



# Wisconsin Dells Police Department 2019 Annual Report

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## Department Snap Shot

### Personnel

- 15 Full Time Sworn Officers
- 5 Full Time Dispatchers
- 4 Limited Term Officers
- 1 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

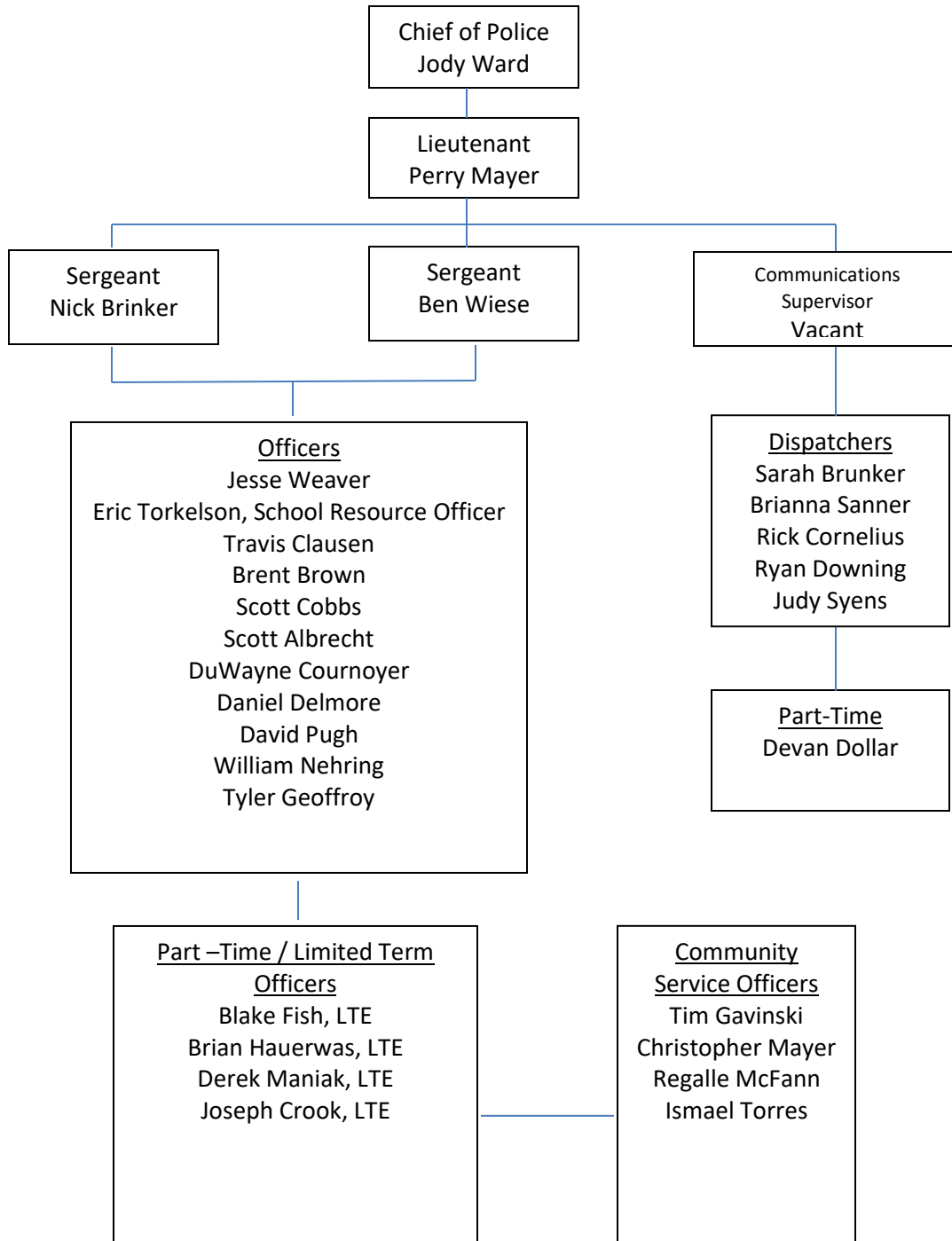
### 2019 Hires

- Brian Hauerwas, LTE Police Officer
- Joseph Crook, LTE Police Officer
- Derek Maniak, LTE Police Officer
- Ismael Torres, Community Service Officer
- Regalle McFann, Community Service Officer

*“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 2019

**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



Many significant events happened in 2019. As in the past several years I count 2019 as being highly successful. How do you measure success for a police agency? Great question. This can be subjective. I believe the lack of injuries to your staff, the lack of law suits to your agency, the lack of deadly force events, the increased amount of participation in community service programs and the general feeling of safety and security from within the community are appropriate measures. I am happy to report that we have met this goal.

