

Bob and Randy's, 1515 N 6th Street

- (1) *Event # 23131228, 09/23/2023 at 11: 41 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officer conducted a bar check. No issues were noted.

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event # 23121455, 09/03/2023 at 2:20 AM, SERVICE MISC:* Officer observed a large crowd and conducted extra patrol. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (2) *Event # 23121879, 09/04/2023 at 1:05 AM, CRIMINAL MISC:* Named reporting party called and observed the odor of marijuana. Officer checked the area and did not smell the odor of marijuana emitting from the bar.
- (3) *Event # 23122215, 09/04/2023 at 9:31 PM, CRIMINAL MISC:* **Bartender** called for a male who had refused to leave the bar. The male left before law enforcement arrival. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (4) *Case # 23006628, 09/05/2023 at 12:09 AM, CRIMINAL MISC:* Male called and said he was attacked by another male with a knife outside in the parking lot. Officer requested video of interaction between the two inside the bar and the request was denied. Officer conducted follow-up several times over three weeks and was unable to get video. **Uncooperative with Police- 75 Demerit Points**
- (5) *Event # 23125489, 09/12/2023 at 01:08 AM, NOISE COMPLAINT:* Refused party called and said a lot of loud music coming from the parking lot. Officer checked the area and discovered the music was loud because the windows were open. The bartender turned down the music. No enforcement action was taken.
- (6) *Event #23130847, 09/23/2023 at 12:55 AM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check. No issues were noted.
- (7) *Event # 23131201, 09/23/2023 at 10:28 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check. No issues were noted.

Days Bowl A Dome, 1715 Stewart Avenue

- (1) *Event #23127954, 09/17/2023 at 12:50 AM, MEDICAL EMERGENCY:* a male was bleeding after he had fallen and hit his head. Medical emergency only and no

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enforcement actions were taken.

Hiawatha Restaurant and Lounge, 713 Grant Street

- (1) *Event # 23123850, 09/08/2023 at 8:32 AM, ALARM:* Officers responded for a report of an alarm. Keyholder arrived and advised the delivery driver had tripped the alarm. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (2) *Event # 23124540, 09/09/2023 at 7:74 PM, NOISE COMPLAINT:* Officers were dispatched to “loud band shaking houses.” The reporting party believed the band was coming from Hiawatha. Officers checked the area, and the noise was reasonable. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (3) *Case # 23007059, 09/20/2023 at 12:01 AM, CRIMINAL MISC:* Officers responded to the report of a verbal threats being made in the parking lot. The parties were separated and there were no enforcement actions taken.

Labor Temple, 318 S 3rd Ave

- (1) *Event #23124625, 09/10/2023 at 12:14 AM, WELFARE CHECK: Bartender* requested a welfare check be done on a intoxicated female. The female denied any assistance. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (2) *Event #23124644, 09/10/2023 at 2:10 AM, MEDICAL EMERGENCY:* bartender had gone outside to check on the female officers were out with earlier. The female was heavily intoxicated and stated she was going into labor. Medical issue only and no enforcement actions were taken.
- (3) *Event #23125616, 09/12/2023 at 9:43 PM, CRIMINAL MISC:* Officers responded for a report of credit cards being accidentally switched at the bar. Officers determined the incident to be a civil issue and no enforcement actions were taken.
- (4) *Event #23125972, 09/13/2023 at 12:16 AM, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:* a male was inside the bar causing a disturbance and was asked to leave. The male then threatened to fight the reporting party. The suspect fled the scene that was later located and arrested for disorderly conduct and felony bail jumping.
- (5) *Event #23128722, 09/18/2023 at 5:44 PM, 911 HANG UP:* A 911 hangup was received from in the bar. There were only a few people in the bar and there was no trouble. No enforcement actions were taken.

