



WISCONSIN RAPIDS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023

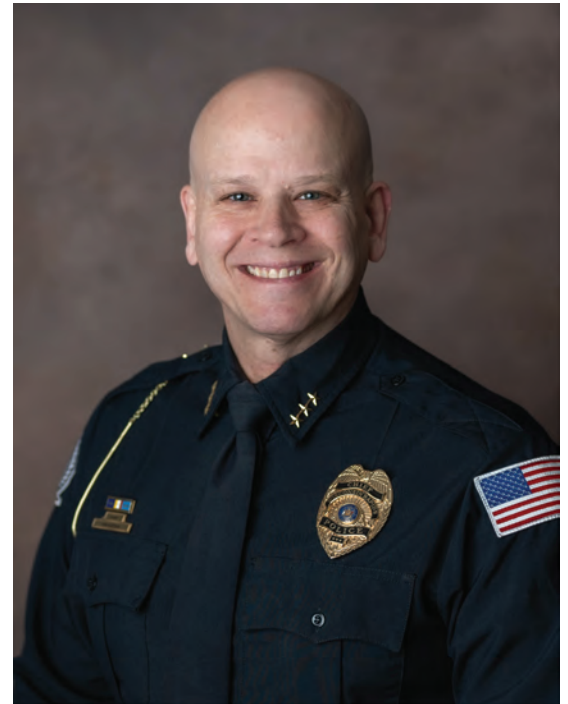
ANNUAL REPORT

DAN HOSTENS | CHIEF OF POLICE

Letter From The Chief



Dear Residents of Wisconsin Rapids,
As we reflect upon the past year, it is with great pride and a sense of duty that I present the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department's Annual Report for 2023. It is an honor to serve as your Chief of Police, and I am pleased to share the achievements and progress made by our dedicated team over the past twelve months. Our department remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of the Wisconsin Rapids community. In a year marked by challenges, we have persevered, adapted, and continued to uphold the values that define our service to you. Throughout 2023, our officers and staff have worked tirelessly to strengthen the bond between law enforcement and the community. We believe that open communication and collaboration are essential to building trust, and we have actively sought opportunities to engage with residents through community events, outreach programs, and educational initiatives.



We have also made significant strides in using technology to enhance our policing capabilities. Integrating cutting-edge tools and data-driven strategies has allowed us to respond more effectively to evolving crime trends, ensuring that our community remains a safe and secure place to live and work. In addition to our crime prevention efforts, the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department remains dedicated to professional development and training for our officers. Investing in the skills and knowledge of our team is crucial to maintaining a high standard of service and adapting to the ever-changing landscape of law enforcement.

On these pages, you will get to know your Wisconsin Rapids Police Department and better understand what the men and women of this department do day in and day out to serve the Wisconsin Rapids Community. It is an honor and a privilege to present them to you.

As we move forward, the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department is committed to transparency, accountability, and continued collaboration with the community. We value your input and encourage you to be active participants in shaping the future of our city.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the men and women of the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department for their unwavering dedication and hard work. Together, we look forward to building upon our successes and facing new challenges with resilience and a sense of shared purpose.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hostens".

Chief Daniel Hostens
Wisconsin Rapids Police Department

Police and Fire Commission

[Wisconsin Statutes 62.13] Consists of five City residents (five-year term) appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the common council. Appointments must be made in writing to the commission's secretary between the last Monday in April and the first Monday in May.

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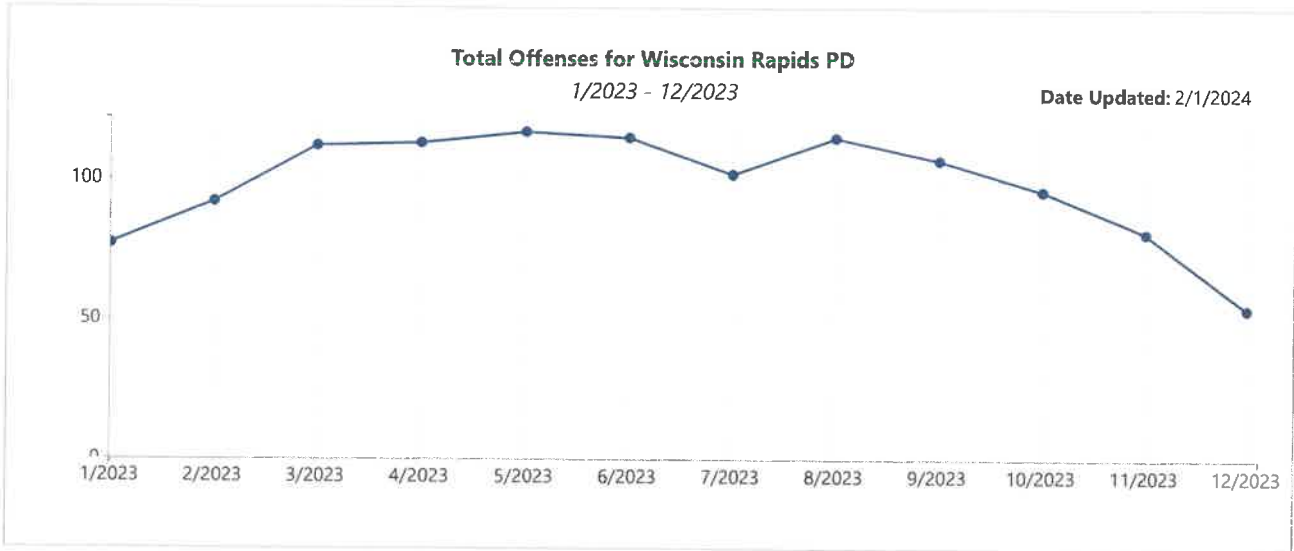
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Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Crime History - Wisconsin Rapids PD, WI0720300



Total Offenses by Subcategory
1/2023 - 12/2023
Date Updated: 2/1/2024

Offense	2023											
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Total	77	92	112	113	117	115	102	115	107	96	81	54
▶ Crimes Against Persons	26	32	41	30	22	35	20	34	31	16	21	17
▶ Crimes Against Property	41	37	44	57	61	59	65	60	57	55	44	30
▶ Crimes Against Society	10	23	27	26	34	21	17	21	19	25	16	7

Counting Rules

Counts on this page are based on the month of the incident or arrest, rather than the month the incident was submitted. If the incident date is unknown, the report date is used. Counts are subject to change as data are updated.

Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively.



