



Wisconsin Dells Police Department 2018 Annual Report

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Department Snap Shot

Personnel

- 15 Full Time Sworn Officers
- 5 Full Time Dispatchers
- 3 Limited Term Officers
- 2 Part-Time Dispatcher
- 4 Community Service Officers

Special Assignments

- 1 School Resource Officer
- 5 Field Training Officers
- 1 Summer Investigator
- 1 Columbia County ERT Member
- 1 Senior Citizen Liaison Officer

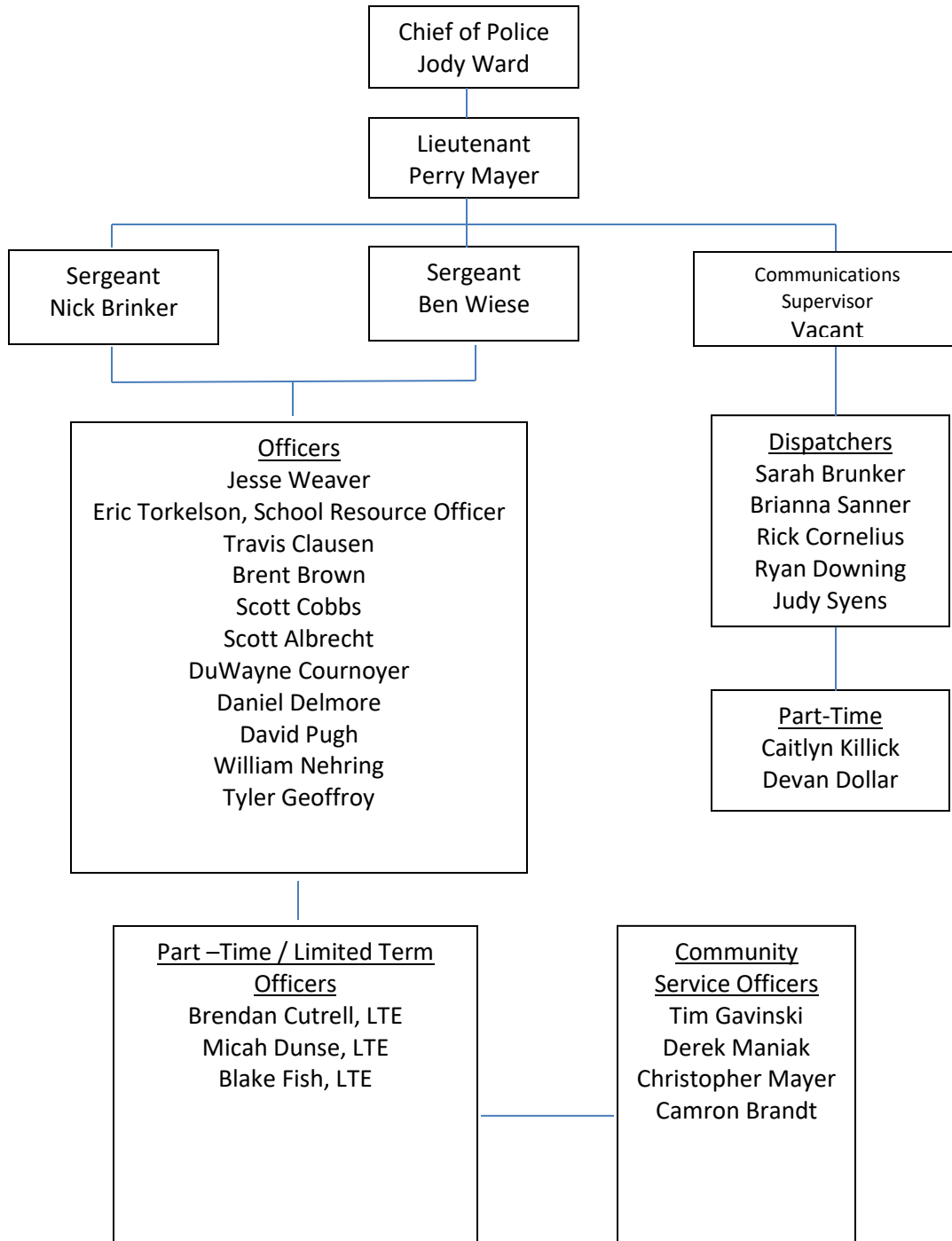
2018 Hires

- Tyler Geoffroy, Full Time Police Officer
- Blake Fish, LTE Police Officer
- Brendan Cutrell, LTE Police Officer
- Micha Dunse, LTE Police Officer
- Derek Maniak, Community Service Officer
- Camron Brandt, Community Service Officer
- Christopher Mayer, Community Service Officer
- Devan Dollar, Part Time Dispatch

“Working together with the community, providing the highest level of service and professionalism, while assuring fair and equal treatment to all.”



Organizational Chart / Chain of Command





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City Council 2018

Ed Wojnicz
Mayor

Jesse Defosse
Alderson District 1

Nancy Holzem
City Clerk / Admin Coordinator

Brian Holzem
Alderson District 1

Mike Freel
Alderson District 2

Karen Terry
Treasurer

Terry Marshall
Alderson District 2

Ben Anderson
Alderson District 3

Dan Anchor
Alderson District 3

Public Safety Committee

Dan Anchor Chair
Ed Wojnicz, Mayor
Ben Anderson, Alderson
Brian Holzem, Alderson



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Police Chief Introduction

Submitted by Chief of Police Jody Ward



2018 saw local government changes within the city. Mayor Brian Landers did not run for re-election and Councilman Ed Fox passed away from a long term illness. Ed will be missed.

City Council President Ed Wojnicz ran for Mayor and won. Other changes to council was the addition of Dan Anchor and Ben Anderson. It's nice to see younger people taking on this responsibility. I wish Dan and Ben good luck at what sometimes appears to be a thankless job.

