

# *City of Kaukauna Police Department*



## *2020 Annual Report*



## *From the Office of the Chief of Police*



On behalf of the professional women and men of the Kaukauna Police Department, I am very pleased to present our 2020 Annual Report. This report will highlight just a portion of the great things our officers and staff have done for the community in 2020. Included in this report, you will find many statistics, reports, and descriptions of what our department does throughout the year.

For many of us, 2020 was a very challenging year, and this sentiment was no different for the Kaukauna Police Department. In 2020, our department investigated several serious incidents.

One of these cases was a horrific case that received local and national attention. Our officers, with the assistance from several local and federal agencies, did an outstanding job investigating this case.

In March, we were hit with the COVID-19 Pandemic which drastically changed the way we policed by limiting contact with the public. For the safety of our officers and the public we tried to limit face to face contacts. Unfortunately, many community events were cancelled, and we were unable to interact with the community. We were able to continue our “Lights of Christmas” program, which helps families in need in our community. We are excited and looking forward to 2021 bringing new efforts to connect with the community.

In 2020, with the fundraising efforts of our community, we were able to purchase a second K-9. K-9 Bodo joined the police department in November 2020. Our staff appreciates all the community support we received in 2020.

Policing our city is everyone’s responsibility, so we urge the citizens of Kaukauna to stay vigilant because you are the eyes and ears of the community. Be proactive about your own personal safety, look out for your neighbor, and be aware of what’s going on in your community. Informed, alert citizens play a critical role in keeping our community safe, so “If You See Something, Say Something.”

The Kaukauna Police Department is made up of talented and creative officers, records technicians, detectives, and school resource officers. I am proud to lead the team but recognize that it is their collective efforts that make Kaukauna a great place to live and work. I hope this report gives you some insights into how they work hard to keep you and your family safe.

Jamie Graff  
Chief of Police

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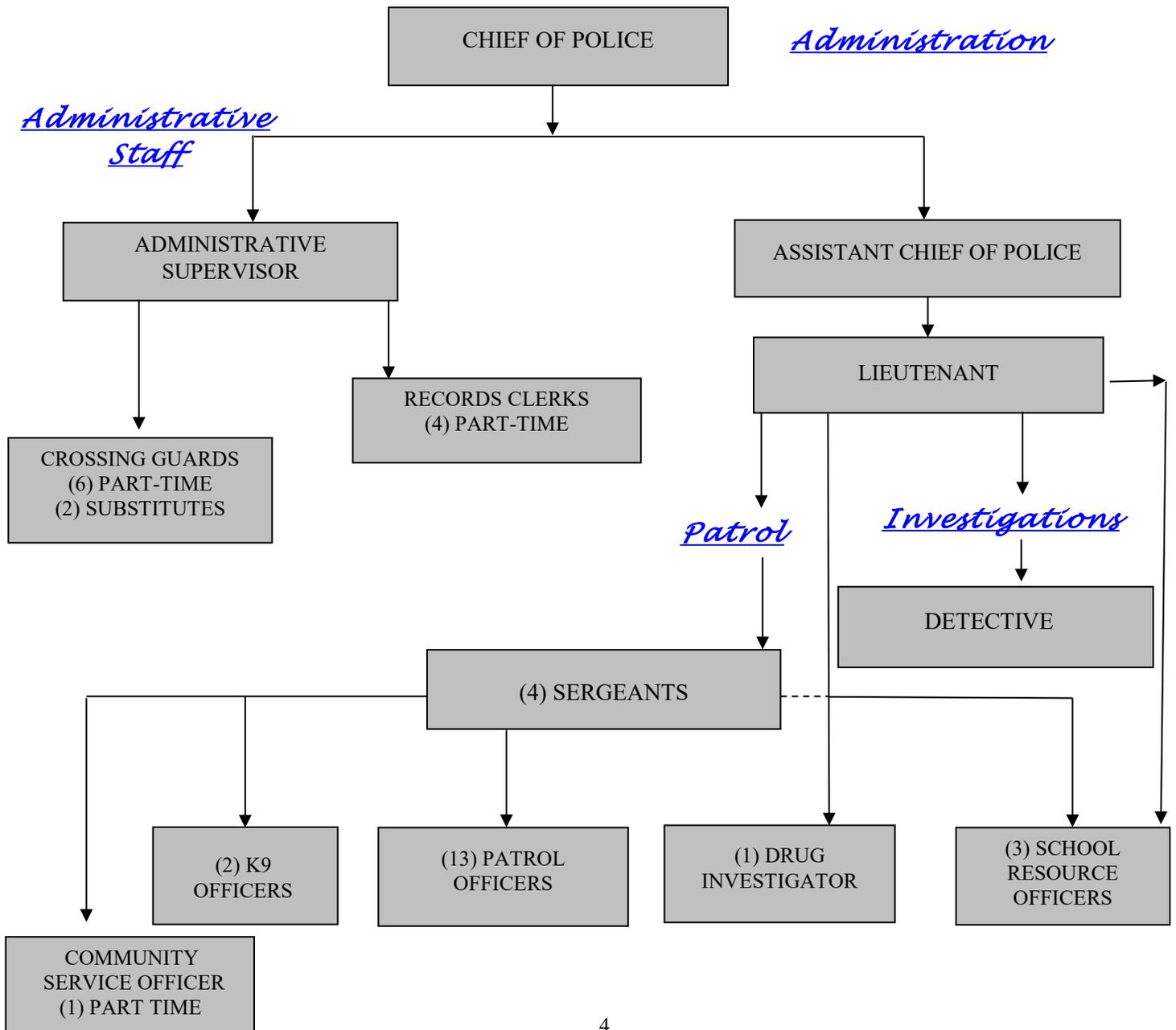
City of Kaukauna

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John Moore  
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Kaukauna Police Department



## 2020 Kaukauna Police Department Roster

		Year hire
<b>Chief of Police</b>	Jamie J. Graff	1997
<b>Assistant Chief of Police</b>	Bradley J. Sanderfoot	1999
<b>Lieutenant Investigator</b>	Thomas J. Bartolazzi	1996
<b>Detective</b>	Kory J. Krueger	2000
<b>Sergeants</b>	Rex H. Swanson	1997
	Robert T. Momberg	1998
	Thomas L. Raether	2000
	Jason G. Treichel	2002
<b>Officer</b>	Michael W. Frank	1998
<b>Officer</b>	Charles P. Vosters	2005
<b>School Resource Officer</b>	Tyler J. Romenesko	2006
<b>Officer</b>	Jeffrey S. Bowen	2007
<b>School Resource Officer</b>	Adam J. Vander Hyden	2008
<b>Officer</b>	Patrick J. O'Kane	2010
<b>K9 Officer</b>	Lucas A. Meyer	2011
<b>Officer</b>	Brian P. Schaefer	2013
<b>Officer</b>	Timothy J. Lau	2013
<b>School Resource Officer</b>	Matthew J. Kohl	2015
<b>K9 Officer</b>	Stephanie A. Maas	2015
<b>Officer</b>	Ryan P. Geenen	2016
<b>Officer</b>	Thayen V. Thao	2016
<b>Officer</b>	David A. Knepfel	2017
<b>Officer</b>	Andrew N. Pelot	2017
<b>Officer</b>	Natasha R. Shanle	2018
<b>Officer</b>	Michael T. Lambie	2019
<b>Officer</b>	James A. Brandt	2019
<b>Community Service Officer</b>	Jordan G. Batchelor	2019
<b>Administrative Services Supervisor</b>	Inge M. Murphy	2019
<b>Records Clerks</b>	Tammie L. Borin	2011
	Melody L. Lankey	2016
	Tammie J. Domek	2017
	Brenda VandenHeuvel	2018
<b>School Crossing Guards</b>	Lisa A.Sawlsville	2012
	Bea Hoffman - <i>Retired</i>	2016
	Dawn Richart	2019
	Dennis Bruhn	2019
	Diane Mashuda	2019
	Vicky Vandenberg	2019
	Marie Soffa	2020
<b>School Crossing Guard Subs</b>	Judy A. Rogers	2015
	Cyndel Sawall	2020
	Ginny DeBruin - <i>Retired</i>	2000