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Group A Arrest Comparison for Wisconsin Rapids PD

Jan 2020 - Dec 2023

Date Updated: 1/17/2024

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Rape	I/M	10	12	11	11.00
Sodomy	I/M	3	3	0	2.00
Sexual Assault w/Object	I/M	3	2	0	1.67
Fondling	I/M	4	6	5	5.00
Incest	I/M	0	1	0	0.33
Statutory Rape	I/M	0	0	1	0.33
Aggravated Assault	I/M	45	34	33	37.33
Simple Assault	I/M	90	103	119	104.00
Intimidation	I/M	7	9	13	9.67
Kidnapping	I/M	0	0	1	0.33
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Robbery	I/M	1	0	1	0.67
Burglary	I/M	5	13	8	8.67
Theft - Pocket-Picking	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft - Purse Snatching	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft - Shoplifting	I/M	121	105	172	132.67
Theft From Building	I/M	22	25	26	24.33
Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft From Motor Vehicle	I/M	2	2	2	2.00
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	I/M	1	1	0	0.67
Theft - All Other Larceny	I/M	15	22	21	19.33
Motor Vehicle Theft	I/M	6	12	7	8.33
Stolen Property Offenses	I/M	3	0	0	1.00
Arson	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Counterfeiting/Forgery	I/M	2	2	2	2.00
Fraud - False Pretenses	I/M	4	1	3	2.67
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	I/M	2	2	1	1.67
Fraud - Impersonation	I/M	0	1	1	0.67
Fraud - Welfare	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Fraud - Wire	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Fraud - Identity Theft	I/M	0	2	2	1.33
Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	I/M	0	0	0	0.00

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Embezzlement	I/M	3	4	3	3.33
Blackmail	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Bribery	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Destruction/Vandalism	I/M	40	33	31	34.67
Weapon Law Violations	I/M	11	4	3	6.00
Prostitution	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Prostitution - Assisting	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Prostitution - Purchasing	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Drug/Narcotics Violations	I/M	131	105	127	121.00
Drug Equipment Violations	I/M	119	114	70	101.00
Gambling - Betting	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Operating	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Equipment Violations	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Sports Tampering	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Pornography	I/M	5	5	6	5.33
Animal Cruelty	I/M	0	0	0	0.00

Group B Arrest Comparison for Wisconsin Rapids PD

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Bad Checks	I/M	1	1	3	1.67
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	I/M	3	2	0	1.67
Disorderly Conduct	I/Mi	272	263	259	264.67
Driving Under the Influence	I/M	140	140	128	136.00
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	I/M	12	6	5	7.67
Liquor Law Violation	I/M	29	45	31	35.00
Peeping Tom	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Trespass of Real Property	I/M	37	29	27	31.00
All Other Offenses	I/M	693	550	539	594.00



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Group A Clearance Comparison for Wisconsin Rapids PD

Jan 2020 - Dec 2023

Date Updated: 1/17/2024

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	0%	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Rape	I/M	43%	48%	43%	45.07%
Sodomy	I/M	44%	100%	67%	62.50%
Sexual Assault w/Object	I/M	67%	67%	0%	50.00%
Fondling	I/M	28%	44%	29%	33.33%
Incest	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Statutory Rape	I/M	0%	50%	100%	28.57%
Aggravated Assault	I/M	83%	85%	86%	84.78%
Simple Assault	I/M	82%	81%	84%	82.17%
Intimidation	I/M	49%	57%	79%	61.70%
Kidnapping	I/M	100%	100%	100%	100.00%
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Robbery	I/M	50%	0%	67%	50.00%
Burglary	I/M	17%	30%	44%	28.24%
Theft - Pocket-Picking	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Theft - Purse Snatching	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Theft - Shoplifting	I/M	88%	84%	89%	87.50%
Theft From Building	I/M	33%	35%	36%	34.86%
Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Theft From Motor Vehicle	I/M	5%	7%	13%	8.25%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	I/M	11%	9%	0%	8.82%
Theft - All Other Larceny	I/M	15%	18%	23%	18.63%
Motor Vehicle Theft	I/M	33%	47%	47%	43.33%
Stolen Property Offenses	I/M	100%	N/C	N/C	100.00%
Arson	I/M	0%	50%	100%	50.00%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	I/M	40%	36%	8%	25.00%
Fraud - False Pretenses	I/M	22%	12%	21%	19.35%
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	I/M	20%	27%	11%	20.00%
Fraud - Impersonation	I/M	0%	14%	14%	10.53%
Fraud - Welfare	I/M	N/C	0%	N/C	0.00%
Fraud - Wire	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Fraud - Identity Theft	I/M	0%	20%	14%	10.17%
Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	I/M	0%	0%	0%	0.00%

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Embezzlement	I/M	43%	125%	100%	76.92%
Blackmail	I/M	0%	0%	0%	0.00%
Bribery	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Destruction/Vandalism	I/M	36%	40%	42%	38.82%
Weapon Law Violations	I/M	94%	100%	86%	93.10%
Prostitution	I/M	N/C	N/C	0%	0.00%
Prostitution - Assisting	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Prostitution - Purchasing	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Drug/Narcotics Violations	I/M	96%	96%	101%	97.58%
Drug Equipment Violations	I/M	100%	99%	100%	99.73%
Gambling - Betting	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Gambling - Operating	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Gambling - Equipment Violations	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Gambling - Sports Tampering	I/M	N/C	N/C	N/C	0.00%
Pornography	I/M	50%	62%	45%	51.85%
Animal Cruelty	I/M	0%	N/C	0%	0.00%

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
Embezzlement	1/M	7	4	2	4.33
Blackmail	1/M	1	2	1	1.33
Bribery	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Destruction/Vandalism	1/M	154	123	112	129.67
Weapon Law Violations	1/M	18	4	7	9.67
Prostitution	1/M	0	0	1	0.33
Prostitution - Assisting	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Prostitution - Purchasing	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1/M	133	114	125	124.00
Drug Equipment Violations	1/M	140	126	100	122.00
Gambling - Betting	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Operating	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Equipment Violations	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Sports Tampering	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Pornography	1/M	8	8	11	9.00
Animal Cruelty	1/M	3	0	2	1.67