On April 4, the Wisconsin Dells Police Department responded to a welfare check and located Tetiana Huzov (23) deceased. Her husband Fuad Pashayed (31) was taken into custody later in the day. He admitted to stabbing his wife to death. This is the first murder that I can remember ever happening in the city limits. Upon notification of this welfare check, our police department reacted fast, and with assistance from other agencies, was able to locate and arrest the suspect. The cooperative effort between officers and agencies in this case was really something to be proud about. Great job to all that assisted!

In June we transitioned to a new records management system. Columbia County purchased Spillman Technologies software for records management and computer aided dispatch. Their licensing agreement allowed us to use the software for a very minimal price. After a few months of configuring and programming we ended up with a very comprehensive system. Thank you, Scott Cobbs, for all your work on this.

Hiring challenges continue in law enforcement nationwide. We felt fortunate to hire two LTE officers that did a good job for us. We promoted CSO Derek Maniak from a CSO to a Limited Term Patrol Officer and Blake Fish returned for another season.

Again, I feel it is very important 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 Wisconsin Dells! I feel blessed to be working in the trenches with you all!



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## Police Admin Summary

Submitted by Lieutenant Perry Mayer



2019 started like many years with the hiring of our summer officers already in progress. The supply of police candidates is not meeting the demand as many agencies are learning. It has become difficult to hire part-time or limited-term officers because almost everyone is looking for a full-time position, and those who are not will often have several offers they can choose from. We were fortunate to retain Blake Fish and Derek Maniak and also found Joe Crook and Brian Hauerwas to fill our four vacancies. Brian did leave us a bit early to take a full-time position closer to his home area in Southeast Wisconsin. Officers Fish, Maniak and Crook completed their limited-term and were able to stay on as part-time patrol officers through the end of the year.

Dispatch did very well in 2019. We were able to cross-train Community Service Officer Regalle (McFann) Rathman to work in dispatch. When the parking season ended Regalle became our second part-time dispatcher. She brings strong communication skills and the knowledge to operate our new 'Spillman' software. We are very happy to keep Regalle on board.

In early May we transitioned to, Spillman (Flex by Motorola), an entirely new records management system. This replaces our old system, ITI (Information Technologies Inc.) which we've been using since 2003. This change came about for several reasons including, advancement in RMS technology, more options for data input/output and largely the ability to operate on a shared system throughout Columbia County. Columbia County administers Spillman, and all other agencies in the county are on it as well. It is a bit more labor intensive but we can now get information on our own that we would have had to get from other agencies. It also allows officers and dispatchers to send, receive and update calls in real time via computer. As always, the cost sharing with other agencies also made this a sensible time upgrade.

Serving citizens with Mental Health issues continues to be a concern. Like last year, we were able to send four more officers through the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in Lake Delton. A grant acquired by Sauk County Public Health covered all costs, including covering the shifts of those attending training. While there is no immediate solution to the current mental health problems in this country, the Wisconsin Dells police continue to train to the highest level.

Wisconsin Dells saw its first homicide by murder in April. Several agencies collaborated very quickly and we were able to arrest the suspect in just under 3 hours. This was a case where



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chemical dependency and domestic violence combined to create this situation. Wisconsin Dells police had arrested the suspect previously and he was awaiting trial on those charges.

We continued to see a steady number of Special Events in the city in 2019. In a couple of cases we had to adapt due to some of the road construction projects on Superior Street and around City Hall. Both projects are excellent improvements for traffic flow, parking efficiency and the safety of our public. The major events were Automotion, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and the highlight of our year, the CP Rail Holiday Train, supporting the Wisconsin Dells Community Action food pantry.