The Assistant Chief of Police works closely with the Chief of Police in the management of the Kaukauna Police Department. The Chief and his staff are responsible for the direction and management of 43 employees, including 26 sworn officers, two K9 Units and one Community Service Officer. The Chief and Assistant Chief work closely with the city officials to ensure the safety of our residents.

The Assistant Chief works directly with daily operations including scheduling, planning, organizing, staffing and budgetary issues. One of the responsibilities of the Assistant Chief of Police is to provide training to all of the officers in the department to give them the skills they need to help the public in a professional manner. Every officer attends annual and bi-annual trainings which include: legal update, firearms, defense and arrest tactics (DAAT), CPR and emergency vehicle operations and control. This past year was particularly difficult getting training because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Even with numerous trainings being cancelled as a result of the pandemic, we were still able to get officers trained in all of the required annual training.

Above and beyond the annual training, this past year we were able to train an officer to be a DAAT and Firearms Instructor, our new K9 Officer attended a 6 week K9 training in New Mexico, and we were able to send all of our sergeants to a supervisory training.

This past year we also saw several national incidents that had an impact on how the general public views police. The Kaukauna Police Department took a pro-active approach to this and sent officers to Conflict Communications Training which was a training that enhanced their conflict and cross-cultural communication skills.

In 2021, the Kaukauna Police Department will continue to strive for excellence, and we resolve to make an even more significant and positive impact in our community. We respond to approximately 12,000 calls for service each year. In every one of those calls we recognize an opportunity exists to have a positive impact in the lives of people in our community. Your trust and support of local law enforcement is vitally important to our success as a police department. We will work diligently every day to earn your trust and support by carrying out our work with integrity, accountability, professionalism and respect.

Brad Sanderfoot  
Assistant Chief of Police

# Investigations

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The Lieutenant Investigator is also a member of the management team within the department and assists the Chief and Assistant Chief on day to day operations of the police department. The Lieutenant Investigator oversees, assists and manages all the investigations in the department, patrol officers in day to day cases that require additional investigations, three School Resource Officers and the MEG Unit Officer, which is an officer that is assigned to the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group that focuses on drug enforcement.



***Thomas Bartolazzi***  
***Lieutenant***

The Kaukauna Police Department once again had a busy year in 2020. In addition to the homicides in February, drug overdose death investigations continue to increase, utilizing a lot of our resources and much of our time to complete. As technology continues to improve, internet crimes increase and become more technical. In 2020 we have seen a continued rise in credit card frauds, identity thefts, phone scams, computer scams and internet crimes against children. These crimes can create challenges to law enforcement as they can often result in suspects that are out of the state or country. This requires continued additional training on new technology and cooperation with many different agencies. The challenges in 2020 limited our ability to further training, but we hope to get back on track in 2021.

Our current focus is on increasing training to keep up with the ever evolving technology and crimes associated with it.



***Kory Krueger***  
***Detective***

The Detective position was created in June 2015. The Detective investigates crimes, conducts follow-up on more serious and time consuming cases, and works closely with other investigators in surrounding agencies on major incidents. The Detective is able to interview witnesses and interrogate suspects, or collect evidence that may have not been able to be collected when an incident occurred. The Detective also works with patrol officers and is able to assist them with any ongoing cases they may have, such as drafting search warrants and subpoenas or follow-up interviews. With the Detective conducting follow up for major cases, this allows the patrol officers to spend more time on the road and be available to handle the day to day calls.

The Detective works on a wide variety of cases including but not limited to identity theft, embezzlements, burglaries, thefts, frauds, domestic abuse incidents, suspicious deaths, drug overdoses, stalking, sexual assaults, internet crimes and vehicle accidents. The Detective has the availability to spend more time on serious cases and more time conducting follow up which in turn can lead to a higher close out rate on major cases.