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Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	1	0	0	0.33
Negligent Manslaughter	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Rape	I/M	21	27	23	23.67
Sodomy	I/M	9	4	3	5.33
Sexual Assault w/Object	I/M	6	3	3	4.00
Fondling	I/M	18	18	24	20.00
Incest	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Statutory Rape	I/M	4	2	1	2.33
Aggravated Assault	I/M	72	47	65	61.33
Simple Assault	I/M	137	163	171	157.00
Intimidation	I/M	37	23	34	31.33
Kidnapping	I/M	1	1	1	1.00
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Robbery	I/M	2	1	3	2.00
Burglary	I/M	29	40	16	28.33
Theft - Pocket-Picking	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft - Purse Snatching	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft - Shoplifting	I/M	130	111	175	138.67
Theft From Building	I/M	67	79	72	72.67
Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Theft From Motor Vehicle	I/M	37	29	31	32.33
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	I/M	18	11	5	11.33
Theft - All Other Larceny	I/M	103	98	105	102.00
Motor Vehicle Theft	I/M	15	30	15	20.00
Stolen Property Offenses	I/M	1	0	0	0.33
Arson	I/M	1	2	1	1.33
Counterfeiting/Forgery	I/M	5	11	12	9.33
Fraud - False Pretenses	I/M	27	16	19	20.67
Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	I/M	15	11	9	11.67
Fraud - Impersonation	I/M	5	7	7	6.33
Fraud - Welfare	I/M	0	1	0	0.33
Fraud - Wire	I/M	0	0	0	0.00
Fraud - Identity Theft	I/M	25	20	14	19.67
Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	I/M	4	2	11	5.67

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)
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Blackmail	1/M	1	2	1	1.33
Bribery	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Destruction/Vandalism	1/M	154	123	112	129.67
Weapon Law Violations	1/M	18	4	7	9.67
Prostitution	1/M	0	0	1	0.33
Prostitution - Assisting	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Prostitution - Purchasing	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Drug/Narcotics Violations	1/M	133	114	125	124.00
Drug Equipment Violations	1/M	140	126	100	122.00
Gambling - Betting	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Operating	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Equipment Violations	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Gambling - Sports Tampering	1/M	0	0	0	0.00
Pornography	1/M	8	8	11	9.00
Animal Cruelty	1/M	3	0	2	1.67



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Yearly Other Offense Counts for Wisconsin Rapids PD

Jan 2020 - Dec 2023

Date Updated: 1/17/2024

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average (2020-2023)	Additional Details
Hate Crime	I/M	2	2	0	1.33	Any incident that has an offense with a reported bias motivation that is not None (88) or Unknown (99)
LEOKA (13A)	I/M	10	4	15	9.67	Any aggravated assault (13A) where the victim type is "L" (law enforcement)
LEOKA (13B)	I/M	7	16	4	9.00	Any simple assault (13B) where the victim type is "L" (law enforcement)
LEOKA (09A)	I/M	0	0	0	0.00	Any homicide (09A) where the victim type is "L" (law enforcement)
LEOKA (13C)	I/M	7	5	12	8.00	Any intimidation offense where the victim type is "L" (law enforcement). Not included in total reported LEOKAs.
Justifiable Homicide	I/M	0	0	0	0.00	Any justifiable homicide (09C)
Cargo Theft	I/M	2	13	3	6.00	Any incident where the cargo theft indicator is Yes. See tech spec or reference guide for list of offenses where cargo theft may be selected.



Mission

We pledge to value and protect people, property, and the rights of all; with respect, honor, courage, and integrity.

Vision

Through community partnerships and service, our focus is on safety and trust. We will provide the highest level of public service for all through accountability, professionalism, dedication, and effective leadership.

Core Values

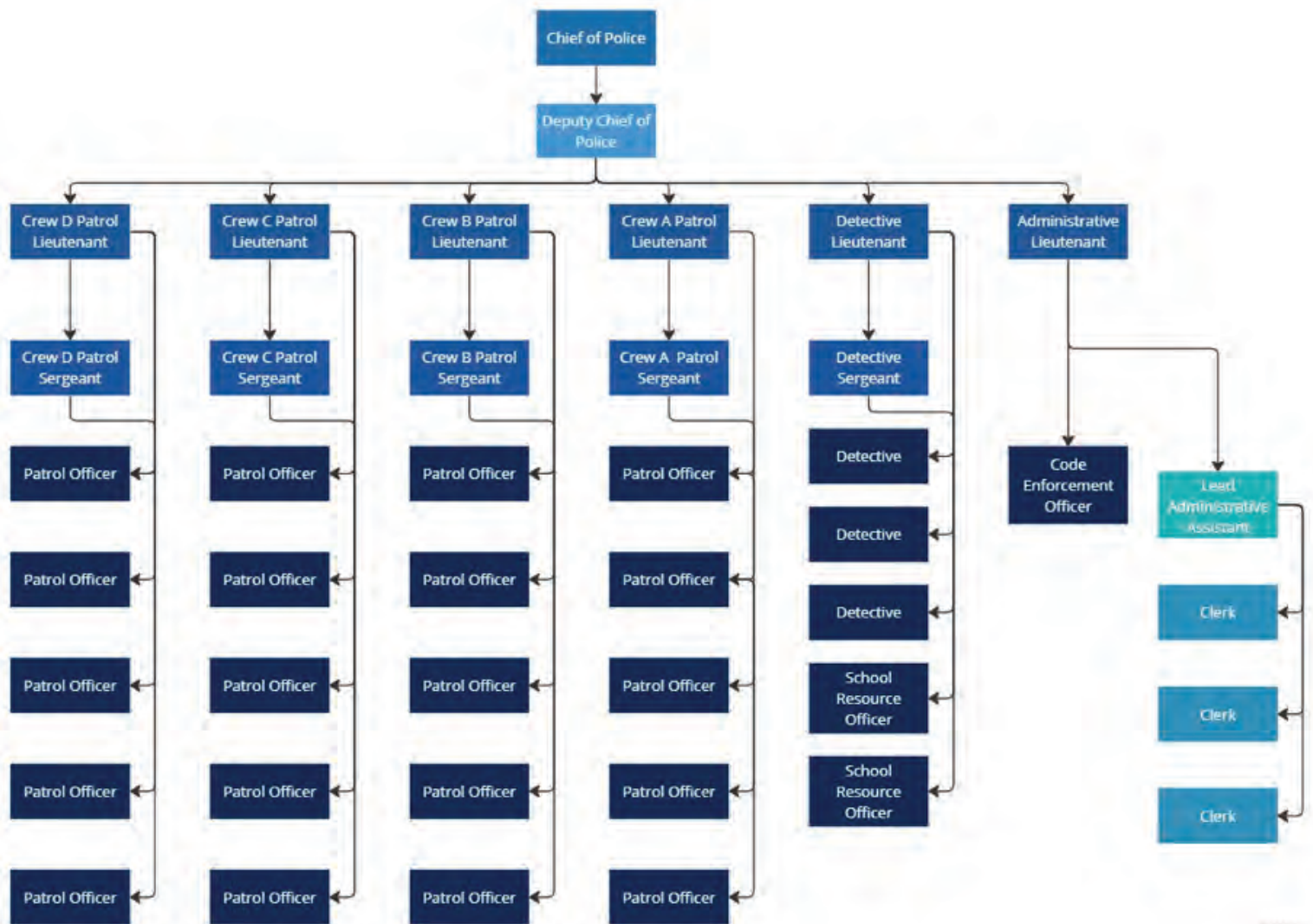
Respect, Serve Honorably, Courage to Perform our Duty, Honesty and Integrity, Compassion, Professionalism.