We are very proud of all of our employees at the Wisconsin Dells police department.





## 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](http://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	2019	% +/-	2018	2017	2016
Monthly Average of People Entering Lobby	1146	-3%	1183	1195	1335
Monthly Average Lobby People Requiring Help	808	-10%	900	845	992
Annual Calls for Service (Jan 1 – May 7)	3220	N/A	11728	11924	13134
Annual Law Enforcement Calls (May 7 – Dec 31)	5957	--	--	--	--
Annual Law Enforcement Reports Generated	1759	-15%	2061	2027	2243
Annual Fire and/or Rescue Pages	341	12%	305	410	291
Annual Ambulance Pages	1047	1%	1038	976	1061
Warrants Issued	62	158%	24	57	24
Warrants Validated	168	-9%	192	195	269
Open Records Requests	215	-18%	261	206	210
Accident Report Requests Released	126	9%	116	141	162
DMV Transactions	862	-11%	974	931	903
Taxi Operator Licenses Issued	50	-42%	86	77	62
Bartender License Applications	*	--	224	49	191
Bar Agent Applications	*	--	6	14	11
Requests for Fingerprints	16	-41%	27	26	30
Preliminary Breath Test Requests	3	300%	0	5	14
Private Party Paper Service	4	100%	2	4	8

\*Police Department no longer tracks



## 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, sociologist, 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

<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Murder</b>	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	5	25	4	1	4
<b>Robbery</b>	1	100	0	4	0
<b>Assault</b>	59	103	29	52	52
<b>Total V. Crime</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>	56
<b>Property Crimes</b>					
<b>Burglary</b>	12	33	9	10	16
<b>Theft</b>	149	14	131	147	143
<b>MV Theft</b>	9	50	6	11	9
<b>Arson</b>	1	100	0	0	0
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>



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## UCR Comparisons

### Local Agencies

<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Wis Dells</b>	<b>Lake Delton</b>	<b>Baraboo</b>	<b>Portage</b>	<b>Reedsburg</b>
Murder	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	5	4	15	2	3
Robbery	1	3	2	2	0
Agg Assault	14	17	11	13	2
Simp Assault	45	51	44	84	33
<b>Total V. Crime</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>					
Burglary	12	23	43	7	6
Theft	149	417	284	143	147
MV Theft	9	18	18	14	6
Arson	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>197</b>
FT Officers	15	21	29	22	20

### Similar Size Agencies

<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Wis Dells</b>	<b>Sauk Prairie</b>	<b>Mukwonago</b>	<b>Ripon</b>	<b>Mcfarland</b>	<b>Sheboygan Falls</b>
Murder	1	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	5	2	1	9	0	2
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0
Agg Assault	14	2	1	4	5	1
Simp Assault	45	1	12	80	11	22
<b>Total V. Crime</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>						
Burglary	12	5	2	11	9	10
Theft	149	34	85	54	45	45
MV Theft	9	6	1	2	2	4
Arson	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>84</b>
FT Officers	15	14	14	15	14	15



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## 2019 Society Offenses

Society Offenses	Wis Dells	Lake Delton	Baraboo	Portage	Reedsburg	McFarland
<b>Weapons</b>	4	1	1	25	5	1
<b>Prostitution</b>	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	1	6	3	6	13	0
<b>Gambling</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OWI</b>	36	49	98	75	90	31
<b>Liquor Laws</b>	43	30	34	8	30	0
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	72	80	120	168	91	8
<b>Vagrancy</b>	0	0	0	10	0	0
<b>Curfew Loitering</b>	0	0	8	0	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>40</b>

## WDPD Society Offense History

Society Offenses	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Weapons</b>	4	6	4	5	4	12
<b>Prostitution</b>	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses</b>	1	7	0	1	4	4
<b>Gambling</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OWI</b>	36	40	54	57	75	75
<b>Liquor Laws</b>	43	68	46	51	76	76
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	72	115	119	141	116	116
<b>Vagrancy</b>	0	0	0	0	35	35
<b>Curfew Loitering</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>318</b>