2018 was another safe year for the Wisconsin Dells Police Department with no major injuries sustained by any officers. Although we handle more violent crimes per officer than any department around us, using effective "less lethal" devices like the taser and pepper spray, accompanied by proper training, increases safety and decreases risk.

One positive change to our city occurred when Mayor Wojnicz ordered the removal of the Duchess Plaza. This plaza was set up in the 800 Block of Oak Street with a large boat blocking the intersection and creating a challenge for locals who use the intersection to bypass tourist travel. The police department is thankful for the removal due to it hindering emergency traffic.

Hiring challenges continue in law enforcement nationwide. We were only able to hire 2 patrolmen rather than 4. Although we had enough applicants, we were not happy with the quality. We promoted CSO Blake Fish to LTE and were able to operate with 3 LTEs all summer. Although they were tasked with a lot of work, they succeeded and did a great job.

The 2018 budget allowed for the hiring of a new officer, bringing our staff to 15 full time officers. The CSO program continues to benefit our police department. Tyler Geoffroy was selected as our new officer. Tyler served as a CSO in 2017. 2018 CSOs Blake Fish and Derek Maniak were promoted to LTE Officer for the 2019 Summer and were enrolled in the 2019 Winter Police academy.

I want to personally thank all our dedicated police officers, dispatchers and community service officers for the continuing support to provide professional and community oriented services to the fine citizens of WD !



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Police Admin Summary

Submitted by Lieutenant Perry Mayer



Each year comes faster and 2018 was no exception. January started with our annual hiring process for our summer Limited Term Employee (officers) program. These are fully sworn police officers, whose term is from Memorial Day through Labor Day. They work 40 hours/week, assigned to foot patrol in our downtown area. These officers handle the night time calls for service leaving our full-time staff free to handle the other calls throughout the city. The 2018 officers were Micha Dunse, Brendan Cutrell and Blake Fish. All of these officers stayed on to supplement our patrol officers through the end of the year. Both Dunse and Cutrell were hired full-time by the Reedsburg police department. Blake Fish went on to the police academy in January of 2019, along with Community Service Officer Derek Maniak. Tyler Geoffroy accepted a newly created police officer position here in the Spring of 2018. Congratulations to all of these fine police officers for a solid 2018 and a job well done.

Our dispatch staff remained strong in 2018 and we were able to add Devan Dollar as a new part-time dispatcher. Devan brings excellent communication skills and a solid work ethic to our staff. She has a real knack for dispatching and we are very confident in her abilities. Good luck Devan! We're very happy to have you on board.

Mental Health incidents continue to rise nationwide and we have seen it in our area. We were able to send four officers to a week-long Crisis Intervention Team training last fall and the costs were graciously covered by a grant through Sauk County Health. With the transient nature of the tourism industry, these skills can be useful in helping our local residents, tourists or those who are here for a short time in our workforce. We are very appreciative of this training.

Please remember we are continuing participants in the National Drug Take Back Day program and we have a drop box located in the lobby of our police department. If you're not sure where to get rid of leftover or found medication, please bring it to us and we'll see that it gets disposed of properly. Our lobby is open 24/7/365. We empty this drop box several times a month, so please don't dispose of anything into a toilet or down the drain. The safest disposal is to bring it to us.

2018 ended on a high note with our last special event being the Holiday Train. This may be the most fun event for me, even though it's very cold. It's a joy to see so many families come out to see the decorated train and hear the band, while making this a time of giving. This event supports our local Central Wisconsin Community Action Council. It worth every frozen toe I have that day and gives all of us an understanding that 2019 will be better.



Community Policing

WDPD has initiated several “community policing” programs in the past several years. Our focus is on the safety of our community and our goal is to provide only a positive experience and resources to our residents and visitors.

We are proud to offer the below listed programs year-round. Below is a list of the community policing programs we offer. There is more information on www.wdpd.com.

- Community Assigned Patrol
- House/Vacation Checks.
- NIXLE Community/Emergency Alerts
- Citizen Questionnaire/Survey
- "You Are Not Alone (YANA)" telephone welfare check program
- Funeral Escorts
- Bank Escorts
- School Resource Officer
- Senior Citizen Liaison Officer
- Community Service Officers
- Foot Patrol
- Honor/Color Guard
- Police K9 Demonstrations
- Business Summit Annual Meetings
- Kops for Kids
- Home Security Surveys
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks
- Property Security/Safety Notice Cards
- DMV Service Center
- Thanksgiving Food Delivery - Partnering with Denny's
- Department Volunteer Day for Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing



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Dispatch Statistics

Wisconsin Dells Police Department staffs a 911 Communications Center 24/7/365 with only 5 full time and one part-time dispatcher(s). The Comm Center dispatches police within the City of Wisconsin Dells and Fire and EMS to multiple counties and townships adjacent to Wisconsin Dells. Tasked with such an important job and limited resources, our Dispatchers do an amazing job.

Dispatch Stats	2018	% +/-	2018	2017	2016
Monthly Average of People Entering Lobby	1183	- 1%	1195	1335	1397
Monthly Average Lobby People Requiring Help	900	6%	845	992	938
Annual Calls for Service	11728	-2%	11924	13134	12478
Annual Fire and/or Rescue Pages	305	-26%	410	291	396
Annual Ambulance Pages	1038	6%	976	1061	1087
Case Numbers Generated	2061	2%	2027	2243	2145
Warrants Issued	24	-58%	57	24	443
Warrants Validated	192	-2%	195	269	770
Open Records Requests	261	27%	206	210	231
Accident Report Requests Released	116	-18%	141	162	161
DMV Transactions	974	5%	931	903	813
Taxi Operator Licenses Issued	86	12%	77	62	68
Busker Permits Issued	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24
Bartender License Applications	224	357%	49	191	96
Bar Agent Applications	6	-57%	14	11	9
Requests for Fingerprints	27	4%	26	30	16
Preliminary Breath Test Requests	0	-100%	5	14	55
Private Party Paper Service	2	-50%	4	8	8



Uniform Crime Statistics

As mandated by the Wisconsin Legislature [§16.964(1)(g)], the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) is responsible for reporting information concerning the number and nature of criminal offenses known to have been committed in the state. This includes collecting crime and arrest data from 399 separate law enforcement agencies for the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program (a nationwide cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crime). The primary objective of UCR is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. Today, the American public looks to the Uniform Crime Reports for information on fluctuations in the level of crime, and criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the statistics for varied research and planning purposes.