Agency Goals

Assure Community Safety and Trust
Reduce Crime through Teamwork, Creativity and Commitment
Recruit, Develop and Retain the Best People
Communicate Effectively
Embrace Technological Advances

We Are Committed To Strive For Excellence.

Organizational Chart



Promotions, Appointments, Admin, Ordinance



Dan Hostens
Chief of Police
May 2023



Scott Dewitt
Deputy Chief
June 2023



Brad Burris
Administrative Lieutenant
August 2023



Ross Radtke
Lieutenant
August 2023



Matt Cornette
Lieutenant
August 2023



Joe Foy III
Sergeant
August 2023



Andrew Borchardt
Sergeant
August 2023



Eric Daven
Detective Sergeant
August 2023



Mike Burger
Sergeant
August 2023



Scott Killian
Sergeant
August 2023



Todd Andrys
Ordinance Officer
August 2023

New Hires



Jordan Leher
Patrol Officer
November 2023



Barron Taylor
Patrol Officer
November 2023

Retirements



Rodney Krakow
Patrol Officer
February 2023



Mike Potocki
Interim Chief of Police
June 2023

Administrative Lieutenant



The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department had an Administrative Lieutenant until 2010 when the position was reallocated to patrol. Chief Hostens recognized a need for the position upon his arrival and was able to recreate the position assigning Lieutenant Burris at the end of August 2023. The Administrative Lieutenant oversees the Code Enforcement Officer and the Clerical Staff as well as managing the police department's vehicle fleet, scheduling training, and administering the Lexipol policy portal. The Administrative Lieutenant will also oversee the Crossing Guard Services and review, approve Freedom of Information Act requests, coordinate with the community to continue the department's community-oriented policing initiatives. Lieutenant Burris is learning the position and hopes to support the visions of the department and community to ensure quality law enforcement services are provided to the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

Ordinance Officer



The Ordinance Officer position was taken over by the Police Department starting in September of 2023. Officer Andrys has filled the position, with the day-to-day focus on addressing properties within the City of Wisconsin Rapids with ordinance violations. The goal is to work with the community by educating them about ordinances and said violations. Officer Andrys works to explain the appropriate actions necessary and when needed, assisting in locating the resources required to become compliant with the City Ordinances. We strive to understand each circumstance is different and want to be flexible with the public on reasonable expectations. Conducting follow-up inspections is a necessary task to ensure property owner/renters take the appropriate action to correct the violation. When necessary, Officer Andrys coordinates abatement activities with multiple departments and/or contractors, such as grass cutting, snow removal, and property clean up. When citizen inaction dictates, it is sometimes necessary to issue citations for uncorrected violations. These steps are all to bring the citizens to action on their own properties to uplift the living and overall well-being of the Wisconsin Rapids community. Although the focus is primarily on ordinance enforcement, other Law Enforcement duties such as parking enforcement, assisting motorists, animal complaints, traffic control, etc. are also done when necessary.

Records Unit

The Records Unit provides state and federal mandated archival record keeping duties, statistical analysis and dissemination of information. Staff works closely with the Courts, District Attorney's Office and other law enforcement and public agencies to ensure information is collected and disseminated in accordance with State statutory requirements. The Records Division is staffed with four full-time Administrative Assistants with a combined total of 99 years of service. Records requested from the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department include, but not limited to: accident reports, citations, officer/reports/narratives, photos, audio/video recordings, and squad video recordings. In 2023 the Records Division processed 3,323 incident reports, 1,380 parking tickets, 4,638 written traffic warnings, and 91 written ordinance warnings



Sponsorship through Police Academy



This program allows an individual to be hired as an officer before attending Basic Law Enforcement Training (Academy). Newly hired recruit officers shall receive a pay rate equal to eighty-five (85%) percent of the patrol officer's starting rate while attending the Academy. The recruit patrol officer shall be paid forty (40) hours per week in the academy. Continued employment is contingent upon successful completion of the Academy.

Candidates participating in the Recruit Patrol Officer program will be required to sign a pre-employment agreement regarding the recovery of costs for recruit academy attendance, should they not maintain employment with us.

This program was established in 2023 and Officer Barron Taylor was our first hire as a recruit patrol officer who graduated from Mid-State Technical College Law Enforcement Academy.

2023 Officer of the Year

In 2023, the process for Officer of the Year Award was adjusted. At the end of the year any officer can submit nominations of any officer who they feel should get the award and why. Nominations will be presented to the Police and Fire Commission with names redacted on the nomination. The Police and Fire Commission will vote on what nomination is the most deserving of the Award. The award will be announced, and a presentation/award ceremony will be given at the City Council meeting. The award for Officer of the Year was given to Allister Greening.



Officer Greening went above and beyond working extra hours to make up for the shortages in staffing. Officer Greening maintained a positive attitude and continued to be very proactive through the year even though he was forced to, and voluntarily worked approximately 17 shifts of 18 hours. Officer Greening wrote over 600 citations and warnings, which is about 3x the traffic enforcement of the majority of the other night shift officers. This traffic enforcement led to 10 OWI arrests, numerous drug arrests, and a kidnapping that was stopped before the suspect could get the juvenile back to the suspect's residence. The suspect later admitted that he did not know the juvenile and planned to chain him up in his basement. Officer Greening did thorough patrol, investigations, and paperwork all year.

Congratulations Officer Allister Greening – 2023 Officer of the Year Award.

K9 Unit

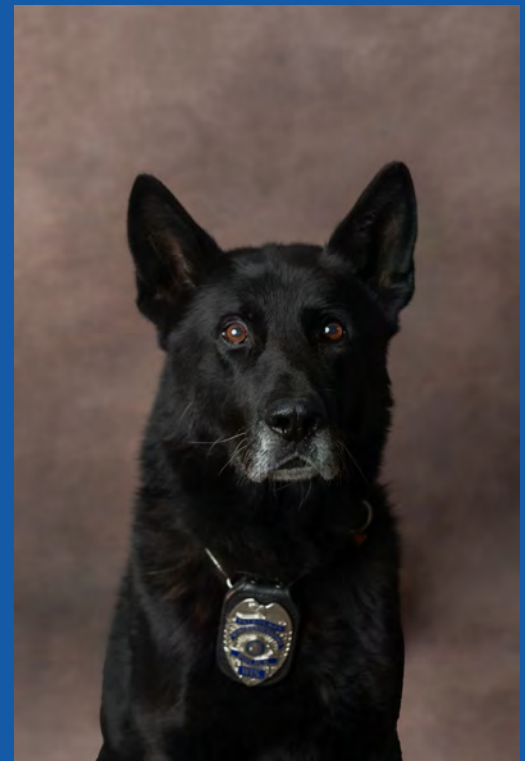
The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department K9 Unit consists of two dual purpose dogs. Lex with handler Sergeant Dean Fleisner, and Kubo with handler Patrol Officer Jacob Paltz.