Bodo  
K9



Bradley Sanderfoot  
Asst. Chief



Jamie Graff  
Chief



Thomas Bartolazzi  
Lieutenant



Rocko  
K9



Rex Swanson  
Sergeant



Robert Mornberg  
Sergeant



Michael Frank  
Patrolman



Thomas Raether  
Sergeant



Kory Krueger  
Detective



Jason Treichel  
Sergeant



Charles Vosters  
Patrolman



Tyler Romnesko  
School Resource Officer



Jeffrey Bowen  
Patrolman



Adam Vander Hyden  
School Resource Officer



Patrick O'Kane  
Patrolman



Lucas Meyer  
Patrolman



Brian Schaefer  
Patrolman



Timothy Lau  
Patrolman



Matthew Kohl  
School Resource Officer



Stephanie Maas  
Patrolwoman



Ryan Geenen  
Patrolman



Thuyen Thao  
Patrolman



David Kneipel  
Patrolman



Andrew Pelot  
Patrolman



Natasha Shante  
Patrolwoman



Michael Lambie  
Patrolman



James Brandt  
Patrolman



Jordan Batchelor  
Community Service Officer



Inge  
Administrative Supervisor



Tammie  
Records Clerk



Melody  
Records Clerk

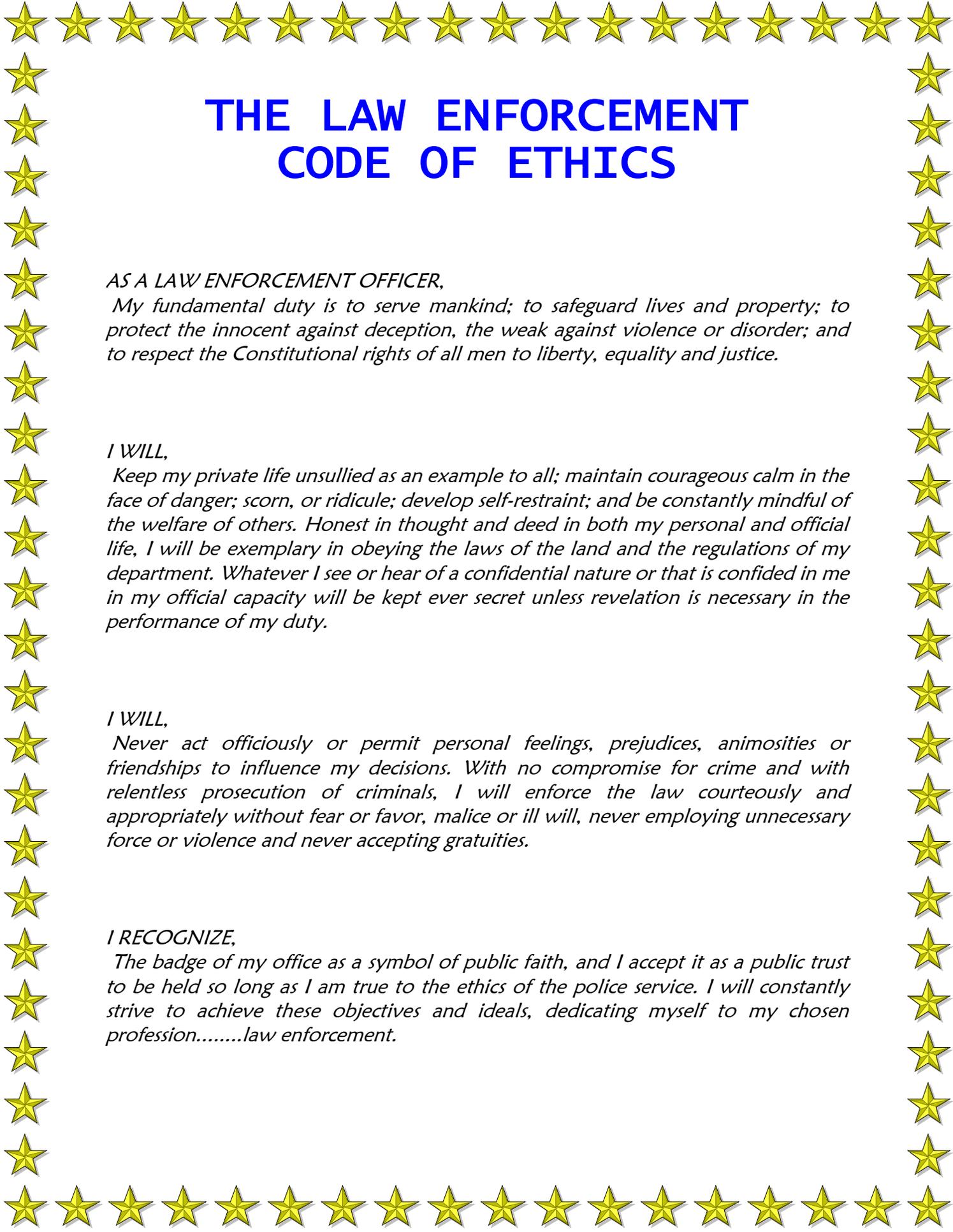


T.J.  
Records Clerk



Brenda  
Records Clerk





# THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

*AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,*

*My fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.*

*I WILL,*

*Keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger; scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.*

*I WILL,*

*Never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.*

*I RECOGNIZE,*

*The badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession.....law enforcement.*

## School Resource Officers



**SRO Adam Vander Hyden**  
Kaukauna High School  
766-6113 ext. 5303



**SRO Matthew Kohl**  
River View Middle School  
766-6111 ext. 4188



**SRO Tyler Romenesko**  
Elementary Schools  
766-6134 ext. 3180

*School Resource Officers (SRO's) work in cooperation with the schools in a proactive manner to deal with youth concerns before they become youth problems. Beyond the family, the school is the primary institution that has the opportunity to affect the ideas and activities of our children. Police working in partnership with the schools provides the opportunity to implement programs aimed primarily at prevention of delinquent behavior through education, communication, and understanding among the school, youth, police, and the community. Statistics show that reaching children in this age group can lead to lowering juvenile delinquency by giving them the skills needed to make positive decisions.*

### **School Resource Officers provide:**

- Serves as liaison between juveniles and/or their parents, service organizations, school personnel, and the community
- Work with school administrators and the District Office of Kaukauna Schools on developing policies and procedures to keep schools safe
- ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) instructors. Work closely with the school and local businesses in training to prepare individuals in the event of an active shooter emergency
- Give classroom and other instructions and presentations
- Teach children about crime, leadership, and citizenship
- Teach children about drug prevention, internet safety, and sexting
- Provide training for KASD staff in areas of drug prevention, crime prevention, and school safety
- Are a friend, counselor, and listener to youth with personal issues, or to those who want to share stories of their life
- Investigate crimes where juveniles are either victims or perpetrators and enforce applicable laws
- Conduct sensitive crime investigations involving both adults and juveniles
- Make referrals and assist other agencies
- Work closely with the Child Protection Agency, Social Services, Juvenile Intake, and the District Attorney's Office
- Share information with school administrators about the conduct of students in the community
- Provide training to other police officers on the special needs and concerns of youth
- Serve on a variety of committees and task forces working to improve services available for juveniles
- Early intervention to keep small problems from becoming large ones; this diverts students from the juvenile justice system when appropriate.
- Participate in Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Investigations

# 2020 Kaukauna Police Department K9 Rocko Report

## 105-Total Deployments

## 51-Arrests

(19 public speaking/ community appearances)

60- for Kaukauna PD

45- for a different jurisdiction (7 other jurisdictions)

14- Grand Chute PD

9- Wisconsin State Patrol

6- Appleton PD

5- Fox Valley Metro PD

5- Outagamie County SO

3- Neenah PD

3- Calumet County SO

## 96- Narcotics Detection Deployments

- 542.4g marijuana
- 80.1g methamphetamine
- 68.6g cocaine
- 9.5g MDMA

78-traffic stop vehicle sniffs

18-other (parked car sniffs, building sniffs, cash sniffs)

## 9- Patrol Deployments

5-tracks

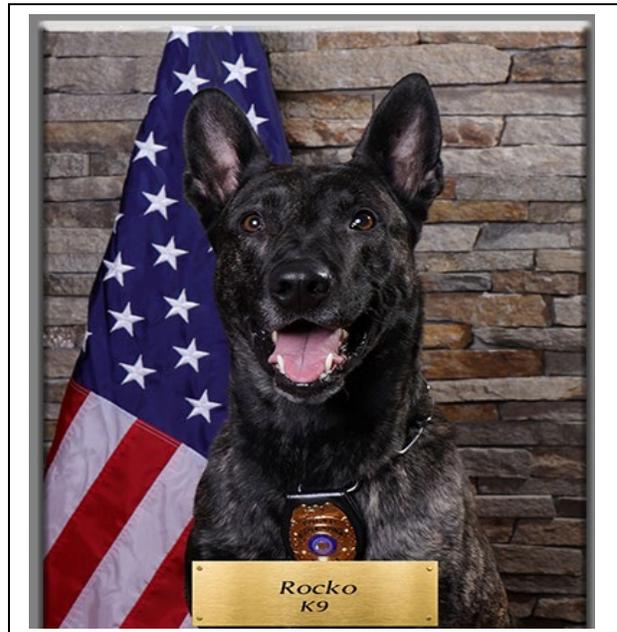
2-tactical/ perimeter deployments

1-building search

1-area search

## Other items attributed to Rocko

- 4 illegally possessed handguns
- \$1,369 seized drug money
- 34 illegally possessed prescription pills
- .5g LSD



# Kaukauna Police Department Annual K9 Report

## K9 Bodo



K9 Bodo is a two year old German Shepherd who was raised in Germany prior to coming to the United States. K9 Bodo completed six weeks of training with his handler Officer Maas down in Albuquerque New Mexico from mid September 2020 - October 2020. K9 Bodo is a dual purpose working canine that has the ability to assist the Kaukauna Police Department in detection of illegal narcotics and various patrol duties. K9 Bodo's first official day with the Kaukauna Police Department was in the beginning of December 2020. K9 Bodo has enjoyed his career with the Kaukauna Police Department thus far and looks forward to keeping the city safe.