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## Adult Total Arrests 2019

Offense	Age	WDPD	LDPD	Reedsburg	Baraboo	Sauk Prairie	Portage
Aggravated Assault	Adult	11	13	6	2	2	0
All Other Offenses	Adult	127	117	242	93	27	339
Burglary	Adult	0	8	4	3	0	0
Curfew/Loitering Violations	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	Adult	61	76	72	47	26	134
Driving Under the Influence	Adult	36	49	90	95	37	75
Drug Possession - Marijuana	Adult	40	44	21	17	16	59
Drug Possession - Opium/Cocaine	Adult	3	5	1	1	4	25
Drug Possession - Other Dangerous	Adult	24	3	0	4	1	12
Drug Possession - Synthetic	Adult	4	6	10	2	1	2
Drug Sale - Marijuana	Adult	0	2	2	0	1	3
Drug Sale - Opium/Cocaine	Adult	1	0	0	1	0	0
Drug Sale - Synthetic	Adult	1	0	1	0	1	1
Embezzlement	Adult	2	1	0	0	0	1
Forgery & Counterfeiting	Adult	0	5	1	0	1	0
Fraud	Adult	5	3	36	4	3	1
Larceny Theft	Adult	24	181	82	91	6	64
Liquor Laws	Adult	41	25	22	14	7	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	Adult	0	3	0	7	0	3
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	Adult	1	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family and Children	Adult	0	0	11	1	2	2
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	Adult	5	0	0	0	0	0
Rape - 2017	Adult	0	2	1	0	0	1
Robbery	Adult	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses - 2017	Adult	1	5	8	2	1	3
Simple Assault	Adult	18	29	27	11	6	76
Vagrancy Violations	Adult	0	0	0	0	0	10
Vandalism	Adult	8	10	6	16	0	30
Weapons	Adult	4	1	3	1	0	24
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>418</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>874</b>



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## Juvenile Total Arrests 2019

Offense	Age	WDPD	LDPD	Reedsburg	Baraboo	Sauk Prairie	Portage
Aggravated Assault	Juvenile	0	0	0	7	0	0
All Other Offenses	Juvenile	13	4	70	223	47	6
Burglary	Juvenile	0	0	1	0	1	0
Curfew/Loitering Violations	Juvenile	0	0	6	8	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	Juvenile	11	4	19	73	14	34
Driving Under the Influence	Juvenile	0	0	0	3	0	0
Drug - Unknown	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Possession - Marijuana	Juvenile	2	2	5	7	3	4
Drug Possession - Other Dangerous	Juvenile	1	0	0	1	0	2
Drug Sale - Marijuana	Juvenile	1	0	1	0	0	1
Drug Sale - Other Dangerous	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1
Embezzlement	Juvenile	0	1	0	0	0	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	Juvenile	2	0	1	0	0	0
Fraud	Juvenile	1	0	1	0	0	2
Larceny Theft	Juvenile	10	10	12	8	4	6
Liquor Laws	Juvenile	2	5	8	20	5	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Juvenile	0	0	1	1	4	7
Offenses Against Family and Children	Juvenile	0	0	2	3	3	0
Rape - 2017	Juvenile	1	0	4	1	1	0
Robbery	Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses - 2017	Juvenile	0	1	5	1	0	3
Simple Assault	Juvenile	4	4	7	14	2	20
Vandalism	Juvenile	0	2	12	17	0	9
Weapons	Juvenile	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>97</b>



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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 shown 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.

	2019	National Average 2017	2018	2017	2016
Murder	33	5	0	0	0
Rape	167	42	150	35	148
Robbery	33	98	0	142	0
Agg Assault	467	249	224	248	481
Burglary	401	430	336	354	592
Theft	4974	1694	4892	5207	5292
MV Theft	300	237	224	390	333
Arson	33	13	0	0	0
Total Violent	<b>700</b>	<b>394</b>	374	425	629
Total Property	<b>5708</b>	<b>2362</b>	5452	5951	6217



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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 %	<b>49</b>	33	41	35	64	65
Property%	<b>33</b>	17	19	11	18	21