Lex is a ten-year-old German Shephard trained to detect the following narcotics:

- Methamphetamine
- Heroin
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Marijuana

Lex is also trained as a patrol dog. Some of the following are duties he has been trained to perform:

- Tracking, both criminals and missing individuals
- Building clearing
- Article finds. This is useful for locating discarded evidence in an outdoor area.
- Apprehension of suspects
- Perimeter containment
- Presence distraction/control. Used to distract a subject/keep subject's attention on K9 team while another form of less lethal or approach can be accomplished.



K9 Unit

Kubo is a four-year-old German Shephard trained to detect the following narcotics:

- Methamphetamine
- Heroin
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy
- Marijuana

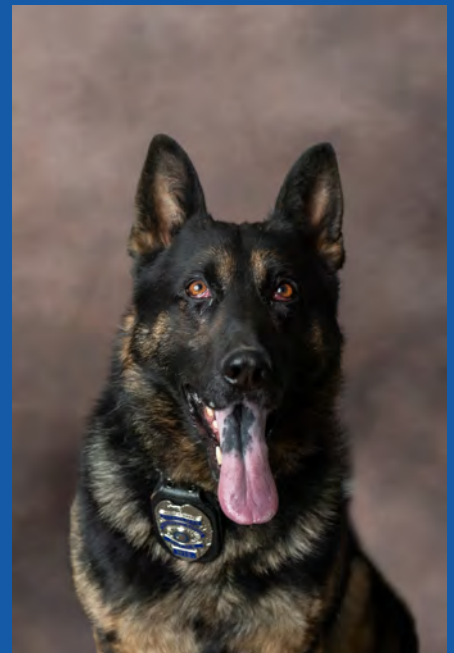
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- Apprehension of suspects
- Perimeter containment

This year the K9 teams were utilized a total 79 times:

- 53 narcotic searches (free air vehicle sniff, school property, search warrants)
 - o 23 times narcotics were located where the team was asked to search.
- 10 patrol deployments (perimeter, building searches, tracking or apprehension use)
 - o Neither K9 team has an apprehension that resulted in a suspect getting bit.
- 16 times the teams held demonstrations to various groups which consisted of a question-and-answer session followed by a narcotics demonstration.

The two K9 teams trained a total of 301.25 hours. The two K9 teams were utilized 27 times by outside agencies. The agencies this year that the teams assisted were the Wood County Sheriff's Department, Grand Rapids Police Department, Nekoosa Police Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.



Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau consists of seven full-time, sworn personnel, all of which carry an investigative caseload. There are three Detectives and two School Resource Officers who are supervised by a Detective Sergeant and Detective Lieutenant. The primary responsibilities of the Detective Bureau consist of:

- Complex or major criminal investigations.
- Crime scene processing.
- Evidence collection, storage, and disposal.
- Develop and maintain criminal intelligence and identify crime trends.
- Complete background investigations for new hire candidates. Members of the Detective Bureau have attended specialized training and developed a level of expertise in investigating major crimes such as Sexual Assaults, Homicides, Burglaries, Robberies, Internet Crimes, and Fraud. Members also conduct a variety of complex death investigations and drug investigations. The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department has representation in various taskforces throughout the State of Wisconsin and Central Wisconsin including the Central Wisconsin Drug Taskforce, Wood County Fire Investigation Taskforce, and the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. The Detective Bureau received approximately 160 Child Protective Service Reports that were



investigated throughout 2023. Members of the Detective Bureau work closely with a multi-disciplinary team that includes members from various agencies including, but not limited to, County Health and Human Services, Child Advocacy Centers, The Family Center, the Wood County District Attorney's Office, and various local medical facilities. Detectives also participate in multi-disciplinary case reviews to ensure complete, thorough, and accurate investigations are being completed and to ensure victim/witness trauma is minimized. As a result of these investigations, individuals were arrested for various offenses, to include Child Neglect, Physical Abuse of a Child, and Sexual Assault of a Child.

Detective Bureau

Throughout 2023, the Detective Bureau conducted numerous death investigations. The circumstances surrounding these death investigations vary significantly. Detectives investigated several infant deaths, something that can be difficult for the Detective as well as those close to the decedent. Other death investigations included drug overdoses, suicides, and deaths that were determined to be natural or caused by a medical complication. Detectives have received various levels of specialized death investigation training.

As society becomes more digitized, members of the Detective Bureau have experienced a need to capture and analyze digital evidence more frequently. Throughout 2023, members of the detective bureau drafted numerous search warrants in an effort to obtain digital evidence from social media platforms such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Google, and Verizon, to name a few. Detectives continued to use Cellebrite software to collect, analyze, review, and manage digital data to assist in their criminal investigations. Data obtained through these search warrants throughout 2023 has produced important evidence and assisted in investigations that led to criminal charges for various offenses such as Possession of Child Pornography, Child Enticement, and Sexual Assault (Adult and Child).

The Detective Bureau has two Detectives assigned to the Central Wisconsin Drug Taskforce. Throughout 2023, our drug investigators participated in various search warrants throughout the City of Wisconsin Rapids and Central Wisconsin, participated in numerous special operations including various target patrols, saturation patrols, and surveillance duties.

2023 brought several changes to the detective bureau. In August of 2023, a Detective Sergeant position was created. One of the primary responsibilities of the Detective Sergeant is to manage and maintain the property and evidence room which includes reviewing evidence submissions, storage, transportation, retention periods, and destruction. The Detective Sergeant also assists with various administrative/supervisory tasks and is assigned an investigative caseload.

In 2023, members of the Detective Bureau attended a training session with Porter Lee, the company that provides the department's BEAST evidence tracking system. The goal of this training was to better utilize the BEAST evidence system to more accurately and efficiently manage evidence maintained by the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department. The Detective Bureau also updated and improved the department evidence processing room with new equipment/storage.

The Detective Bureau has utilized new and improved technology to assist with investigations.

Throughout 2023, members utilized Flock Safety data to assist in numerous fraud, burglary, and drug investigations. Flock Safety utilizes automated license plate readers to capture detailed vehicle information for vehicles traveling on public roadways and that data can be an excellent investigative tool. Fortunately, the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department secured funding in 2024 to purchase Flock cameras to be placed throughout Wisconsin Rapids. The Detective Bureau anxiously awaits their installation, and it is anticipated that they will be used frequently to assist in investigations.