**Total Deployments: 12** **Total Arrests: 7**

**Deployments:**

Kaukauna PD: 8

Appleton PD: 1

Grand Chute PD: 1

Fox Valley Metro PD: 1

Outagamie County Sheriff: 1

**Items Seized:**

6.9g Marijuana seized

0.8g Heroin Seized

6 drug paraphernalia items seized

**Public Events In 2020:** One Public speaking/community appearance

# Community Service Officer



The Kaukauna Police Department has one part-time Community Service Officer (CSO) serving the community through a variety of duties.

- Vacation house checks are provided for city residents who are away from home. The CSO will go and check for any suspicious activity while a resident is on vacation. If you would like a house check done on your home while you are on vacation, please stop by the police department to fill out the appropriate paperwork.
- We also provide vehicle lockout service to our residents. The CSO will perform this service when on duty to keep the officers free for other calls and emergencies.
- The CSO also helps with traffic control at accidents, parades, and other special events. They may even fill in for a crossing guard every so often.
- The Community Service Officer also reports any junk vehicles found in the city. Junk vehicles cannot only have a disorderly appearance in the city but can be a health and safety issue.
- The CSO picks up stray animals in the city and brings them back to the police station. They are kept 24 hours for someone to claim. If not claimed, the CSO transports them to the Fox Valley Humane Association.



<b>Animal Calls</b>	<b>348</b>
<b>Animal Bites</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Animals Transported to Fox Valley Humane Association</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Vacation House Checks</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Vehicle Lockouts</b>	<b>153</b>

## *Crossing Guards*

The City of Kaukauna School Crossing Guard program provides uniformed adult supervision at six school intersections where the majority of the students cross within the City. The Crossing Guards assist students, bikers and pedestrians when they are crossing the intersections to and from their classes. This service is provided between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 A.M., and from 2:45 through 4:00 P.M.

During three weeks in June, some of the Crossing Guards are involved in the Safety Town program that is designed to teach safety habits to the children who are entering school. It has evolved into a comprehensive program covering everything from crossing the street, to playground behavior, littering, avoiding poisons, stranger danger, call 911 and fire prevention. Police Officers and Firemen also participate as guest speakers.



Marie Soffa



Lisa Sawlsville



Diane Mashuda



Vicky Vandenberg



Dawn Richart



Dennis Bruhn

### ***Substitutes***



Judy Rogers

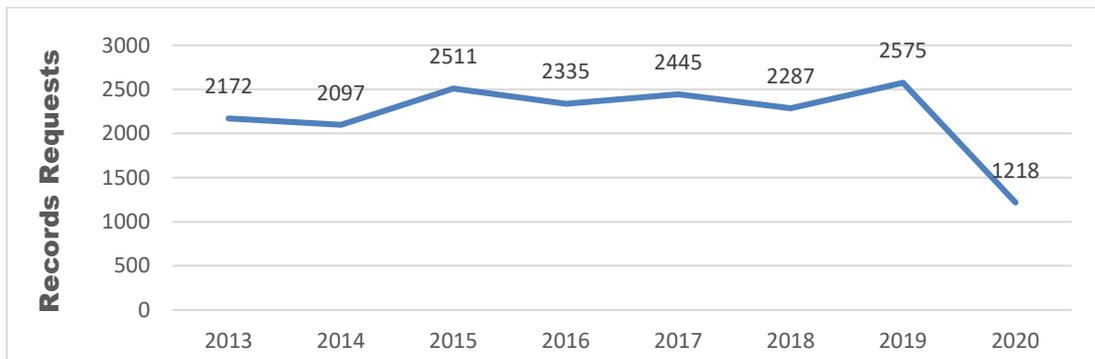


Cyndell Sawall

# Administrative Support

We certainly made the most of 2020. This past year the Records Department focused on converting our processes to all paperless. As with anything, change can be daunting, but we did not cower. The paperless process encouraged the staff to re-evaluate our processes; needless to say, there were numerous efficiencies identified and implemented. Throughout the process, our records staff embraced the changes, and we all look back on last year in amazement as to the number of processes that were affected.

Although 2020 was a year of “unprecedented circumstances,” our records team of Tammie, Melody, TJ and Brenda answered the phones, assisted the public when they came into the lobby and answered numerous requests from the public in a timely and professional manner. The Administrative Services Supervisor works closely with the records team, as well as coordinating and working with the 8 Crossing Guards.



You will note a drastic decline in the number of records requested in 2020. After comparing numbers to 2019, much of the decline comes from the fact schools were operating virtually in Spring 2020, as well as semi-virtually in the Fall. Many of the requests in the past have been background checks of parents wanting to chaperone their children’s field trips or help in their children’s classroom, as well as people applying for school positions.



The records staff also performs background checks on all of the alcohol licensed premises and bartenders in the City of Kaukauna who will be serving or selling the alcohol. We currently check 254 licensed bartenders, 41 Licensed Premises, including 23 bars/taverns/restaurants, 8 gas stations, 3 stores and 7 miscellaneous organizations that sell alcohol.

# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

*Evidence: “something (as testimony, writings, or objects) presented at a judicial or administrative proceeding for the purpose of establishing the truth or falsity of an alleged matter of fact”*

## Overview of Evidence

The evidence and property room of the City of Kaukauna Police Department is responsible for maintaining recovered property and evidence from crimes in the city. We work together with investigators, the District Attorney’s Office, and the state and federal crime laboratories.

Five officers are trained as evidence technicians. Sgt. Momberg and Officers Vosters, Schaefer and Lau being the main evidence and property technicians and Lt. Bartolazzi is the investigations supervisor, but still has a role in evidence and can process scenes. The technicians are called out to examine, document, collect, and preserve evidence at various crime scenes: death scenes, sexual assaults, burglaries, thefts, and crash scenes. The evidence technicians also photograph and record property collected at those scenes. We currently use a Dodge Durango squad as our main evidence vehicle to hold, and transport, the majority of our crime scene supplies. We have to use additional vehicles to get other supplies when needed.

All of the main technicians are members of the Wisconsin Association for Identification (WAI). Their mission is to provide educational seminars to members of the law enforcement community, to disseminate useful information related to all the disciplines of the forensic sciences, to provide local administration in the State of Wisconsin for the international professional certification programs of the International Association for Identification (IAI), and to encourage the highest ethical standards in the collection, preservation, and examination of evidence. Sgt. Momberg is on the Board of Directors for the association and attends quarterly meetings at departments throughout the state to network and share ideas to make upcoming educational conferences the best and most current in evidence and forensic practices. Sgt. Momberg is on the Evidence and Property Committee.