This report, prepared by the OJA Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), is a collection of crime data reported to Wisconsin law enforcement agencies in 2015. It contains detailed information on crime volume, rates, and trends on eight major criminal offenses as designated by the FBI: Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

City of Wisconsin Dells UCR History

Violent Crimes	2018	% Change	2017	2016	2015
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	4	400	1	4	2
Robbery	0	-400	4	0	2
Assault	29	-44	52	52	85
Total V. Crime	33	-42%	57	56	89
Property Crimes					
Burglary	9	-1	10	16	13
Theft	131	-11	147	143	195
MV Theft	6	-45	11	9	11
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Total Property	146	-13%	168	168	219



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UCR Comparisons

Local Agencies

Violent Crimes	Wis Dells	Lake Delton	Baraboo	Portage	Reedsburg
Murder	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	4	5	15	4	5
Robbery	0	0	0	3	0
Agg Assault	6	3	9	17	3
Simp Assault	23	28	71	105	28
Total V. Crime	33	36	95	130	36
Property Crimes					
Burglary	9	8	35	26	4
Theft	131	408	317	127	118
MV Theft	6	5	6	3	3
Arson	0	2	1	1	0
Total Property	146	423	359	157	125
Total Crime	179	459	454	287	161
FT Officers	15	21	29	22	20

Similar Size Agencies

Violent Crimes	Wis Dells	Sauk Prairie	Mukwonago	Ripon	Mcfarland	Sheboygan Falls
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	4	0	2	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	1	1	1	0
Agg Assault	6	1	3	8	8	1
Simp Assault	23	4	14	65	21	23
Total V. Crime	33	5	20	74	30	25
Property Crimes						
Burglary	9	1	9	7	17	8
Theft	131	74	103	74	59	67
MV Theft	6	3	2	2	6	2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Property	146	78	114	83	82	77
Total Crime	179	83	134	157	112	102
FT Officers	15	14	14	15	14	15



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2018 Society Offenses

Society Offenses	Wis Dells	Lake Delton	Baraboo	Portage	Reedsburg	McFarland
Weapons	6	2	2	5	6	3
Prostitution	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	7	7	5	18	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWI	40	47	108	86	92	33
Liquor Laws	68	17	11	14	13	1
Disorderly Conduct	115	74	98	135	92	12
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew Loitering	0	0	7	0	2	2
Total	236	148	231	258	212	49

WDPD Society Offense History

Society Offenses	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Weapons	6	4	5	4	12	14
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	7	0	1	1	4	4
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWI	40	54	57	62	75	71
Liquor Laws	68	46	51	64	76	86
Disorderly Conduct	115	119	141	94	116	89
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	35	3
Curfew Loitering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	236	223	255	225	318	266



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Adult Total Arrests 2018

Offense	Age	WDPD	LDPD	Reedsburg	Baraboo	Sauk Prairie	Portage
Aggravated Assault	Adult	5	9	7	5	1	11
All Other Offenses	Adult	139	85	301	142	43	256
Arson	Adult	0	0	0	1	0	0
Burglary	Adult	5	1	3	2	0	7
Curfew/Loitering Violations	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	Adult	98	71	59	57	19	120
Driving Under the Influence	Adult	40	47	91	105	30	83
Drug - Unknown	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Possession - Marijuana	Adult	68	47	37	12	17	41
Drug Possession - Opium/Cocaine	Adult	2	6	4	2	3	1
Drug Possession - Other Dangerous	Adult	0	3	5	0	0	25
Drug Possession - Synthetic	Adult	7	1	7	4	1	11
Drug Sale - Marijuana	Adult	1	1	8	0	1	17
Drug Sale - Opium/Cocaine	Adult	1	0	5	1	0	2
Drug Sale - Other Dangerous	Adult	1	0	0	0	0	9
Drug Sale - Synthetic	Adult	0	1	3	0	0	7
Embezzlement	Adult	0	3	0	0	0	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	Adult	0	0	11	0	0	3
Fraud	Adult	13	10	45	2	3	15
Gambling	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	Adult	25	105	83	88	14	57
Liquor Laws	Adult	59	17	6	6	7	11
Manslaughter by Negligence	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Adult	3	0	1	1	0	2
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	1
Offenses Against Family and Children	Adult	0	0	7	1	1	4
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	Adult	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rape - 2017	Adult	1	2	5	2	1	0
Robbery	Adult	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - 2017	Adult	5	6	1	3	0	17
Simple Assault	Adult	10	29	24	25	7	67
Stolen Property	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vagrancy Violations	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	Adult	7	9	9	6	1	6
Weapons	Adult	6	2	4	2	2	4
Total:		496	457	726	467	151	779



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Juvenile Total Arrests 2018

Offense	Age	WDPD	LDPD	Reedsburg	Baraboo	Sauk Prairie	Portage
Aggravated Assault	Juvenile	0	0	1	0	0	1
All Other Offenses	Juvenile	20	5	61	155	40	13
Arson	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burglary	Juvenile	0	0	2	0	0	3
Curfew/Loitering Violations	Juvenile	0	0	7	7	3	0
Disorderly Conduct	Juvenile	17	3	33	41	6	15
Driving Under the Influence	Juvenile	0	0	1	3	0	3
Drug - Unknown	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Possession - Marijuana	Juvenile	7	2	8	9	3	4
Drug Possession - Opium/Cocaine	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Possession - Other Dangerous	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	11
Drug Possession - Synthetic	Juvenile	0	0	2	0	0	0
Drug Sale - Marijuana	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	4
Drug Sale - Opium/Cocaine	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Sale - Other Dangerous	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Sale - Synthetic	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	Juvenile	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	Juvenile	2	26	11	12	6	6
Liquor Laws	Juvenile	9	0	7	5	7	3
Manslaughter by Negligence	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Juvenile	0	0	1	0	1	0
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family and Children	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape - 2017	Juvenile	0	0	8	0	0	0
Robbery	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses - 2017	Juvenile	2	1	1	2	0	1
Simple Assault	Juvenile	1	10	2	10	0	5
Stolen Property	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vagrancy Violations	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	Juvenile	2	2	3	3	0	8
Weapons	Juvenile	0	0	2	0	0	1
Total		61	49	150	247	66	82