Members of the Detective Bureau remained very active within the department and community throughout 2023. Detectives presented to Mid-State criminal justice students regarding criminal investigation, Lincoln High School criminal justice students, and attended and/or organized WRPD Citizens and Student Academies to name a few. Members were also a part of various local committees such as IMPACT (County Health Department Alcohol, THC, Place of Last Drink), Sexual Assault Response Team, Child Death Review, Youth Justice Advisory Committee, and attended bi-monthly fraud prevention meetings with representatives from local financial institutions.

School Resource Officers (SRO)

SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares play a vital role as School Resource Officers. Their responsibilities involve various aspects, including addressing truancy issues, enforcing discipline regarding the possession of vapes containing nicotine or THC, conducting investigations related to harassment, bullying and sexual assault, and providing support for mental health concerns within the school community. SRO's also take on Child Protective Service cases assigned to them.

As A.L.I.C.E. certified instructors they provide active shooter response training to staff and students throughout the Wisconsin Rapids Public School's community.



Apart from these duties, SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares actively engage with the school staff by delivering presentations to new teachers and participating in their professional development days. This involvement ensures that educators are well-informed and equipped to address relevant issues within the school environment.

During the summer, SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares extend their assistance to the patrol division, responding to calls and contributing to maintaining community safety. They also occasionally take on patrol overtime to provide additional support when needed. When patrol is fully staffed they assist the Detective Bureau with following up on cases assigned to the SRO's.



Overall, SRO Pelot and SRO Olivares serve as a bridge between law enforcement and the educational system. Their roles involve promoting safety, addressing various concerns, and creating a supportive and safe environment for students, teachers, and staff.

Field Training Unit

The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department has Field Training Officers (FTO) that are selected to train, mentor and evaluate newly hired probationary Police Officers. The goal of this unit is to prepare new probationary officers for solo patrol. This process consists of 3 initial phases of training followed by a brief shadow phase where the FTO wears civilian cloths and the probationary officer handles calls from start to finish. Probationary patrol officers also train with Wood County Dispatch, Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, the Detective Bureau and School Resource Officers. Once the probationary officer has successfully completed this training, they are approved for solo patrol.

The following officers were in the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department field training unit for 2023.

SGT Drew Borchardt - Field Training Supervisor

Officer Luke Krier

Officer Jake Paltz

Officer Fue Khang

Officer Travis Plowman

The Wisconsin Rapids Police Department had 2 new probationary patrol officers start in 2023 and are currently active in their field training.

Officer Jordan Leher (11/23)

Officer Barron Taylor (11/23)

Bike Patrol Unit

In 2023 the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Bike Patrol Unit was revitalized. Det. Sgt. Daven and School Resource Officer Olivares took on roles of organizing and leading the group. The Bike Patrol Unit welcomed 5 new Officers in 2023 to bring the total number of Bike Patrol Officers to 7. A full inventory of department bikes and equipment was completed to include updating outdated or nonfunctioning items. Squad mounted bike racks were purchased to allow Officers flexibility between a patrol shift and bike patrol in targeted areas.



A full day of training was also held to introduce new Officers to the techniques of Bike Patrol as well as updates on bike laws. This training included daytime riding, nighttime riding, obstacle course and firearms. The Bike Patrol Unit is most often utilized during the City's 4th of July Celebration, Lunch by the River/Farmers Market Days, and extra patrols when staffing allows. Bike Patrol Officers are able to patrol areas squad cars cannot, such as parks, trails and alleyways. Positive interactions with citizens is also a top priority for the WRPD Bike Patrol Unit.

Special Response Team

The Wisconsin Rapids Special Response Team (SRT) is a unit of 10 officers who train together once a month, 12 hours, and are overseen by the Team Commander. In addition to their monthly training our 2 designated snipers train an additional 4 hours per month to refine that specific skill set. The following officers are currently on SRT and their responsibilities.

Team Commander – Deputy Chief Scott Dewitt

1. Sgt. Jordan Jazdzewski – Team Leader, entry, firearms instructor, less lethal/chemical/distraction device instructor
2. Sgt. Joe Foy – Team Leader, entry, less lethal/chemical/distraction device instructor
3. Doug Van Berkel – Entry, firearms instructor
4. Jake Guse – Sniper/entry
5. Jacob Paltz – Sniper/entry
6. Paul Zalewski – Entry, firearms instructor, shield instructor
7. Nick Brockman - Entry
8. Stefan Jaye – Entry, firearms instructor, less lethal/chemical/distraction device instructor
9. Travis Plowman - Entry
10. Justin Mortel – Entry

We had two officers' step down from SRT in 2023, Detective Josh Richter (12 years on SRT) and Detective Cody Wetterau (5 years on SRT), which resulted in an application process consisting of an interview, agility testing, and a firearms course. Officer Plowman and Officer Mortel were selected to fill these positions and are showing strong promise with the team.



Our team was excited for the addition of a robot this year as an additional resource to maintain the safety of our officers and others. This was a partnership with Marshfield Drones who helped develop this unit from the ground up and we continue to work together to refine its abilities. This piece of equipment has been heavily used during training and was recently used during a high-risk call-out at the end of 2023 with an armed barricaded suspect. This is an invaluable piece of equipment that keeps our officers from being put in unnecessarily dangerous situations and able to maintain real-time updates with the live feed camera. It has been displayed at community events such as citizen academy and well received by those in attendance, acknowledging how important this equipment is and impressed with its abilities.

Special Response Team

Our team has a strong working relationship with surrounding SRT/SWAT teams and takes multiple requests per year to assist these teams with high-risk events. Our team commander and team leaders generally meet quarterly with the other SWAT teams in our region which include Wood Co, Marshfield PD, Portage Co, Stevens Point PD, Clark Co, Taylor Co, Marathon Co, and Lincoln Co. Additionally, our team trains together multiple times a year with Wood County and Marshfield teams.

In 2023 notable events that the Wisconsin Rapids SRT responded to included;

- Assisted Milwaukee PD in the apprehension of multiple suspects that fled from officers in Milwaukee County during which these suspects fired at pursuing officers. Utilizing multiple teams and armored vehicles we were able to keep everyone safe resulting in a positive outcome. Suspects were taken into custody while working with Wood County and Marshfield teams.
- A Wisconsin Rapids Officer was involved in a shooting while investigating a domestic disturbance where a firearm was pulled on the officer. This resulted in an armed barricaded standoff with the suspect. Multiple local agencies responded as well as an armored vehicle being deployed. After approximately 5 hours the suspect surrendered.
- Our team was requested by Marathon County to serve a warrant on a suspect that fled from their deputies during which the suspect fired at officers. Our team working with Wood County, Marshfield PD, Marathon County, and our Crisis Negotiator Team was able to safely surround and call out the suspect who was taken into custody after approximately 4 hours. During this incident neighbors had to be evacuated due to comments from the suspect of explosives being in the residence. Our new robot was deployed during this incident allowing us to get a visual of any threats inside this residence prior to any officers making entry.