**Sgt Robert Momberg**



**Officer Charlie Vosters**



**Officer Brian Schaefer**



**Officer Tim Lau**



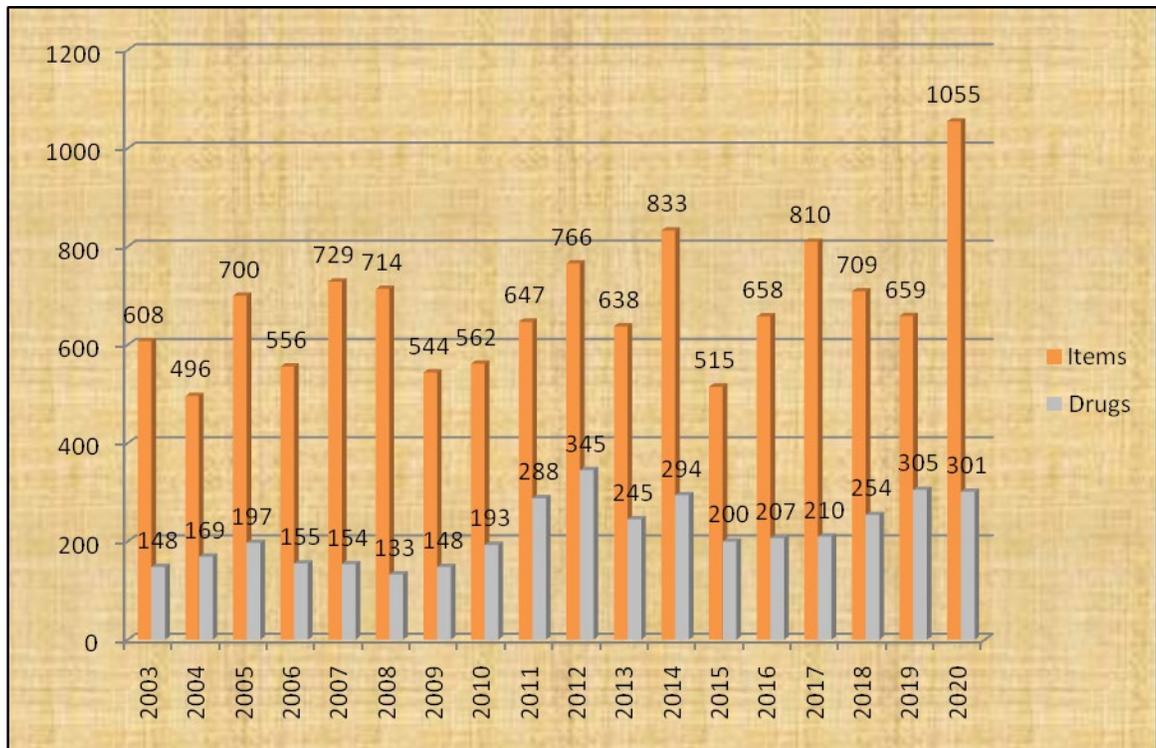
# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

## Evidence and Property Room

During **2020**, **1055** items of evidence and property were collected and recorded in the property room, many of the items are drug related constituting about 1/4 to 1/3 of our items since 2003. We take in, on a yearly basis, several items of found personal property such as wallets, cell phones, tools, CDs, yard items, and several bikes. Many of the unclaimed bikes and property are donated or disposed of.



Laws require us to maintain custody of evidence for extended periods. This could be a few months, years, or even for the incarcerated individual's lifetime or sentence duration. Many of these laws are related specifically to items in which DNA was collected or could be collected and analyzed. The picture on the left is our fume hood donated with the help of the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group in 2019. The picture on the top/right is the evidence packaging office, and the lower/right is the weapons storage area.



\*\*\*The orange columns in the chart depict the total number of items logged into the evidence room in a given year. The gray columns depict the number of drug items (drugs and drug paraphernalia) included in the total items logged for that year.

# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

## Evidence and Property Tracking

Since about mid-year 2016 we have been utilizing the Crime Fighter BEAST (Bar coded Evidence Analysis Statistics & Tracking) software from Porter Lee Corporation. Tracking and moving evidence and property is much easier now and takes a lot less time. A lot of time was spent inventorying evidence from the old system and either purging or entering it into the BEAST system. It is still an ongoing process. BEAST utilizes matrix barcodes to speed information transfer with a high level of data integrity and security. Conventional barcodes printed on labels identify individual items and allow for quick and simple handling and tracking.



## Digital Evidence



Most of our evidence collection consists of digital files. Many crimes, including retail thefts, burglaries and other property crimes involve the collecting of video files from the homes or businesses from their security systems. Computers and cell phones are collected on many investigations and information from those are also collected in a digital format. Frauds and other crimes may constitute the collection of bank and other records, often provided in a digital format, rather than on paper. A lot of time and money has been spent over the last few years to secure space on computer servers to preserve the digital evidence. If we receive a CD or DVD or a flash drive, the contents are copied and the disc or drive must be saved as well. In **2020** we created and collected over **110,000** digital files to include photos, videos, audio files, and documents from about **825** incidents.

## Digital Media



In the month of February of 2019 the City of Kaukauna gained a new investigative and evidentiary skill-set for one of their officers. The City of Kaukauna Police Department sent Officer Tim Lau to a four-day training hosted in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The training consisted of becoming certified and familiarized with digital media forensic extractions and analytics for a wide variety of digital media like cell phones and tablets. This allows the Kaukauna Police Department to utilize forensic software to analyze digital media that is often found in many of the investigative cases. This software is already been proven to be beneficial to the department investigators, and its usefulness will continue to grow in this digital world we now live in.



# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

## Drug Take Back



In **2020** we hosted one drug take back event in October. We collected about **320 lbs.** of prescription and non-prescription medications at the event. The April event had been cancelled. We have a permanent drug drop box installed in the lobby of the police department, and it is available during office hours. In 2020 we collected **180 lbs.** of material from the drop box itself. We anticipate holding two more events in 2021 in April and October. For other permanent locations and

other answers to your questions about drug take backs, go to the website [doseofrealitywi.gov](http://doseofrealitywi.gov) or contact Sgt. Robert Momberg.