Loppnow's Bar, 1502 N. 3rd Street

- (1) *Event # 23120956, 09/01/2023 at 11:42 PM, BAR CHECK:* Lieutenant conducted a bar check. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (2) *Event #23121847, 09/03/2023 at 10:49, CRIMINAL MISC:* Officer was dispatched to a report of a infant who was in the bar with their parent. Officer investigated and released the female.
- (3) *Event 23124889, 09/10/2023 at 6:48 PM, FIGHT:* Officers were sent to the area for a fight. The parties were later located and advised they were drinking at the bar but

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- there was no fight just a male and female pulling a friend into the truck. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (4) *Event # 23126466, 09/13/2023 at 10:02, EXTRA PATROL:* Officer received a report of motorcycles racing after leaving the bar area. Officer checked the area and didn't locate any motorcycles. No enforcement actions were taken.
 - (5) *Event #23129780, 09/20/2023 at 9:42 PM, CRIMINAL MISC:* **Bartender** called because two people were saying bad things about her online. The bartender didn't want what these people were saying to impact her career. Informational report was taken. No enforcement actions were taken.
 - (6) *Event #23130829, 09/22/2023 at 11:55 PM, CRIMINAL MISC:* Officers responded for a report about an intoxicated male yelling outside of the bar. Officers were unable to locate the male and staff advised had a decent crowd. No enforcement actions were taken.
 - (7) *Event #2313221, 09/23/2023 at 11:23 PM, BAR CHECK:* Two officers conducted a bar check. No issues were observed, and no enforcement actions were taken.
 - (8) *Event #23132548, 09/26/2023 at 10:04 PM, CRIMINAL MISC:* **Bartender** called to report a male did not have an identification card, so she did not allow him into the bar. The male stood outside the bar and was there when officers responded. Officers assisted the male in leaving the premises. No enforcement actions were taken.
 - (9) *Event #23132561, 09/26/2023 at 10:52 P.M., CRIMINAL MISC:* Officers observed a male leaving the bar who was on probation and not supposed to be in a bar. The male attempted to flee and was eventually arrested for possession of methamphetamine, obstructing an officer, and a probation violation.
 - (10) *Event #23133571, 09/28/2023 at 21:14 hours, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check. No issues were noted.
 - (11) *Event #23134132, 09/30/2023 at 12:23 hours, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check. No issues were noted.
 - (12) *Event # 23134162, 09/30/2023 at 2:17 AM, NOISE COMPLAINT:* Officers responded for a report excessive music coming from the bar and the anonymous reporting party could hear people yelling. Officers arrived and didn't observe loud music but people out front ready to leave. No enforcement actions were taken.

Malarkey's, 412 N 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #23126454, 09/13/2023 at 9:13 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check and no issues were noted. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (2) *Event #23131031, 09/23/2023 at 12:47 PM, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:* A male was yelling at people in cars near the front of the bar. The male was arrested for a Department of Corrections warrant.
- (3) *Event # 23131216, 09/23/2023 at 11: 12 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check and no issues were noted. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (4) *Case # 23007182, 09/24/2023 at 1:44 AM, FIELD INTERVIEW:* An officer observed

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a male walking down the street with a 16 oz can of Busch Light. Officer interviewed the male and he said he had purchased the beer from Malarkey's. **25 demerit points.**

M and R Station, 818 S. 3rd Ave

- (1) *Event #23121004, 09/02/2023 at 2:32 AM, EXTRA PATROL:* **Bar owner** asked officer if anyone was outside with drinks. Officer did not observe anybody with drinks in the large crowd dispersed when officer arrived.
- (2) *Event # 23121458, 09/03/2023 at 2:30 AM, EXTRA PATROL:* Officers observed a large crowd near the back of the building. No further issues were noted, and no enforcement actions were taken.
- (3) *Event # 23123285, 09/07/2023 at 12:17 AM, SERVICE MISC:* While on patrol officers heard people screaming. Three people were yelling in front of the bar. Parties were separated. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (4) *Event # 23126441, 09/13/2023 at 8:44 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check and no enforcement actions were taken.
- (5) *Case #23007056, 09/20/2023 at 1:40 AM, FIGHT:* Officers were dispatched to a fight in the back lot of the bar. Officer arrived on scene and observed one male with a firearm. The male refused to drop the firearm when officers arrived. The suspected fired one round and fled. Detectives located two firearms within close distance of the bar. There are suspects at this time, but no arrests have been made. The suspects were seen on camera with firearms going in and out of the bar. **50 demerit points.**
- (6) *Event #23129843, 09/21/2023 at 1:17 AM, EXTRA PATROL:* Officer conducted extra patrol. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (7) *Event #23130789, 09/22/2023 at 9:30 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted extra patrol. **Bar owner** requested to speak to officers outside. Bar owner had provided his bartenders with the non-emergency number and told them to not hesitate to call whenever there is trouble. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (8) *Event #23130838, 09/23/2023 at 12:27 AM, BAR CHECK:* Officers observed a large crowd inside the bar and for officers conducted a walk-through. No enforcement actions were taken.
- (9) *Event # 23131596, 09/24/2023 at 11:56 PM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check and no enforcement actions were taken.
- (10) *Case # 23007344, 09/28/2023 at 10:18 PM, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:* An anonymous reporting party had reported a vehicle had been sitting in the parking lot for an extended period with its lights turning on and off. Officers arrived and searched the vehicle and located a plastic baggie containing cocaine and marijuana. Officers parked around the corner and the vehicle had left the bar parking lot. Officers were not able to locate the vehicle after it had left.
- (11) *Event # 23134128, 09/30/2023 at 12:08 AM, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted a bar check. No enforcement actions were taken.