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Offense Rate per 100,000 Residents

In an effort to be able to compare crime statistics with other jurisdictions, counties and municipalities, the crime statistics are showed per 100,000 Residents. This does not take into consideration times of the year when tourism increases the population of specific jurisdictions including Wisconsin Dells.

Because the City of Wisconsin Dells caters to over 3 million tourists per year, statistics appear to be inflated. These statistics are not a true indicator of crime in Wisconsin Dells.

	2018	National Average 2017	2017	2016	2015
Murder	0	5	0	0	0
Rape	150	42	35	148	74
Robbery	0	98	142	0	74
Agg Assault	224	249	248	481	664
Burglary	336	430	354	592	480
Theft	4892	1694	5207	5292	7196
MV Theft	224	237	390	333	406
Arson	0	13	0	0	0
Total Violent	374	394	425	629	812
Total Property	5452	2362	5951	6217	8081



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Clearance Rates Percentage

Clearance rates refer to percentage of reported crimes which were cleared by arrest.

	2018	2017	Midwest Average 2017	2016	2015	2014
Rape	0	0	31	25	50	20
Robbery	0	0	24	N/A	50	100
Agg Assault	83	57	49	38	67	79
Simp Assault	65					
Burglary	33	0	12	13	8	24
Theft	15	16	21	10	18	20
MV Theft	50	45	14	11	27	29
Violent %	49	33	41	35	64	65
Property%	33	17	19	11	18	21

Traffic/Ordinance/Warnings

	2018	+/-%	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Warnings	718	-3%	744	1238	810	1716	1493
Traffic Citations	921	6%	866	1239	847	1341	1415
Non-Traffic Citations	564	-8%	612	429	487	574	506
Accidents	191	9%	209	202	192	186	179



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Police Staffing Comparisons/Ratios

Current Staffing Levels					
	WDPD	LDPD	Baraboo	Reedsburg	Lake Geneva
	Chief	Chief	Chief	Chief	Chief
	Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain	Lieutenant	2 Lieutenants
	2 Sergeants	4 Sergeants	Lieutenant	4 Sergeants	3 Sergeants
	1 Detective	3 Detectives	4 Sergeants	2 Detectives	2 Detectives
	9 Patrol	12 Patrol	3 Detectives	12 Patrol	16 Patrol
	1 Sro		17 Patrol		
			2 SRO		
Total	15	21	29	20	24

Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data					
2018 UCR	WDPD	LDPD	Baraboo	Reedsburg	Lake Geneva
Ratio Crime/Officer	37	20	25	44	22
Violent	6	12	7	21	8
Property	58	156	115	169	87
Society	236	148	231	212	203
Drug	87	48	28	79	70
Other	170	61	333	395	167
Total	557	425	714	876	535

Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data - Departments with 14/15 Full Time Officers						
2018 UCR	WDPD	Sauk Prairie	Ripon	McFarland	Sheboygan Falls	Mukwanago
Ratio Crime/Officer	37	16	25	8	21	13
Violent	6	2	4	4	3	4
Property	58	25	33	18	27	60
Society	236	74	97	49	102	51
Drug	87	25	51	16	48	34
Other	170	91	194	29	130	30
Total	557	217	379	116	310	179

Note: Adding 3 officers would change officer/arrest ratio to: 31



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Use of Force

When use of force occurs, Wisconsin Dells Officers are required to complete a “Use of Force Worksheet”. This worksheet is used to follow up on reports, dissect the incident and provide feedback to the officer. We are continually examining ways to mitigate the use of force. Below are statistics for use of force. Note: One incident may contain more than one use of force technique.

Use of Force	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Passive countermeasures -Physical force to the ground	9	7	6	8	9	13
Active countermeasures -Vertical stun(s)		1	1		2	
Active countermeasures -Focused hand strike(s)			1	2		
Active countermeasures -Focused knee strikes	1				1	2
Active countermeasures -Elbow/forearm strike(s)						
Pepper spray			1	1		
Taser-drive stun	1		1			1
Taser-cartridge discharge	1	2	1	4	2	6
Taser-display		2	2		1	2
Baton						
LVNR						
Display of deadly force	5	6	1	7	7	6
K9/Other	3	5	1	1	1	1
Total Techniques used	20	23	15	23	23	31
Total number of incidents	12	19	8	17	17	23



Drug Investigations

Submitted by Sgt. Wiese

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department's stance and my stance as the department's supervisory officer of drug enforcement, is zero tolerance with illicit drug use. The Wisconsin Dells Police Department investigates incidents of illicit drug use almost daily. These incidents range from illicit drugs being found during vehicle searches, illicit drugs being found during execution of a search warrant or having contact with persons under the influence of illicit drugs.

With the strong push of the legalization of marijuana in the U.S., it has been reported that many issues among children and young adults are on the rise. The acceptance of recreational marijuana use has shown that young people are starting to use it at an earlier age.

According to NIH (National Institute on Drug Abuse) reports, most juveniles first use marijuana starting in the 8th grade. This is hard to combat due to the availability of the drug. Many reports show that once a person has tried marijuana, it leads to further drug use such as meth and heroin. When dealing with a person for a drug related incident I always make a point to ask that person this question, "what was the first drug you ever used"? One hundred percent of the time, the answer was marijuana.