Honor Guard Team

The Honor Guard is a team of 7 officers that represent the department at special events. Officers attend funerals for fallen and retired officers, providing casket watch and color presentation. Officers also present the state and national colors at special ceremonies, such as officer swear-ins in the city hall chambers during city council meetings as well as MSTC graduations and law enforcement ceremonies. In 2023, the team participated in two events including a swearing in event and a retired officer's funeral.



Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiator Team is a skilled and effective team that specializes in resolving high-stakes hostage situations when people are in crisis. Our team has proven to be beneficial in ensuring the safety of both hostages and law enforcement personnel involved. We are always ready to respond swiftly and efficiently whenever our services are required.

In 2023, we successfully handled two call outs, and both incidents ended with the surrender of the suspects without any injuries. The CNT prioritizes the preservation of life and strives to find peaceful resolutions to tense situations.



Currently, our team consists of three highly trained individuals, and have added two more who will be attending the Negotiator training and certification in 2024.

Our approach is based on effective communication, empathy, and understanding. We employ a variety of negotiation techniques and strategies to establish rapport with the suspect and de-escalate the situation. By building trust and finding common ground, we aim to create a peaceful resolution that ensures the safety of everyone involved.

The Crisis Negotiator Team is dedicated to continuous training and improvement. To ensure that they maintain our high level of proficiency, we dedicate four hours or more every month to training. In summary, the Crisis Negotiator Team is a highly skilled group that excels in resolving high-stakes hostage situations. With a track record of successful outcomes and a dedicated team led by Crisis Negotiator Officer Olivares, they are ready to respond to any crisis and ensure the safety of all parties involved.

Drug Recognition Experts

Traditionally, police officers and prosecutors had a difficult time identifying and prosecuting drug impaired drivers. Fortunately, law enforcement developed a solution: the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program. The program enables police officers who are certified as Drug Recognition Experts or to have Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) to determine whether a suspect is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and, if so, what category of drugs, by combining basic medical knowledge about drug pharmacodynamics with validated psychomotor tests.



The drug evaluation and classification process is standardized and systematic. It utilizes a variety of readily observable signs and symptoms that are accepted in the medical community as reliable indicators of drug influence. During a DRE examination, the DRE takes the suspect's brief medical history and assesses the suspect's pulse, blood pressure, body temperature, pupil size and reaction to light, and psychomotor function. The DRE also examines the suspect's ocular tracking, smooth pursuit and Horizontal and Vertical Gaze Nystagmus (HGN and VGN). The program is employed by hundreds of law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels and by private industry. WRPD has 2 Drug Recognition Experts. In 2023, They conducted 5 DRE evaluations.

Wisconsin Rapids Professional Police Association

As President of the Wisconsin Rapids Professional Police Association, I am writing to you today to shed light on the incredible work being done by our association and its dedicated members. It is essential for me to emphasize that our organization passionately and respectfully represents our police officers. Our officers are not only committed to protecting and serving our community, but they are also committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

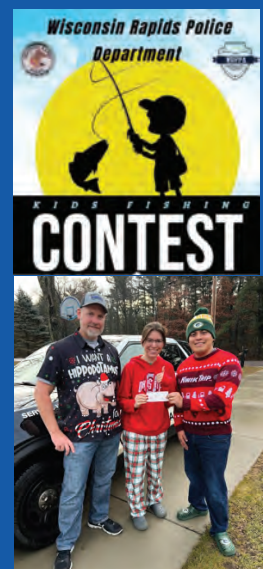
Moreover, the WRPPA actively engages with our community through various initiatives. One of our primary objectives is to foster connections between our officers and the citizens they serve. We have been actively involved in fundraising incentives that aim to support various community projects and organizations. Our association takes great pride in our annual fishing contest, which has become a beloved tradition in our community. This event not only serves as a fun and exciting gathering for family and friends but also as an opportunity for officers to connect with the community.

In conclusion, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of the WRPPA. Their unwavering commitment to justice, integrity, and community service continues to inspire us all. Together, we strive to make Wisconsin Rapids a safe and welcoming place for everyone. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our association.

Sincerely,

Travis Plowman, President

Wisconsin Rapids Professional Police Association



Crossing Guards

The Police Department started 2023 with 11 crossing guards for 10 corners. The year ended with 9 crossing guards for 10 corners, with no substitutes. During 2023 Rhonda Bentz retired and we had 3 resignations. In September, we were able to hire 2 more crossing guards. Over the years, we have seen a reduction in staffing levels resulting in the elimination of 5 crossing guard locations. We are currently understaffed, with no substitute guards available. Anyone looking for extra spending money, enjoys working outside in all types of weather, enjoys children, having holidays and summers off – this may be the job for you!

2023 Full-time Adult School Crossing Guards

Jennifer Westover	8th St N/Baker St 32nd St N/Franklin St	4 years
Gloria Voight	32nd St N/Franklin St	8 years
Rhonda Bentz	8th St N/Baker St LHS Bus Exit	22 years
Melinda Zielinski	8th St N/Baker St	3 months
Jane Orcutt	8th St N/Prospect St	17 years
Donna Panzer	8th St S/E Grand Av	21 years
Kristin Rebolledo	8th St S/E Grand Av 16th St S/Pepper Av	10 years
Kathleen Volz	17th Av N/W Grand Av	3 years
Faye Obgartel	17th Av N/W Grand Av 25th Av S/Gaynor Av	1 year
Andrea Anderson	25th Av S/Gaynor Av	2 years
Mary Mosing	8th St S/Grove Av 32nd St N/Franklin St 25th Av S/Gaynor Av	3 months
Allen Krommenaker	8th St S/Grove Av	3 years
Joseph Myron	17th Av S/Alton St	1 year



Chaplain Program

Current Chaplain Team

- Chaplain Trey Turner
- Pastor Jeff O'Connor
- Chaplain Liaison Officer Jake Guse

The following is a summary encapsulating the involvement and contributions of the volunteer Police Chaplains for the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department in 2023.

In 2023 Pastor Jeff O'Connor was interviewed by Chief Hostens, Deputy Chief Dewitt and Chaplain Liaison Guse and selected to be our newest Chaplain to replace Chaplain Dan DeRoche. Chaplain O'Connor has been informally trained on WRPD Chaplain Policy and procedure. Both Chaplains Turner and O'Connor as well as Chaplain Liaison Guse are scheduled to attend the 2024 Region 4 ICPC training conference.