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Matts 101 Pub, 101 N. 3rd Ave

- (1) *Event #23130851, 09/23/2023 at 1:08 AM, EXTRA PATROL:* Officers conducted extra patrol. No issues were noted.
- (2) *Event # 23131621, 09/25/2023 at 2:05 AM, MEDICAL EMERGENCY:* Three officers responded to the report of a medical emergency. Two people were dancing, and one highly intoxicated male fell and hit the back of his head against a bar stool. No enforcement actions were taken.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

25 Demerit Points were assessed to Malarkey's

50 Demerit Points were assessed to M & R Station

75 Demerit Points were assessed to Cop Shoppe

Respectfully submitted,
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ADDENDUM #1: SYNOPSIS OF CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

Aftershock Bar & Grill	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
C & B Supermarket	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (04/20/2023)	
Christine's Bar	25 Demerit Points
Leave with Open Container (05/07/2023)	
Cop Shoppe Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
	75 Demerit Points
Uncooperative with Police (09/05/2023)	
Den Mar Bar	50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premise (02/08/2023)	
Jalapeno's	50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premises (09/19/2022)	
Kwik Trip Store #728 (Kent Street)	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
Loppnow's Bar	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (08/09/2023)	
Matt's 101 Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (04/20/2023)	
Malarkey's`	25 Demerit Points
Leave with Open Container (09/24/2023)	
Moua's Callon Street Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
M & R Station	50 Demerit Points
Disorderly Conduct on Premises with Firearm (09/20/2023)	

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Wagner Shell Gas Station 25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)

Whiskey River Bar & Grill 25 Demerit Points
Open After Hours (06/19/2023)

Wausau on the Water 50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/ Premise (08/19/2023)

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ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED TO TAVERNS/STORES

Establishment	Defendant/Relationship	Date of Violation	Ord. Section/Statute Number	Type of Violation	Point Value*	Case #
6th Street Pub					Total	0
101 Pub					Total	
Aftershock Bar & Grill					Total	0
Applebee's Restaurant					Total	
Buffalo Wild Wings					Total	
Bunker's					Total	
Cabaret					Total	0
Callon Street Pub					Total	0
Campus Pub	Kevin Steinke/Owner	8/20/2022		Disorderly Conduct on Premise	Total	50 Case #22007058
Cheers Bar					Total	
Christine's Bar	Pahoua Chee Yang/Bartender	4/24/2022	5.64.010/125.32(3)(a)	Open After Hours	Total	25 Event #22052223
Cop Shoppe Pub					Total	0
Crossroad's County Market					Total	
Cruisin 1724					Total	
Den Mar	Emily Forrest/Bartender	2/8/2023	5.64.010/125.68(2)	No Licensed Bartender	Total	50 Event #23026406
Days' Bowl-a-Dome					Total	
Domino Bar					Total	0
Eagle's Club					Total	
Glass Hat					Total	