A study by Duke University shows that juveniles who smoke marijuana weekly prior to the age of 18 show long term affects such as intelligence, attention and memory loss. It also stated that even if that person later quit marijuana use the affects would not be reversed. One of the best ways to combat this is heavy drug enforcement in school. This is the main social hub for kids and where they learn a vast majority about drugs. I work closely with the Wisconsin Dells School Resource Officer to learn common trends that students use. All school grounds including parking lots are searched by K9 teams at least once a quarter. During this time the schools are put on lockdown and the grounds are searched. If anything illegal is located, the student is removed, questioned and parents are contacted. Many times if a student violates the schools drug policy it results in school discipline such a suspension or expulsion. If needed criminal action will be taken.

I feel very strongly that juveniles need to be protected against marijuana use, no matter what the social acceptance is.



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In the spring of 2018 a Police K9 was reintroduced to the department. The K9 is a dual purpose working dog with a heavy emphasis on drug related crimes. The K9 team trains for 4 weeks on subject apprehension and drug detection. The K9 team learns to apprehend criminals, track suspects and missing persons. The K9 is trained to detect Marijuana, Cocaine, 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), Heroin, and Methamphetamine.

The team is then dual certified with the trainer and American Police Canine Association. The team trains a minimum of 16 hours a month and recertifies annually. The team is not only used by WDPD, but it also assists all surrounding agencies if needed. The K9 is a priceless tool for the community and a great deterrent as well.

Common trends to follow are the uses of CBD oils. CBD means cannabidiol. It is an active ingredient of cannabis and comes from the hemp plant. The main difference between hemp and marijuana is, hemp has nearly no THC (tetrahydrocannabinol). THC is the main ingredient in marijuana. A hemp plant and a marijuana plant both contain THC, but a hemp plant must contain less than .3 percent THC to be labeled hemp.

Many makers and sellers of CBD oils claim there is no THC in CBD, but that is indeed false. The level is not to precede .3 percent which makes it legal. However one can fail a drug test with the use of CBD products because they do contain THC.

CBD oils are being heavily pushed as a cure for medical reasons. CBD oils claim to assist with pain management, arthritis and migraines. Some side effects are tiredness, diarrhea, appetite change and weight gain or loss. As of recent, there has been no significant medical proof CBD oils assist with medical issues. Some common way to use CBD oils are used include, vaping, pills, oils balms, edibles, beverages and many others.

In closing, we will continue to fight the drug epidemic. It matters not what some social acceptance is regarding drug use, the laws are in place to protect everyone in the community and we at WDPD will continue to enforce those laws.



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2018 Drug Arrest Statistics

Arrests	WDPD	Lake Delton	Baraboo	Portage	Reedsburg	McFarland
Opium/Cocaine Sales	1	0	1	2	5	0
Marijuana Sales	1	1	0	21	8	1
Synthetic Narcotic Sales	0	1	0	7	3	2
Other Drug Sales	1	0	0	9	0	0
Opium/Cocaine Possession	2	6	2	1	4	1
Marijuana Possession	75	49	21	45	45	10
Synthetic Narcotic Possession	7	1	4	11	9	1
Other Drug Possession	0	3	0	36	5	1
Total	87	61	28	132	79	16

WDPD Drug Arrest History

Arrests	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Opium/Cocaine Sales	1	5	1	2	5	2
Marijuana Sales	1	5	0	3	4	5
Synthetic Narcotic Sales	0	0	1	0	1	1
Other Drug Sales	1	0	0	0	0	0
Opium/Cocaine Possession	2	4	1	6	9	4
Marijuana Possession	75	58	50	70	76	87
Synthetic Narcotic Possession	7	6	5	1	3	3
Other Drug Possession	0	0	2	1	2	1
Total	87	78	60	83	100	103



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School Resource Officer Statistics

Submitted by SRO Torkelson

Often being a School Resource Officer means more than enforcing laws or making school a safe place. SRO Torkelson works with all kids from 4K to 12th grade. There are 1700 students in the Wisconsin Dells School District. SRO Torkelson responds to many different complaints ranging from Health and Human Service issues to criminal activity to simple conflict resolutions. SRO Torkelson not only responds to complaints he is very involved in giving classroom presentations including presentations on alcohol and drug awareness, stranger danger and traffic laws. SRO Torkelson is present at most extracurricular events that occur on school property. These events range from home football games, basketball games, homecoming events dances, prom and graduation.

School Arrests	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015
Disorderly Conduct	12	17	7	4	10
Theft	0	4	3	3	5
Criminal Damage	5	2	1	2	0
Battery	5	4	0	0	4
Truancy	22	23	43	25	27
Underage Alcohol	2	8	3	1	1
Child Abuse	0	2	0	0	0
Use of MV to Disturb Peace	1	2	2	3	4
Drug	15	2	5	8	5
Tobacco	19	7	1	2	0
Mental Commitment	5	4	5	4	0
Warrant	2	1	1	2	1
Missing Person	1	0	1	0	1
Sexual Assault	3	4	1	7	1
Resisting/Obstructing	1	0	0	0	1
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0
Total	93	82	71	61	60



2018 Training

Submitted by Sgt. Brinker

In 2018, The Wisconsin Dells Police Department continued its trend to exceed training requirements as required by the state. WDPD Officers compiled nearly 1,050 hours of training for the year which is approximately 70 hours of training per officer. This exceeds the Department of Justice standards of a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education. These trainings include classroom, web-based training, and hands on training. Some of the specialized trainings that officers attended include: Defense and Arrest Tactics, Pursuit and emergency vehicle operation training, and Forensic Interviewing. Officer's complete monthly web-based trainings covering a variety of topics and recertification's as well. Every year officers are also required to attend a 16-hour county wide in-service training. The Wisconsin Dells Police Department attempts to keep most training in-house to avoid costly over-time. Below is a list of Officers who are certified to teach specific unified tactics.