Both Chaplains Turner and O'Connor logged 39 contacts totaling 69 Hours and 45 minutes of interaction in the year 2023. These interactions included the following:

- Presence during shift change / casual interactions with employees
- Riding along with officers
- One on one contacts with employees
- Swearing in ceremonies
- CISM debriefs
- Peer support
- Critical incident "defusing's"
- Community presentations and education on Chaplaincy (Citizens Academy)

The following information does not account for personal calls or confidential contacts that occur between employees and the Chaplains.



Auxiliary Police Unit

The Wisconsin Rapids Auxiliary Police Unit consists of civilians from a variety of backgrounds. For the most part, the unit consists of those people wanting to use this as a stepping stone to full time law enforcement work and those who wish to give something back to the community. A Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Officer acts as the Liaison Officer for the unit. The unit is a volunteer, non-sworn organization. The unit donates hundreds of hours every year working a myriad of events. The unit also assists the police department with extra patrol, property protection and assistance at major crime scenes. Some of the events that the unit patrols are carnivals and picnics, the fireworks on the 4th of July, miscellaneous parades, multiple school related dances/activities, and the annual Central WI car cruise. Along with these events the Unit also conducts extra patrol in the areas of the city that are having problems. This program also does property protection, checking area businesses and areas requesting extra patrol. The unit has the authority to write city ordinance violations and parking tickets. They are certified in DAAT (Defense And Arrest Tactics), Emergency Vehicle Operations, CPR/AED and other job related training. The Wisconsin Rapids Auxiliary members are a part of activities, tasks and training that help them to learn about law enforcement, provides them opportunities to build confidence and teaches them leadership skills that they will carry into their future.

2023 Auxiliary Statistics

- 942.5 hours of volunteer time logged
- 55 community events worked
- 11 monthly trainings that included training in CPR/AED, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Telecommunications, policy and procedure, traffic control, scenario based incidents, vehicle contacts
- 8 High school events/Dances
- 3 Special Olympics events
- 60 hrs of volunteer time recorded on 4th of July

If you are looking for additional information regarding the Wisconsin Rapids Auxiliary unit, or you are interested in joining the unit, you can contact Officer Lucas Krier (Lkrier@wirapids.org)



Police Lights of Christmas

The Police Lights Of Christmas is a community program that helps police departments throughout Wisconsin reach those in need during the Christmas/Winter season each year. We provide thousands of dollars-worth of gift cards for officers to use to help those in need that they come into contact with while on patrol. This is a community program fostered by Lakeshore Communications, Inc, Q90 FM - WORQ, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

WRPD participated in Cops At Culver's Christmas in July Event. Officer were able to pair up with Culver's employees to help deliver orders to vehicle and take orders in the drive thru. 10% of sales and any donations received that day helped Police Lights of Christmas purchase local gift cards the Officers handed out during the Holiday season.

The Chief and Deputy Chief participated in the Police Lights of Christmas Send Off Event at Lambeau Field. They were able to help pack hundreds of backpacks with hats, gloves, socks, blanket, bottle, toy, hygiene kit, and snacks. WRPD was able to hand out 40 backpacks within the community. They also got to meet the Green Bay Packers QB1 Jordan Love! As they departed Lambeau Field in a parade of light and sirens in front of many that we in attendance.



Community



Community



Haunted Walk Through



Citizens Academy

Wisconsin Rapids Citizen's Police Academy participants are privileged to:

- Receiving inside information on calls police officers respond to
- Learn how crimes are investigated – drugs, deaths, sensitive crimes, property crimes, and more
- See the tools and technology used by our officers
- Observe demonstrations from our Special Response Team and canine unit
- Drive squad cars on our Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)
- Partake in crime scene investigation(CSI)
- NEW for 2023 - One full session dedicated to hands on learning about the Wis. Rapids Fire Department

Course was conducted on Oct. 4 – Dec. 6th and had 14 community members. This was the first year we had a night with Fire Department and it was well received.



Run with the Cops



On Oct. 5th had over 150 participants bringing in over \$13,500 to support Special Olympics WI

National Night Out



Aug 1st had over 400 citizens in attendance and representatives from over 40 local groups such as Police, Fire and nonprofits.

Chief of Police



Daniel Hostens
Chief of Police

Deputy Chief



Scott Dewitt
Deputy Chief

Administrative LT, Ordinance Officer, Records



Bradley Burris
Lieutenant



Todd Andrys
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Veronica Klish
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Sue Hladilek
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Lori Keena
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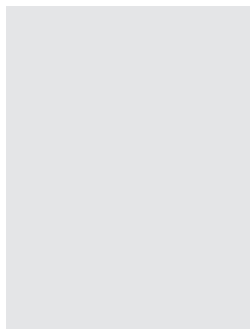
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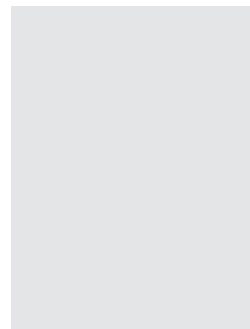
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Eric Daven
Detective Sergeant



Josh Richter
Detective



Cody Wetterau
Detective



David Bailey
Detective

Crew A



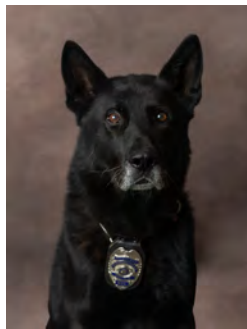
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Doug Van Berkel
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Jacob Guse
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Fue Khang
Patrol



Nicholas Brockman
Patrol

Crew B



Matt Cornette
Lieutenant



Scott Killian
Sergeant



Travis Plowman
Patrol



Gabriel Contreras
Patrol



Robert Krummel
Patrol



Gunnar Drew
Patrol

Crew C



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Jordan Jazdzewski
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Andrew Borchardt
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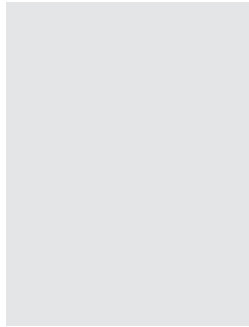


Jake Paltz
Patrol



Paul Zalewski
Patrol

Crew D



Casey LaBarre
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Joseph Foy
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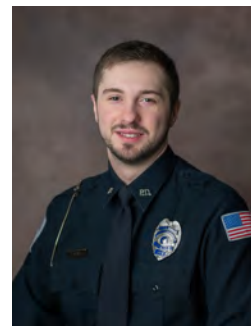
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