Hiawatha							Total	
Hmong Eggroll Restaurant							Total	0
Hutch's Bar							Total	
Intermission Bar							Total	
Jalapeno's	Jose Pedro Pineda-Medellin/Owner	6/19/2022	5.64.010/125.07(3)	Open After Hours/Underage Person on Premise	25/25	Case #22005159		
				Serve Underage Person	25			
	Jose Pedro Pineda-Medellin/Owner	9/19/2022	5.64.010/125.68(2)	Leaving with Open Container	25			
				No Licensed Bartender on Duty	50	Event #22128462		
							Total	150
Jim's Corner Pub							Total	
Labor Temple							Total	
Limmerick's Public House							Total	
Loppnow's Bar							Total	
		8/19/2023	5.64.010/125.07(3)	Serve Underage Person	25	Event# 23113987		
							Total	0
Lumpy's							Total	
Kohlman and Lee's IGA							Total	
Krist Food Mart #89							Total	0
M & R Station	Rick Gordon/Owner							
		9/20/2023		Disorderly Conduct on Premises w Firearm	50	Case 23007056		
							Total	50
Malarkey's Pub							Total	
		9/24/2023		Leaving with Open Beverage	25	23007182		
							Total	25
Milwaukee Burger Company							Total	0
					0	Case #22007009		
Newchee's Eatery	Mai Yang Lor,Newchee Lor/Owner	3/20/2022	5.64.010	Disorderly Conduct on Premises w/ Bodily Harm	100	Case #22002411		
							Total	1
North End Pub							Total	
Pick N' Save #6405							Total	
Pine Ridge Mobil							Total	0

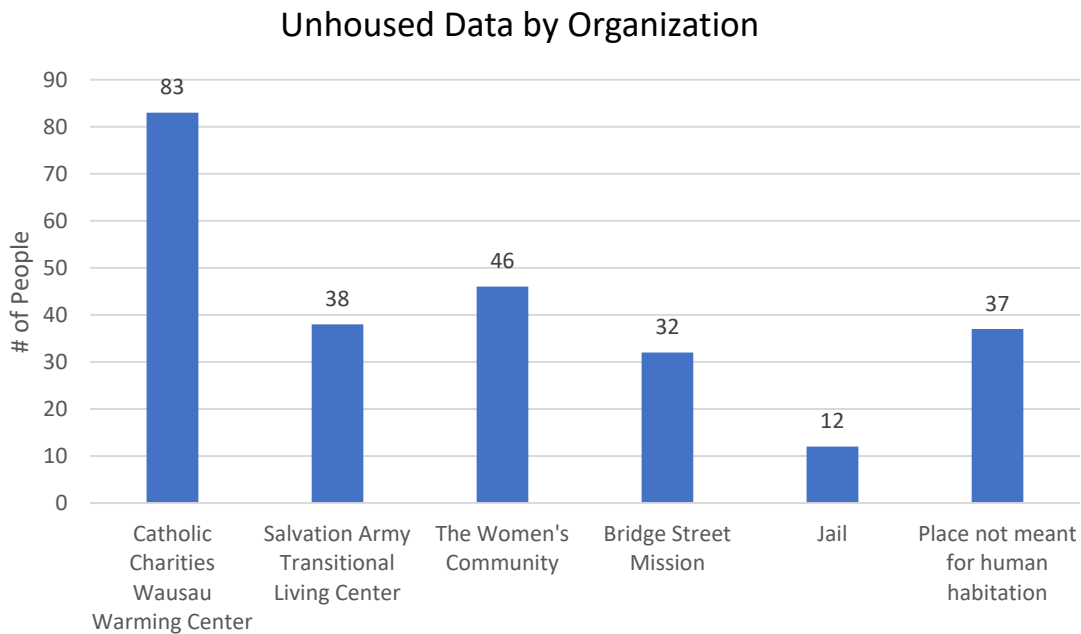
Player's					Total	0
Pregame Pub					Total	0
R Store #31					Total	0
R Store #34					Total	0
Red Eye Brewing Company					Total	0
Showtime Gentlemen's Club					Total	0
The Store #62					Total	0
Thrive Foodery					Total	0
Treu's Tic Toc					Total	0
Tobacco Outlet Plus #501					Total	0
Trig's Wausau					Total	0
VFW Burns Post 388					Total	0
Wausau BP					Total	0
Walgreen's #13371					Total	0
Wausau Labor Temple					Total	0
Wausau Mine Company					Total	0
Whiskey River Bar & Grill					Total	0
Wausau On the Water	Bradley C. Beilke/ Employee	8/19/2023	5.64.010/125.68(2)	No Licensed Bartender on Duty	Total	50 50 Case #23-6184

To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Rieger, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: September 18, 2023
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated¹ persons housed by each organization in the previous month.