Chief Ward	Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC), Radar, Fitness, General Police Instruction
Lt. Mayer	Professional Communication Skills, Firearms, SFST, Hazmat Awareness
Sgt. Brinker	Firearms
Sgt. Wiese	Firearms
Officer Brown	EVOC, Vehicle Contacts, Defense and Arrest Tactics
Officer Delmore	EVOC, Professional Communication Skills, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Firearms, Vehicle Contacts, Standardized Field Sobriety Tests
Officer Albrecht	EVOC, Vehicle Contacts



2018 Columbia County Emergency Response Team Participation

Submitted by Sgt. Brinker

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department currently assigns one officer to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team (ERT). The assigned officer is Sgt. Nick Brinker. Sgt. Brinker currently serves as the Team leader for the ERT. The Columbia County ERT is trained in hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, sniper situations, high risk apprehension, high risk warrant service, and personal protection. The ERT trains twice a month, with the training material varying from training to training. This accounts for nearly 100 hours of additional training per year for Sgt. Brinker. The members of the ERT are on call for emergency situations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The members are on a pager system, which provides for a rapid response in emergencies.

In 2018, the Columbia County ERT responded to only one emergency call for service:

- April 29th, 2018, Columbus, WI – ERT responded to an armed and barricaded subject, who had shot another individual in Columbus, WI. The suspect was found deceased in the home upon entry by the ERT after negotiations had failed.



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2018 Special Events

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department assists the community with helping to organize, provide security and plan special events. This year there were a few less events, but the number of hours increased as some events have grown, which is still helping to turn the Wisconsin Dells area into a year- round destination. WDPD spent approximately **783 hours** assisting with Special Events.

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Honor Guard @ WLEEDA Conference	01/16/2018	2	4
The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Executive Development Assoc. holds its annual conference in the Wisconsin Dells area every year. This group is dedicated to training executive level law enforcement personnel on current trends in policing and leadership.			
The honor guard presents the colors at an opening ceremony. The honor guard receives and participates in about 6 events each year.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Wis. State Police Chief's Conference	02/11-14/2018	5	35
The Wisconsin Chief's of Police hold their annual Winter conference in the Wisconsin Dells area each February. This conference is designed to provide training and a voice for Wisconsin police Chief's for both learning and taking progressive steps in to improving Wisconsin's law enforcement practices.			
With over 100+ top law enforcement executives at a single conference, the uniformed officers on scene provide a first line of organized defense against any possible threat to the Chief's.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Honor Guard	04/25/18	1	3