## Traffic/Ordinance/Warnings

	2019	+/-%	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Warnings	662	-8%	718	744	1238	810	1716
Traffic Citations	661	-29%	921	866	1239	847	1341
Non-Traffic Citations	401	-29%	564	612	429	487	574
Accidents	186	-3%	191	209	202	192	186





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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 PT 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					
2019 UCR	WDPD	LDPD	Baraboo	Reedsburg	Lake Geneva
Ratio Crime/Officer	31	29	28	40	20
Violent	14	16	10	11	5
Property	52	224	147	157	86
Society	161	166	264	235	138
Drug	77	62	33	41	36
Other	162	154	345	359	208
Total	466	622	799	803	473

Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data - Departments with 14/15 Full Time Officers						
2019 UCR	WDPD	Sauk Prairie	Ripon	McFarland	Sheboygan Falls	Mukwanago
Ratio Crime/Officer	31	15	24	8	19	13
Violent	14	3	8	2	2	2
Property	52	19	44	20	23	61
Society	161	90	110	40	82	71
Drug	77	27	33	16	38	27
Other	162	87	161	35	143	31
Total	466	226	356	113	288	192



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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	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Passive countermeasures -Physical force to the ground	6	9	7	6	8	9
Active countermeasures -Vertical stun(s)			1	1		2
Active countermeasures -Focused hand strike(s)				1	2	
Active countermeasures -Focused knee strikes	1	1				1
Active countermeasures -Elbow/forearm strike(s)						
Pepper spray				1	1	
Taser-drive stun	2	1		1		
Taser-cartridge discharge	1	1	2	1	4	2
Taser-display			2	2		1
Baton						
LVNR						
Display of deadly force	3	5	6	1	7	7
K9/Other	2	3	5	1	1	1
Total Techniques used	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
Total number of incidents	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>



## Drug Investigations

Submitted by Sgt. Wiese

The global trafficking of illicit drugs continues to pose a grave national security threat to our citizens. The Wisconsin Dells Police Department is on the ground working hard to combat this national public health crises to reduce addiction, crime, and overdose deaths through education and enforcement. The department works closely with all our partners at the Federal, State, and County levels.

The opioid threat (including controlled prescription drugs, synthetic opioids, and heroin) continues at ever-increasing epidemic levels, affecting our State, Counties, and City. Meanwhile, the stimulant threat (methamphetamine) is worsening and becoming more widespread as street-level dealers continue to sell increasing amounts of this dangerous drug in our City.

The emergence of new psychoactive substances (synthetic cathinone's and designer drugs) remain challenging too as many come to the market with a lapse in time before legislators can enact laws to prevent their manufacturing and possession. As such, these drug poisoning deaths are the leading cause of injury death in the United States. Drug poisoning in our Country has outnumbered deaths by firearms, motor vehicle crashes, suicide, and homicide.

Fentanyl and other highly potent synthetic opioids primarily sourced from China and Mexico continue to be the most lethal category of illicit substances misused in our State, Counties, and City. Fentanyl dealers are increasingly selling this drug to users both alone and as an adulterant, leading to the rise in fentanyl-involved deaths. Fentanyl dealers also continue to experiment with other new synthetic opioids in an attempt to circumvent current laws.

Heroin-related overdose deaths remain at high levels, due to continued use, availability, and being mixed with Fentanyl. The high-levels of opium poppy cultivation and heroin production in Mexico allow for Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations to continue to supply high-purity, low-cost Heroin to citizens in our community.

Prescription drugs containing opioids continue to be responsible for the most drug-involved overdose deaths and are the second most commonly abused or misused substances in the United States. The dealers continue to manufacture and distribute counterfeit prescription drugs often containing Fentanyl and other opioids in attempts to expand their customer base and increase profits.

Methamphetamine remains widely available in our community with dealers continually attempting to create new customers. Methamphetamine is mostly produced in Mexico and smuggled across the Southwest Border of the United States. The domestic production of methamphetamine occurs at much lower levels than in Mexico and seizures of domestic methamphetamine labs have declined steadily over the years while overall supply has increased.