Unhoused Data Summary

In September, data suggests there were approximately 248 unhoused individuals in Wausau. As indicated in the footnote, 248 is more than the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote.

In the graph above, 85 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of September, 15 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

¹ The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

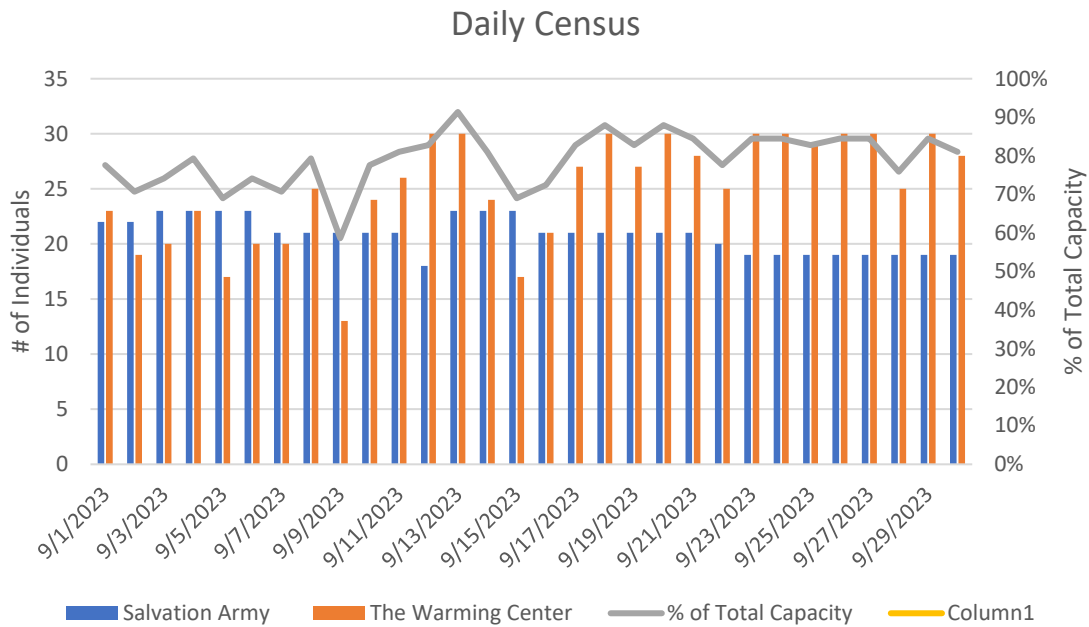
The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both single females (21) and their children (25).

Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. In previous reports, the number reported to this committee only reflected a small number of individuals who sought shelter in preparation for being transitioned into the “apartments” on the main level of the building. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 32 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

Daily Census

We are working hard to collaborate with partner organizations to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. The Salvation Army has a capacity of 28. The Warming Center has increased their capacity to 30 but can expand to 40 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees or above 90 degrees. In sum, there is shelter space for 58 individuals on a given night between the 2 organizations.



Daily Census Summary

On average, capacity was at 79 percent for the month of September. The Salvation Army did not reach maximum capacity at all for the month of September. Catholic Charities was at or over their capacity a total of 9 days in the month of September.

Continued collaboration exists to ensure that the unhoused population have access to services.

We continue to work with our partner organizations to learn how many people are turned away each day. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away” statistics for the month of September are as follows: Catholic Charities = 11 (all were turned away due to capacity) and Salvation Army = 5 (all were turned away due to capacity)

Outreach Update

In September, outreach resulted in 5 individuals receiving housing. Year to date, 41 individuals have been assisted into stable housing.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSEST). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.