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Wine Walk	04/27/2018	1	3
The annual Spring event that uses a 'wine tasting' atmosphere to get our downtown doors open and people moving about, in safe and friendly atmosphere.			
Lt. Mayer works with the Wine Walk committee on the planning, parking and legal aspects of the event.			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer OT Hours
Automotion	5/18-20/2018	17 (6 dispatchers)	116 (40)
Annual car show—While the official show grounds are at Noah’s Ark and is conducted in professional and respectful manner, this event still draws an extraordinary amount of spectators that line the sidewalks and parking lots along the Wis. Dells Pkwy from Friday afternoon—Sunday. Many of those visitors create traffic disturbances by coaxing disorderly and sometimes reckless vehicle behavior of the show participants and other visitors.			
PLANNING-Lt. Perry Mayer coordinates w/ LDPD and schedules extra staff to be in the area of the Wis. Dells Pkwy & CTH A patrolling on foot, bicycle and in squads. Lodi, Mauston and New Lisbon PD’s all assisted by sending officers and marked squad cars. Lt. Mayer also worked with the WDV&CB to secure funding to bring in outside officers as this event continues to grow.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
WDHS Graduation	05/25/2018	1	4
The annual graduation ceremony at the Wisconsin Dells High School (sometimes held at another site). SRO Eric Torkelson has been a part of many of these students’ lives throughout their school career and he provides a welcome presence for them.			
Officer Torkelson also provides a security measure at this school event.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Memorial Day Parade	5/28/2018	5 (not including CSO’s)	5
A traditional parade honoring the service to our country by our local veteran heroes. Starting from the police/fire department area and ending in a devotional program to the fallen at Bowman Park.			
Plan/Coordinate with the American Legion Post Commander on celebration details. Officers guard intersections, directing traffic to ensure pedestrian safety, and efficient traffic flow.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Corvette Adventures Parade	6/9/2018	9	10
An annual parade of corvettes (about 300+) from Chula Vista to 700 Elm St and Lots 2 & 4. This was the largest number in the history of this event.			
Lt. Mayer planning—He meets with the Corvette club to coordinate cruise routes, and make sure of accurate timing for officers to place barricades, bag meters, and secure the parking lots for the event. They also escort and guard intersections while the corvettes travel from Chula, down STH 13, West on Broadway to Superior then Washington to Elm. Including Mutual Aid.			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Butterfestival Parade	6/16/2018	2	9
An annual parade in Reedsburg, where we send two officers under a mutual aid request. Reedsburg PD in turn send two officers to assist us with the WoZhaWa parade in the fall.			
Lt. Mayer planning—this has been an long running cooperative effort with Reedsburg and the planning is mostly down to just scheduling at this point.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Garding Against Cancer, 5K & Concert	6/23/2018	2	4
A 5K run hosted by Wisconsin Badgers Men's basketball coach Greg Gard as benefit to his Garding Against Cancer fundraising campaign.			
Lt. Mayer planning—Officers place barricades and post areas for the 5K run and closed off part of LaCrosse Street for the post-race/concert event. Planning with JAG staff and city crews for same.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Fireworks	07/04/2018	11	28
Annual Fireworks display for the City of Wisconsin Dells. Fireworks are launched off the city property on Finnegan Ave. Crowds gathers in the lots behind City Hall near the concession stand, on the Upper and Lower Dells Wisconsin Riverways, the Library Park and other parking lots around the city. A 5K race event was added this year.			
Planning for this event is very well established as both the KFD and DDEMS stage near the U.S.P.S. building for ease of access to anyone in need. Even though this event draws large crowds, WDPD does not use outside agency assistance for this event.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Cops on Rooftops	08/10/2018	4	16
This is a Special Olympics fundraiser hosted in conjunction with our local Dunkin Donuts store where officers are used to garner extra donations from customers. All monies are turned over to Special Olympics.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Hunter Education	Sept. 2018	1	40(all donated)
This class has been sponsored by the Wisconsin Dells Police Dept. in conjunction with the WDNR for more than 20 years and is required for anyone born after January 1, 1973 if they want to hunt in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Dells School District has been a great cooperative partner with us allowing the classes to be taught at Spring Hill School. The program takes about 19 hours to complete and is open to all ages.			
PLANNING- Lt. Perry Mayer has been instructing in this group since Spring 1997. He has been the lead inst. since 2012, coordinating class locations, times, ordering supplies, handling all contact w/ WDNR class officials, as well as storing and maintaining class records and equipment, and managing the instructor core for scheduling, instructor re-certifications, purchases and reimbursements as needed. He runs two classes each year, 1-Spring and 1-Fall.			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Wo-Zha-Wa Fall Festival	09/14-16/2018	30	130
Annual Fall Festival including Carnival, Maxwell Street days, Civic/Sports/Volunteer groups with food/beer stands, Flea Market, Art/Craft Fair, Street Vendors...etc.			
Planning/coordinating for multiple street/parking lot closures in downtown, Extra patrol for problem areas & alcohol compliance, Posting of No Parking areas throughout week for crafters, market areas, Parade route/line-up/Broadway detour...etc. including dumpsters and other facility needs. All permits are printed by WDPD, as well as organizing space for staff parking. We also operate the message board and a DPW truck for a lane closure on Broadway for crafters to set up for, and tear down after, the craft show in Bowman Park, and the WZW Run on Saturday morning.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Muscle Car Parade	09/29/2018	9	9
An annual parade 80—100 cars that travel in parade fashion from their show grounds at Chula Vista Resort and end in the of 700 Elm Street. This is much like the Corvette parade that occurs at/near the Taste of the Dells weekend.			
Lt. Mayer coordinates with Chula Vista Resort staff to secure time and place for the event and that staffing levels are adequate both for the police and the event, as well as securing the lots and streets closures as needed.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Homecoming Events & Parade	09/28/2018	5	6
An annual parade encouraging school spirit in our residential areas. Unlike most parades, this starts at the school and makes its way through some of the residential neighborhoods to the downtown area and back to the school.			
Planned/Coordinated with the school spirit officials and the SRO. Usually led by the School Resource Officer, our other officers monitor intersections for traffic flow and pedestrian safety while also making sure the parade entrants are being safe as well. We often are assisted by Lake Delton PD for this event.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Kilbourn City Live	9/29-29/2018	4	18
A 2nd annual, live music event, in downtown Wisconsin Dells, free to the public with numerous sponsors, promoting local and Wisconsin based bands and headliner Uncle Cracker. People flow in/out throughout the day, with about 2000 people present at its peak.			
Lt. Mayer coordinated with WDV&CB staff and event planners for the safety and promotion of this event. Being a first time event, potential for large scale crowds and alcohol being served, several officers were assigned to this event.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Dells on Tap	10/13/2018	3	8
Showcasing of local brewing in the Wisconsin Dells area under the beer tent in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival.			
Plan/Coordinate police security. Dells On Tap requested to have four (2) officers present from 2:00pm-6:00pm to assist with any security related issues.			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Wine Walk	10/20/2018	1	3
An annual family fun event in a festival style. Scarecrow building contest and other family games.			
Plan/Coordinate with WDV&CB as well as DPW on lot closures, barricade placement, etc.			

vent	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Kops for Kids	November/December	8	30(donated)
Organized many years ago to ensure that some lesser privileged children in the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area receive both toys and/or needed clothes at Holiday time. While it's still called Kops for Kids, it has evolved into both fire departments, Dells/Delton EMS and some of our City Hall employees as well as spouses and children of the aforementioned groups assisting.			
All participation in this event is voluntary. A bit of a design change this year where eligible people were able to shop one of the public safety employees. This is an excellent example of all of the branches of public safety coming together to make our community better. Dispatcher Rick Cornelius is our primary contact.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting	11/17/2018	1	2
A holiday event sponsored by the Downtown Dells Committee to bring a festive spirit to downtown and promote local business.			
A moderate amount planning done with the committee to organize location (Keg) and parking.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
Holiday Train	12/08/2018	7	30
A fundraising event coordinated between Community Action and CP Rail to raise money and food donations for the pantry at CWAC.			
A lot of planning with police, public works, CWAC, Holiday Wholesale and CP Rail police, as well as volunteer railroad staff and community members.			



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Parking Statistics

The City of Wisconsin Dells has approximately 600 parking meters scattered throughout the downtown area. Pay stations are located in municipal parking lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and Lacrosse Street in front of JAG. The City also contracted with Passport Parking to bring a “Pay by Smart Phone” option to all paid spaces including mechanical parking meters. The Smart phone app will show increased use annually.