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Marijuana remains the most commonly used illicit drug in our community. The Marijuana threat continues to evolve while States vote on referendums and initiatives as well as pass legislation regarding the legal possession and use of Marijuana. Several States that have legalized Marijuana have no limits on its potency or its associated concentrate products, so as potency continues to increase so does demand, adding to our public health crisis.

As the demand and use of illicit substances continues to increase in our Country, the dealers are increasingly taking to rural areas, such as our community, to set up networks with established Drug Trafficking Organizations in an effort to increase profit and be more efficient with the supply and demand. The Wisconsin Dells Police Department prides itself in having zero tolerance for the possession, manufacturing, and delivery of illicit substances.

Sgt. Benjamin Wiese and his K9, Rocky, have been instrumental for the City and surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies in the detection and removal of illicit substances and dangerous criminals from our streets. Sgt. Wiese and Rocky's efforts are second to none in their abilities and are heavily praised by their partners.

In 2019, Sgt. Wiese and Rocky were used over 105 times between the City and surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies. Rocky's deployment reliability is outstanding with a rate of 97.7% in the detection of illicit substances. Sgt. Wiese and Rocky are dedicated and work hard while maintaining a minimum 16 hours of training per month. The duo strives for excellence in every aspect of their work, which is shown by their success rate.

The Wisconsin Dells Police Department is in the process of training its staff in the use of Narcan. Narcan is a nasal spray medicine used in the treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose, which quickly reverses the drug's effects and thus saving lives. Narcan has shown success in saving lives in our Country, State, and Community and is currently in use by members of Dells-Delton Emergency Medical Services.





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## 2019 Drug Arrest Statistics

Arrests	WDPD	Lake Delton	Baraboo	Portage	Reedsburg	McFarland
Opium/Cocaine Sales	1	0	1	0	0	0
Marijuana Sales	1	2	0	4	3	0
Synthetic Narcotic Sales	1	0	0	1	1	0
Other Drug Sales	0	0	0	1	0	0
Opium/Cocaine Possession	3	5	1	25	1	1
Marijuana Possession	42	46	24	63	26	10
Synthetic Narcotic Possession	4	6	2	2	10	0
Other Drug Possession	25	3	5	14	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>

## WDPD Drug Arrest History

Arrests	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Opium/Cocaine Sales	1	1	5	1	2	5
Marijuana Sales	1	1	5	0	3	4
Synthetic Narcotic Sales	1	0	0	1	0	1
Other Drug Sales	0	1	0	0	0	0
Opium/Cocaine Possession	3	2	4	1	6	9
Marijuana Possession	42	75	58	50	70	76
Synthetic Narcotic Possession	4	7	6	5	1	3
Other Drug Possession	25	0	0	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>



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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 12<sup>th</sup> 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	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
Disorderly Conduct	5	12	17	7	4
Theft	2	0	4	3	3
Criminal Damage	0	5	2	1	2
Battery	0	5	4	0	0
Truancy	13	22	23	43	25
Underage Alcohol	0	2	8	3	1
Child Abuse	0	0	2	0	0
Use of MV to Disturb Peace	2	1	2	2	3
Drug	4	15	2	5	8
Tobacco	2	19	7	1	2
Mental Commitment	7	5	4	5	4
Warrant	0	2	1	1	2
Missing Person	0	1	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	1	3	4	1	7
Resisting/Obstructing	0	1	0	0	0
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0
Total	<b>36</b>	93	82	71	61



## 2019 Training

Submitted by Sgt. Brinker

In 2019, The Wisconsin Dells Police Department continued its trend to exceed training requirements as required by the state. WDPD Officers compiled nearly 1,032 hours of training for the year which is approximately 73 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.

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



## 2019 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 2019, the Columbia County ERT responded to three emergency calls for service:

- May 8th 2019, Portage, WI – ERT responded to an armed and barricaded subject, who had barricaded himself in the basement of the home. Subject surrendered to ERT members peacefully after negotiations.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Marquette County, WI – ERT was requested into rural Marquette County for a hostage situation. An armed subject had barricaded himself in a home with a hostage, whom he had threatened with a firearm. ERT members made an exigent entry into the home to rescue the hostage and engaged the armed suspect. The hostage was rescued unharmed, and the suspect was taken into custody and treated for gunshot wounds.
- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Columbia County, WI – ERT responded to a rural Columbia County location for an armed subject who brandished a firearm during a domestic incident. Suspect surrendered peacefully to law enforcement.