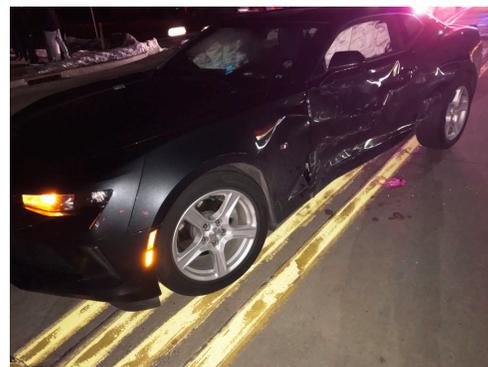
## Evidence Photography



Photography is a very important aspect of evidence. Supplementing police reports with photographs can answer questions that arise during and after incidents by creating an accurate representation of the scene as it was at the time of the incident, whether it was injuries to a victim, damage to property, or photos at a crash scene. Many defendants are quick to plea to criminal charges after they see photographs and other documentation of a scene. Photos of crash

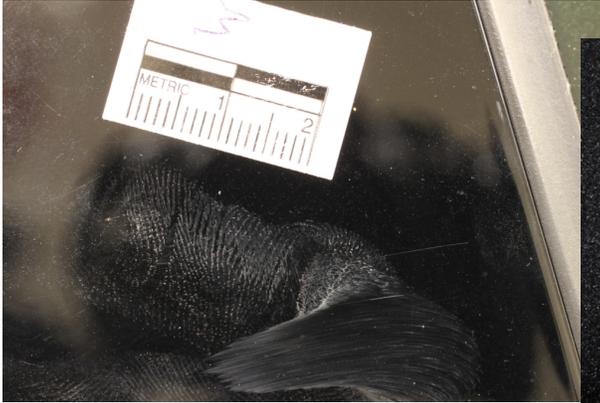
scenes can help officers in filling out reports and answering questions later. Documenting damage and injuries can aid insurance companies with proper claim processing, the auto industry in making safer automobiles, and the Department of Transportation in making roads safer.

Each squad car is equipped with a digital camera and a smart phone. Both can be used to take photographs at scenes. Officers can set the camera to auto or adjust settings as they see fit based on their scene and their knowledge of the camera. For the serious cases, in which evidence technicians may be called, the more advanced digital SLR cameras would be used. We currently utilize Canon brand DSLRs to include the Rebel T3i and Rebel T6. Along with the camera bodies, the techs have the availability of external flashes and other lenses to record the evidence and crime scenes.



# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

## Photographs from 2020



**\*\*The picture above is a close up of a visible fingerprint on a car window at an armed robbery scene**



**\*\*The picture above is of a shoe pattern on a car mat at the scene of an armed robbery.**



**\*\*The two pictures above are at the scene of a fire.**



**\*\*A crash scene on Main Av.**



**\*\*A crash scene at Nelson's Overlook**

# ***City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit***

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## **Training in 2020**

In February of 2020, our department and city had to deal with the unfortunate incident in which two children were murdered in their home. Due to the nature and manner of this crime, the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory Response Team was called to process the crime scene. Our evidence technicians were left to process persons and vehicles and assist in canvassing and collecting enormous amounts of digital evidence on the case. None of our evidence techs were able to attend our normal training conference in 2020. We did, however, learn a lot from this incident from the scene to working with the crime lab. It was a horrific scene, and our hearts go out to the family of the deceased.

In September 2020, Officer Schaefer was able to attend a 4-day Evidence Technician Workshop sponsored by and run by representatives from the Grand Chute Police Department. It allowed Officer Schaefer to brush up on some current skills and learn a few more tricks of the trade when processing crime scenes and bring that information back to our department.

## **Future of Evidence**

We learned toward the end of 2020 our department would be deploying body cameras in 2021. Each officer will be assigned a camera to use during their daily duties. All of the videos will be stored on a shared server to allow easier sharing with the Outagamie County District Attorney's Office and other approved entities. With these new cameras, it should aid in the prosecution of offenders as well as protect officers and citizens alike. More on this in the 2021 annual report.

We also have plans for seriously upgrading our evidence office computer equipment. We learned we were severely underequipped to handle the amount of digital evidence coming in this year. By upgrading our equipment, it should allow us to work quicker and more efficiently in 2021 and beyond.



# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

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## Overview

Like many aspects of law enforcement, emergency vehicle operations and control (EVOC) is always an evolving area. Many factors figure into this. Changing types of vehicles, changes to vehicle operation laws, legal issues, liability, as well as decision making.

No topic of EVOC is more closely monitored, trained in and documented than pursuit driving. A pursuit can be defined as:



*An active attempt by a law enforcement officer, on-duty in an authorized law enforcement vehicle, to apprehend one or more occupants of a moving motor vehicle, provided the driver of such vehicle is aware of the attempt and is resisting apprehension by maintaining or increasing his or her speed or by ignoring the law enforcement officer's attempt to stop him or her.*

The reason for the pursuit, liability concerns and general attitudes toward pursuits weigh heavily in the decision making process regarding when to pursue a suspected criminal. Many departments are going to very restrictive pursuit policies. This topic has been discussed nationwide for many years now, although no national consensus on the topic is in place. Every department follows their own policies and procedures which can vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. We share a county-wide pursuit policy with other agencies in Outagamie County, but individual departments can make them more restrictive.

The most important aspect of emergency vehicle operations is officer and citizen safety. Vehicle crashes have become the number one cause of line-of-duty deaths for law enforcement officers across the country. This underscores the need for quality, recurring training. We constantly stress officer use of seatbelts, headlamps, wearing of body armor and being aware of one's surroundings.

## Training

In 2012, Officer Michael Frank and Sgt. Robert Momberg went to the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy near Tomah, WI for a week of training to become EVOC instructors. Emergency vehicle operation and control is a critical area for officers to train in. Not only to keep their skills sharp but to also learn new driving and safety techniques.



Some of the skills taught were emergency driving, pursuit driving, decision making, legal issues and even parking. Officers need to show proficiency in these skill areas every two years by participating in at least 4 hours of training as set by the Wisconsin

# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This includes about 2 hours of classroom material and typically includes about 2 hours of hands-on training out on the driving range with all topics set by the Training and Standards Board.

Officer Frank and Sgt. Momberg are certified to conduct some of this training in the classroom, as well as out on the EVOG track. With the construction of Fox Valley Technical College's Public Safety Training Center (PSTC), we now have a state of the art center to conduct our training. We train in several pursuit termination techniques including boxing in, channeling, road block techniques, and all squad cars are equipped with tire deflation devices (TDDs).

We normally would have had department wide training in 2020, but due to Covid concerns, we were unable to conduct the training. The training will be scheduled in 2021 and most likely again in 2022 to get back on our normal schedule with the newest curriculum.

Also in 2021, we will welcome a new EVOG instructor, Officer Ryan Geenen. To be certified as an instructor, he will first have to complete a 4-day instructor development course and a 5-day EVOG instructor training course.



## **Documentation of Pursuits**

All pursuits engaged in by Kaukauna police officers must be reported and transmitted electronically to the Wisconsin State Patrol via the TraCS computer program (Traffic and Criminal Software). Certain statistics are gathered such as distance, speeds, locations, and all violations encountered. The State Patrol is required, by state statute, to submit an annual report to the state legislature summarizing statewide pursuits.



In 2020 there were ten (10) pursuits reported by the City of Kaukauna. Two (2) of the pursuits ended in property damage, including one squad car. Three (3) of the pursuits ended with the driver being apprehended immediately at the end of the pursuit or shortly after. The seven (7) other pursuits did not result in the suspect being apprehended or identified. The longest pursuit in 2020 was 23.5 miles and the shortest was .2 miles. No one was injured during any of the pursuits.

The reasons drivers flee cover a wide range, from just not having a valid license, being intoxicated, having a warrant for their arrest, or even just not wanting to stop due to their own attitude. Again, the safety of everyone, including the occupants of the fleeing vehicle, is our main concern.

## Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

The table below seems to indicate a trend upward in the number of pursuits conducted over the last 5 years. This could be a result of a combination of numerous factors, but the bottom line is we are not seeing many injuries, or a lot of major damage resulting from engaging in pursuits. Officers are making smart decisions, during a very stressful time, when involved in the pursuits.

Year	Pursuits	Distance (miles)
2020	10	46.7
2019	9	26.6
2018	5	3.5
2017	6	13.8
2016	7	13.1
2015	2	35.7
2014	6	17.8
2013	3	1.3
2012	5	5
2011	2	4.7
2010	3	8.7
2009	4	13.8
2008	1	2.2
2007	1	0.6
2006	4	22.4
2005	3	25.5
2004	4	5.8
2003	1	2
2002	2	42.6
2001	1	1
Totals	79	292.8

The longest pursuit since 2001 was 35.2 miles. The shortest pursuit was .1 miles.

The average pursuit was about 3.7 miles

## Victim Crisis Response (VCR) program

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VCR stands for **V**ictim **C**risis **R**esponse. The VCR program is a resource available to local Fox Valley law enforcement agencies and victims. VCRs assist local law enforcement in various ways. Their main priority is to assist law enforcement at the scene of crimes and tragic events, whether it be domestic violence, suicide, burglary, auto-theft, child abuse or many other types of calls. VCRs can provide a buffer between law enforcement and victims/families at the scene while law enforcement officers are performing investigative duties.

VCRs are volunteers who are willing to take time away from their families to help other people going through various types of crisis. They are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Many VCR requests are made in the middle of the night at the scene of various types of calls. VCRs go through a rigorous background check and training program before being allowed to respond to calls.

VCRs are requested by officers on scene who are able to provide emotional support, crisis intervention, immediate needs assessments, education on crisis, trauma, and grief, help make phone calls to family members, as well as helping victims plan for the future. VCRs are also available to assist with low level follow up type of duties, such as calling citizens who have called in damage complaints which have been classified as inactive. VCRs will call these citizens and ask if they have any more information regarding their case.

The Fox Cities VCR Team is a 501c3, non-profit organization. They are funded by both the Wisconsin Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act (VOCA grant) and donations. Much of their ability to continue to do the work that they do in the Fox Cities relies on donations from citizens, groups and businesses.

They have many free resources to offer victims through the Crime Victim Compensation application. Although Marsy's Law has made the VCRs job a bit more difficult, they have come together with partnering agencies to overcome the adversity and continue to help those victims in need. VCRs have become an invaluable resource for Fox Cities law enforcement. The program started over 20 years ago at the Appleton Police Department and has spread throughout the Fox Valley to include all departments in Outagamie County, as well as various Winnebago County agencies.

In 2020 we had a total of 35 volunteers working in the VCR program. There were 11 call outs within Kaukauna alone. There were hundreds of victims served within the communities.



Stephanie Maas



Officer

Kaukauna Police Department

## Unified Tactics Training

Much like every profession, 2020 provided many challenges for a variety of reasons. This was no different for the Kaukauna Police Department Unified Tactics Team of instructors. In a typical year, we try to get officers between 28-32 hours of tactics training. This usually consists of 12 hours of defense and arrest tactics, 16 hours of firearms, and 4 hours of vehicle contacts. In a year when much of the world was forced to cease in-person interactions, our department was no exception.

To add to the challenges of 2020, we saw many social issues come to the forefront, especially with police tactics and police training. Our department takes pride in making annual training for our officers a priority. We realize the more scenarios our officers face in a controlled environment, the better the chances are for a safer outcome, not only for our officers but for the community we serve.

This year, we received many calls and questions regarding “de-escalation” and our department’s training policies. De-escalation may be a new term to many, but its idea and principle have been in place at the Kaukauna Police Department for a while. We urge our officers to engage in communication, non-verbal communication, and to explore alternative options whenever possible as a way to de-escalate certain situations. We incorporate these principles into all of our Defense and Arrest Tactics training sessions. We accomplish these types of training in scenario based training, case review training, and open discussions of applicable incidents.

Taking all of these challenges into consideration, our department was only able to hold a total of 16 hours of tactics training in 2020. In much of that training, we discussed policies, “de-escalation” tactics, and our required annual firearms and TASER recertifications. We will continue to stress the importance of exploring all options when it comes to the use of force and our tactics when serving our community in future trainings. We also look forward to resuming a more “normal” style of training in 2021!



Kaukauna Police Department Unified  
Tactic Instructors are:

- **Detective Kory Krueger**
- **School Resource Officer Matt Kohl**
- **Officer Lucas Meyer**

Pictures show Kaukauna Police  
Department Officers during training  
sessions.

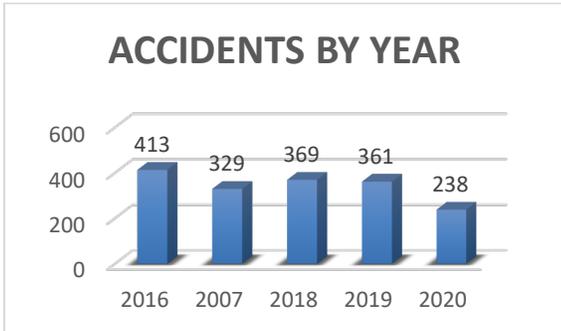


# Kaukauna Police Department Programs

- **Bicycle Safety**  
*Provide bicycle safety guidelines, teach bicycle laws, and promote bicycle helmet use, helmet giveaways and ice cream rewards for good bicycle obedience.*
- **Bicycle Licensing**  
*License bicycles for locating and returning bicycles to owner.*
- **Business Security**  
*Perform routine business checks looking for open doors, suspicious activity.*
- **Child Identification Kits**  
*Provide child identification kits for recovery and identification of missing children. Includes photo, fingerprint, and personal information identifiers.*
- **Crime Prevention**  
*Give safety and crime prevention talks, provide and train individuals with information on detection and prevention of crime, and proper methods of reporting crime and what to look for.*
- **Crime Stoppers**  
*Crime stoppers is a Police Community program geared towards the fight against crime. It involves the public, media and the police working together.*
- **McGruff Program**  
*The McGruff program has many different functions. We are currently using McGruff for discussion and appearances, along with educating children*
- **Neighborhood Watch**  
*Promote Neighborhood watch programs within the city. Educate and train neighbors to get to know each other and what to watch out for. Designate safe houses.*
- **School Resource Program**  
*The School Resource officers (SRO's) work in cooperation with the schools, parents and police. Provide early intervention. Work with delinquent behavior, promote positive decision making, teach conflict resolution and responsibility. Give presentations, provide education and services available for juveniles.*
- **Safety Town**  
*Teach children how to obey stop signs, traffic lights, crossing the streets and being safe. Also teach how to use 911 for emergencies.*
- **Vacation House Checks**  
*Provide house checks for residents on vacation.*
- **Vehicle Lock Outs**  
*Provide vehicle lock out service to residents free of charge.*
- **Fingerprinting**  
*The Kaukauna Police Department provides fingerprinting.*
- **Abatement Program**  
*The Kaukauna Police Department assists landlords with eliminating problem tenants involved in disturbances, gang and drug activity.*
- **Victim Crisis Response**  
*The Victim Crisis Response program (VCR's) is a resource available for Law Enforcement and victims to assist in tragic events. Volunteers assist any time of day or night wherever needed.*

# Statistics

<b>Accidents</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Accidents with Injuries</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Hit and Run Accidents</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Accidents in Round-About</b>	<b>35</b>



Our officers and school resource officers deal with juvenile calls on a daily basis all year long. The nature of these calls include: apprehension requests, battery, curfew, disorderly conduct, drugs, harassment, resisting, runaways, theft, truancy, trespassing and vaping among many others.