Parking Revenue	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Lot 1, 700 Oak	58544.66	58744.06	55069.49	30439.49	27212.01
Lot 2, 700 Elm	8187.12	6120.88			
Lot 3, 800 Oak	5948.75	5472.68			
Lot 4, Chalet	15714.75	13254.96			
Lot 5, 700 Superior	28094.68	27164.53	23822.55	15476.79	13653.52
Lot 6, 800 River	26857.23	27057.16	23923.70	14665.54	12974.75
Lot 8, Lacrosse	49103.07	46870.42	44318.55	30195.09	29324.30
Total Lot Revenue*	192,450.30	184,684.69			
Meters	197,856.86	200,664.68	178122	171751.24	174935.61
Overtime Parking Fees	126,146.32	134,764.04	106931	72313.13	76591.95
Stall Rental / Other		506.25	7903.92		16704.62
Pay Station Stalls/Rent	342,311.08	349,685.39	119705.79	63384.22	48065.44
Total	\$666,314.26	\$685,620.36	\$559,797.00	\$398,225.50	\$399,462.20

* lot revenue gross, for purposes of comparing lots

Parking Technology	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Extend by Text	75,370.23	47,201.02	34,216.18	11,434.08	10,601.22
Pay by App (Passport Parking)	27,752.25	22,568.00	12,335	5,688.50	3,672.50

Parking Expenses	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Parking Expenses	199,764.57	285,110.25	209,399.00	210,696.79	196,840.40

Does not include “Capital Reserve” and “Transfer to General” Expenses



2018 Grants

Funded DOT Bureau of Transportation Grants

In late 2014 Chief Ward formed a task force comprising Columbia County agencies. The purpose of the task force was to secure more grant funding through the Bureau of Transportation and Safety (BOTS). In 2018 the task force was approved for only one grant. This was a speed enforcement grant totaling \$30,000.

The task force agencies are the Wisconsin Dells Police Department, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Portage Police Department, Lodi Police Department, Wyocena Police Department and Fall River Police Department.

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department received over \$13,000 in overtime funds.

Non-Funded DOT Bureau of Transportation Grants

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department continually takes part in BOTS non-funded grants. These grants focus on seat belt usage and OWI Enforcement. Although they are non-funded they provide important statistics to the state, make our community safer and enter us in a \$4,000.00 equipment drawing.



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2018 Patrol Staff



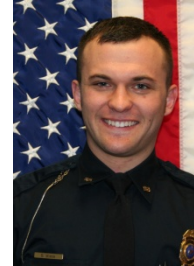
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Since 1989



Lieutenant Perry Mayer
Since 1992



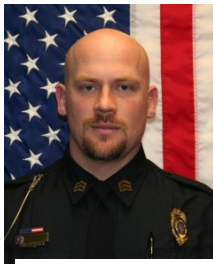
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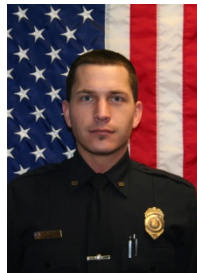
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Police Chaplain



Jesse Weaver
Since 1999



SRO Eric Torkelson
Since 2001



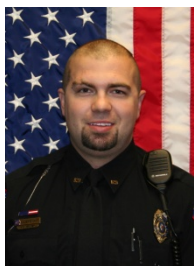
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Since 2002



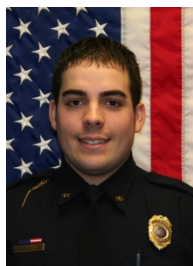
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Scot Cobbs
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Scott Albrecht
Since 2010



DuWayne Cournoyer
Since 2011



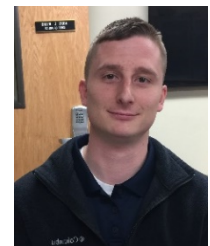
Daniel Delmore
Since 2011



David Pugh
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William Nehring
Since 2015



Tyler Geoffroy
Since 2018



2018 Dispatch Staff



Brianna Sanner
Since 2010



Sarah Brunker
Since 2006



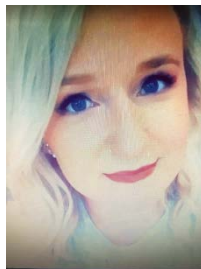
Rick Cornelius
Since 2012



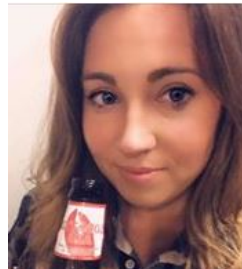
Ryan Downing
Since 2012



Judy Syens
Since 2017



Caitlyn Killick, Part Time



Devan Dollar, Part Time



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Limited Term Officers



Brendan Cutrell



Micha Dunse



Blake Fish

Community Service Officers



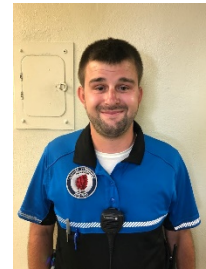
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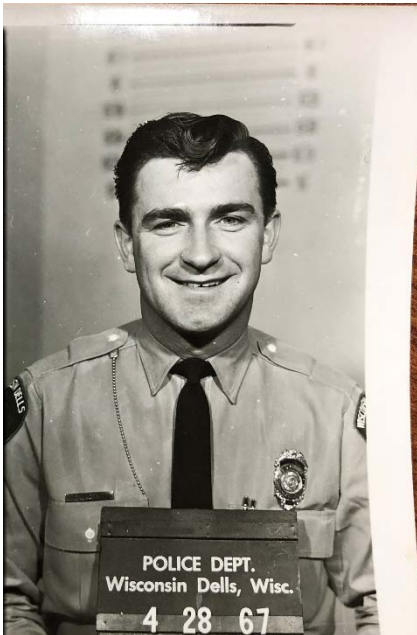
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Christopher Mayer



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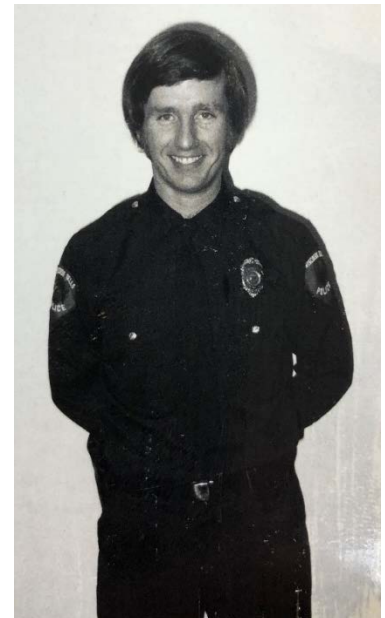
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Wayne Hartman



Claire Farber



Donna Labrenz, Jim Pugh and Claire Farber