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## 2019 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 **545 hours** assisting with Special Events.

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Honor Guard @ Chula Vista</b>	<b>02/08/2019</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
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
<b>Wis. State Police Chief's Conference</b>	<b>02/10-13/2019</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
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.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Wine Walk</b>	<b>04/26/2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
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.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer OT Hours
<b>Automotion</b>	<b>5/17-19/2019</b>	<b>17</b> (6 dispatchers)	<b>183</b> (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.			



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<b>Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>5/27/2019</b>	<b>5(not including CSO's)</b>	<b>5</b>
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
<b>Corvette Adventures Parade</b>	<b>6/8/2019</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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.			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Butterfestival Parade</b>	<b>6/15/2019</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
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
<b>Fireworks</b>	<b>07/04/2019</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>
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
<b>Cops on Rooftops</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
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.			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Hunter Education</b>	<b>Sept. 2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40(all donated)</b>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Truck Club Parade</b>	<b>09/13/2019</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>An outside Truck club working with Chula Vista Resort, and a planned cruise of about 100 Ford trucks traveling through downtown Wisconsin Dells. This was on the Friday of WZW weekend.</p> <p>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.</p>			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Wo-Zha-Wa Fall Festival</b>	<b>09/13-15/2019</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>130</b>
<p>Annual Fall Festival including Carnival, Maxwell Street days, Civic/Sports/Volunteer groups with food/beer stands, Flea Market, Art/Craft Fair, Street Vendors...etc.</p> <p>Planning/coordinating for multiple street/parking lot closures in downtown, Extra patrol for problem areas &amp; 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.</p>			

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Muscle Car Parade</b>	<b>09/28/2019</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			



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Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Homecoming Events &amp; Parade</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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
<b>Dells on Tap</b>	<b>10/19/2019</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>

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.

Event	Date	Officers Used	Officer Hours
<b>Kops for Kids</b>	<b>November/December</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30(donated)</b>

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
<b>Holiday Train</b>	<b>12/04/2019</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>

A fundraising event coordinated between Community Action and CP Rail to raise money and food donations for the pantry at CWACAC.



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## Parking Statistics

The City of Wisconsin Dells has approximately 300 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	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Lot 1, 700 Oak	65635.64	58544.66	58744.06	55069.49	30439.49
Lot 2, 700 Elm	9250.37	8187.12	6120.88		
Lot 3, 800 Oak	11960.77	5948.75	5472.68		
Lot 4, Chalet	18864.91	15714.75	13254.96		
Lot 5, 700 Superior	11652.36	28094.68	27164.53	23822.55	15476.79
Lot 6, 800 River	28288.82	26857.23	27057.16	23923.70	14665.54
Lot 8, Lacrosse	56504.20	49103.07	46870.42	44318.55	30195.09
Total Lot Revenue*	202,157.10	192,450.30	184,684.69		
Meters	\$177,192.81	197,856.86	200,664.68	178122	171751.24
Overtime Parking Fees	\$141,320.28	126,146.32	134,764.04	106931	72313.13
Stall Rental / Other			506.25	7903.92	
Pay Station Stalls/Rent	\$393,504.53	342,311.08	349,685.39	119705.79	63384.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$712,017.62</b>	<b>\$666,314.26</b>	<b>\$685,620.36</b>	<b>\$559,797.00</b>	<b>\$398,225.50</b>

\* Gross lot revenue listed for purposes of comparing lots

Parking Technology	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Extend by Text	89,311.62	75,370.23	47,201.02	34,216.18	11,434.08
Pay by App (Passport Parking)	31,105.50	27,752.25	22,568.00	12,335	5,688.50

Parking Expenses	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Parking Expenses	282,1675.00	199,764.57	285,110.25	209,399.00	210,696.79

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



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## 2019 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 2019 the task force was approved for 3 grants which focused on impaired driving, speed and seatbelts.