In 2020, our officers dealt with 301 calls involving juveniles in our city. This is comparable to the 369 calls involving juveniles in 2019.

In 2019, there were 360 municipal citations issued by the Kaukauna Police Department. In 2020, in spite of the pandemic, our officers still issued **327 municipal citations.**



## Traffic Citations

<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>1,095</b>
<b>Total Warnings</b>	<b>1,546</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,641</b>



# Obey The Rules!

## **OWI/ Operating While Intoxicated 59**

Criminal OWI's (2<sup>nd</sup> and greater offenses) 30

### Criminal Arrests Referred to District Attorney's Office

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Aggravated Assault/Battery	28	38
Bail Jumping	37	94
Burglary	2	8
Criminal Damage to Property	13	33
Disorderly Conduct	69	61
Domestic Abuse	31	39
Drugs/Paraphernalia	55	96
Fraud	11	13
Hit and Run	3	1
Operating After Revoked	98	80
OWI Criminal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	21	30
Resisting/Obstructing an Officer	22	17
Sexual Assault	13	17
Strangulation	1	9
Theft	14	16
Weapons	4	1
<b>Total Persons Criminally Charged</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Charges Associated with Those Cases</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>563</b>

## Statistics

Kaukauna Police Department has 26 full-time sworn officers.

Officers cover all areas of the city and are not assigned to a specific district. This provides all the officers familiarity with the entire city not just a specific range. Officers not only handle the traffic and accident calls on the road but also manage an array of incidents that come in daily, as are listed on the right. In addition, officers handle over 300 serious crimes that are referred to the District Attorney's Office.

The School Resource Officers handle calls that occur at the schools, and patrol may be called to juvenile calls that occur at home or in the city. Juvenile calls may include thefts, runaway, truancy, disturbances, smoking, drugs/alcohol, and damage to property.

Police need to be cross-trained to handle any situation at any given time. They also need to be able to switch from handling one diverse call after another.

Officers cover the following specialty areas:

- School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Crime Prevention
- DAAT Training
- Evidence Technicians
- Emergency Response Team (ERT/SWAT)
- Neighborhood Watch
- MEG Unit (Drugs)
- K9 Unit
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Control (EVOC)
- Victim Crisis Response (VCR)

### Police Calls for Service

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
10,397	10,626	10,973	11,696	11,212

## Incidents

	2019	2020
ABANDONED VEHICLE	44	57
ACCIDENT	517	373
ALARM	111	83
ALCOHOL OFFENSE		11
ANIMAL CALLS	385	380
ARSON		2
ASSISTS		1447
ASSAULTS		9
AUTO THEFT	15	10
BURGLARY	11	11
CIVIL PROCESS		4
CRIME PREVENTION	643	1208
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	100	69
DISTURBANCES	243	278
DOMESTIC	65	37
DRUGS	122	143
FINGERPRINTING		42
FIRE CALLS		134
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	20	40
FRAUD	105	99
HARRASSMENT	112	127
HAZARD	185	178
JUVENILE INCIDENTS	189	131
LOCKOUT		153
LOST/FOUND	95	138
MEDICAL	897	836
MISSING PERSON	23	6
OPEN DOOR	58	78
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED		59
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	251	267
PARKING	223	343
RECKLESS DRIVING COMPLAINT	255	278
SEX OFFENSES	37	43
SUICIDE; ATTEMPT, THREAT, COMIT	52	63
SUSPICIOUS PERSON, VEHICLE, SITUATION	502	548
THEFT	199	150
TRAFFIC		2048
TRAFFIC SAFETY		3
TRESPASS	27	25
TRUANCY	18	4
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	45	34
WANTED PERSON OR APPREHENSION		45
WEAPON	20	9
WELFARE CHECK	519	463
911 HANGUP/ASSIST	677	830
911 CALLS (Kaukauna Only)	2199	1831

\* Please note the categories have changed from the 2019 Annual Report and now reflect what is reported to the Council on a monthly basis. Empty cells indicate no data from 2019 based upon the new category.

## Miles Patrolled

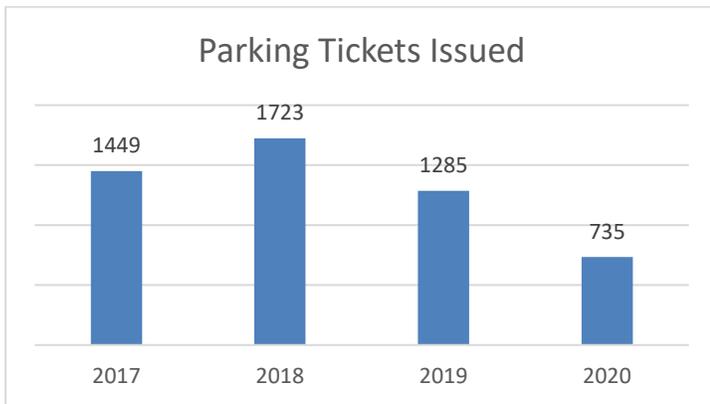
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
217,032	212,439	198,070	215,108	226,484	254,287	232,220

## **Parking Tickets**

We continue to monitor the parking according to the City ordinance traffic code chapter 7.12. Most of our parking violations come from our winter parking restrictions from December through March in which:

**“No Vehicle shall be parked or standing unattended on any public street of the City of Kaukauna between the hours of 2am and 6am”**

We also have continued to monitor our business district where we have 15, 30 and 90 minute parking stalls, also with the no parking restriction from 2am to 6am.



	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>ISSUED</b>	1449	1723	1285	735
<b>PAID</b>	1362	1590	1537	837
<b>SUSPENDED</b>	182	220	402	235

### **Monies Collected by Police Department**

<i>Parking Tickets</i>	<i>\$14,050.00</i>
<i>Records Requests</i>	<i>\$845.52</i>
<i>Fingerprinting:</i>	
<i>Residents</i>	<i>\$260.00</i>
<i>Non Residents</i>	<i>\$870.00</i>
<i>Wisconsin Training &amp; Standards, recert.</i>	<i>\$4160.00</i>
<i>Alcohol Grant</i>	<i>\$5,490.90</i>
<i>Drug Grants</i>	<i>\$6,030.23</i>
<i>K9 Donations</i>	<i>\$14,951.92</i>
<i>Reimbursements OWI Blood Draws</i>	<i>\$882.75</i>
<i>Warrants</i>	<i>\$1,952.00</i>

**Total** **\$49,493.32**

*(does not include citations)*

## PROMOTIONS



Officer Maas to K9 Handler



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# RETIREMENTS

## **CROSSING GUARDS**



Bea Hoffman



Ginny De Bruin

Farewell!

Thank you!