2019/OWI	Officers	Allocated	Total Used	Remaining Balance
Coso	30	\$ 7,715.00	\$ 2,906.36	\$ 4,808.64
Portage	20	\$ 5,310.00	\$ 222.08	\$ 5,087.92
Lodi	8	\$ 3,535.00	\$ 269.22	\$ 3,265.78
Wyocena	2	\$ 2,055.00	\$ 2,065.00	\$ (10.00)
Fall River	2	\$ 2,055.00	\$ -	\$ 2,055.00
Dells	16	\$ 6,830.00	\$ 4,285.33	\$ 2,544.67
Unallocated			\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 27,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,747.99</b>	<b>\$ 17,752.01</b>

2019/CIOT	Officers	Allocated	Total Used	Remaining Balance
Coso	30	\$ 7,367.92	8697.56	\$ (1,329.64)
Portage	20	\$ 1,651.12	234.76	\$ 1,416.36
Lodi	8		0	\$ -
Wyocena	2	\$ 2,310.00	2310	\$ -
Fall River	2	\$ 920.37	920.37	\$ -
Dells	16	\$ 7,000.59	7000.59	\$ -
Unallocated			0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 19,250.00</b>	<b>19163.28</b>	<b>\$ 86.72</b>

2019/SPEED	Officers	Allocated	Total Used	Remaining Balance
Coso	30	\$ 7,551.00	7993.45	-442.45
Portage	20	\$ 5,866.00	1392	4474
Lodi	8	\$ 2,164.00	1122.62	1041.38
Wyocena	2	\$ 5,119.00	10500	-5381
Fall River	2	\$ 119.00	0	119
Dells	15	\$ 6,421.00	4663	1758
Unallocated		\$ 2,500.00	0	2500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 29,740.00</b>	<b>25671.07</b>	<b>4068.93</b>



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## 2019 Patrol Staff



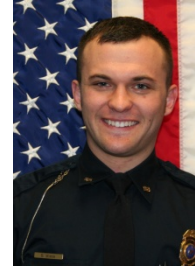
Chief Jody Ward  
Since 1989



Lieutenant Perry Mayer  
Since 1992



Sgt. Nick Brinker  
Since 2011



Sgt. Ben Wiese  
Since 2010



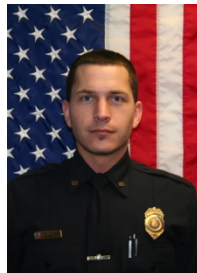
Steve Keller  
Police Chaplain



Jesse Weaver  
Since 1999



SRO Eric Torkelson  
Since 2001



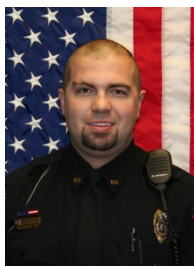
Travis Clausen  
Since 2002



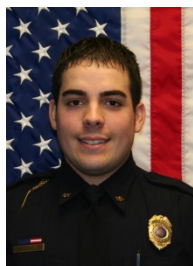
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Since 2003



Scot Cobbs  
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Scott Albrecht  
Since 2010



DuWayne Cournoyer  
Since 2011



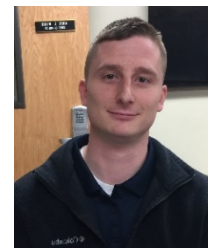
Daniel Delmore  
Since 2011



David Pugh  
Since 2011



William Nehring  
Since 2015



Tyler Geoffroy  
Since 2018



## 2019 Dispatch Staff



Brianna Sanner  
Since 2010



Sarah Brunker  
Since 2006



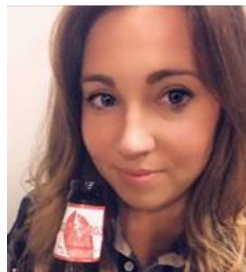
Rick Cornelius  
Since 2012



Ryan Downing  
Since 2012



Judy Syens  
Since 2017



Devan Dollar, Part Time





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## 2019 Part Time / LTE / CSO

### Limited Term Officers



Blake Fish



Joseph Crook



Brian Hauerwas



Derek Maniak

### Community Service Officers



Tim Gavinski



Christopher Mayer



Regalle McFann



Ismael Torres



## Photos from the Past





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