

# *City of Kaukauna Police Department Annual Report 2021*



*K9 Bodo*





## *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 2021 Annual Report. This report will highlight just a portion of the great things our officers and staff have done for the community in 2021. Included in this report, you will find many statistics, reports, and descriptions of what our department does throughout the year.

For many of us, 2021 was a year where we all tried to get back to “normal.” Fortunately, in 2021 many of our community events were once again held which gave us the opportunity to develop and foster relationships in our community. Our officers and staff enjoy interacting with citizens and visitors of the City of Kaukauna.

We were very grateful for the numerous donations members of the community made to our department in 2021. With monies donated to the Kaukauna Police Department, we were able to purchase two new AED (automated external defibrillators), a radar unit and a new electric bike for bike patrol. Kaukauna Utilities was also gracious enough to donate a second electric bike. We also received several other monetary donations for our K-9 fund. We are very blessed to have the support of our community.

As we move further into 2022, we are very excited about the growth of the City of Kaukauna and the opportunities this presents. The city is growing rapidly with new residential housing and new businesses coming to the city. Our “small town” is quickly growing, which means our department is experiencing a higher amount of calls for service. On a daily basis, our team strives for and is committed to helping our citizens in their time of need.

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 is 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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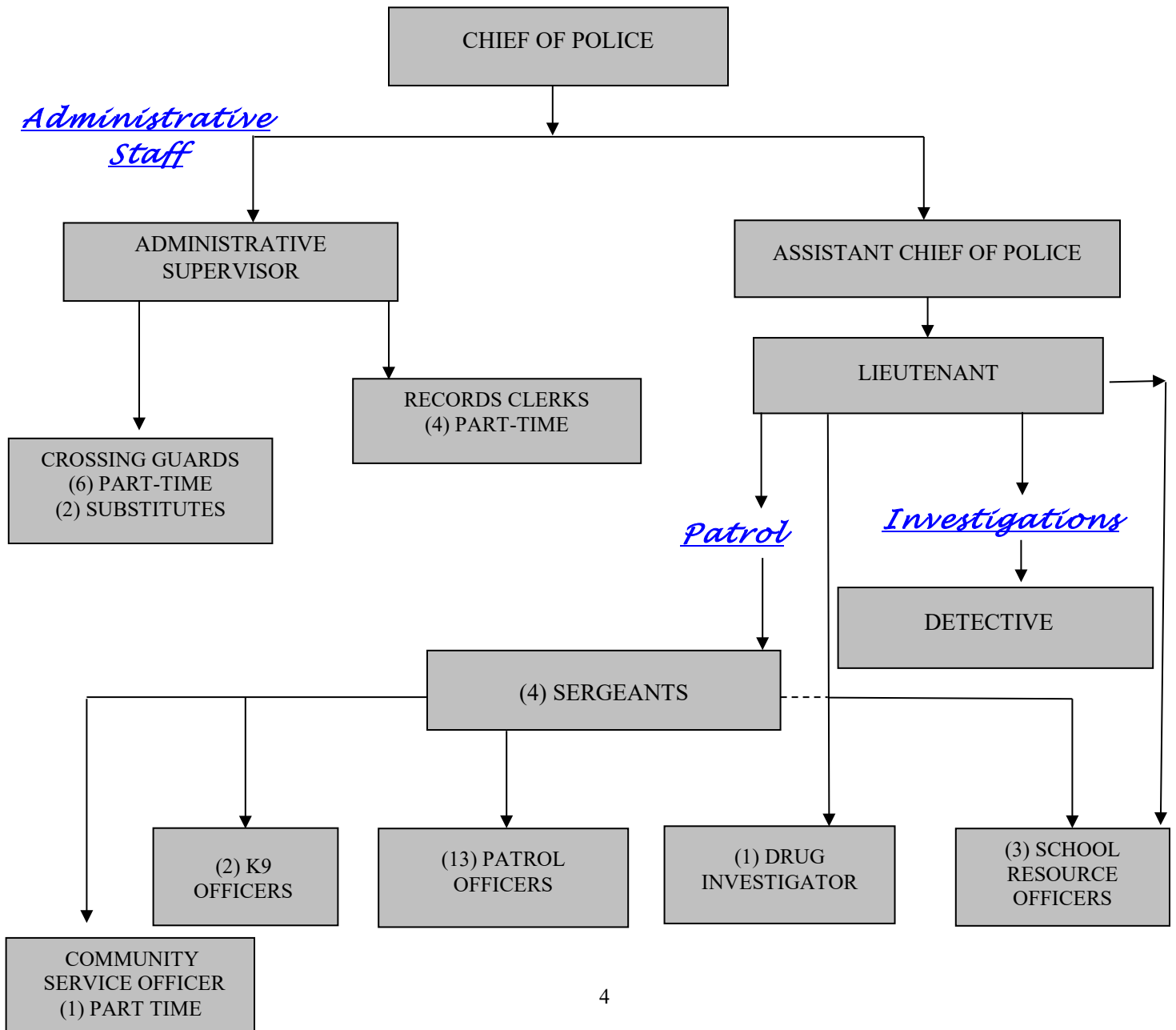
Council Members

**First Aldermanic District**  
Diana Driessen  
Jennie Eggleston  
(replacing Diana Driessen)  
Marty Decoster  
**Second Aldermanic District**  
John Moore  
Tim Roehrig  
Kelli Antoine  
(replacing Tim Roehrig)  
**Third Aldermanic District**  
Susan Duda  
Mary Jo Kilgas  
(replacing Susan Duda)  
Brian Schell  
**Fourth Aldermanic District**  
Mike Coenen  
Pennie Thiele

Police and Fire Commission

Chairman, John Verkuilen  
Carla Zacharias  
Beth Jasiak  
Paul Van Berkel  
Shannon Young

Kaukauna Police Department  
Administration





## 2021 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
	Richard Puhl	2021
	Dawn Richart - <i>Retired</i>	2019
	Dennis Bruhn	2019
	Diane Mashuda	2019
	Vicky Vandenberg	2019
	Marie Soffa	2020
<b>School Crossing Guard Subs</b>	Judy A. Rogers - <i>Retired</i>	2015
	Cyndel Sawall	2020
	Juli Hartzheim	2021



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 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 that include: legal update, firearms, defense and arrest tactics (DAAT), CPR and emergency vehicle operations and control (EVOC). Most of these annual trainings we are able to conduct in-house, which means we need to keep several of our officers as certified instructors. This past year, we were able to send two new officers to Instructor Development Training and these officers will be our EVOC Instructors. Beyond the annual and bi-annual training, this past year we were able to train some officers in: crisis negotiations, Wisconsin Forensic Interview Guidelines, crowd control training, and we also had one officer become a certified handgun and rifle armorer. The Kaukauna Police Department also continued to train officers in conflict communications which is a training that enhances the conflict and cross-cultural communication skills.

In 2022, 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 2021. In addition to the homicide in March, 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 2021, 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.

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 Graft  
Chief



Thomas Bartolazzi  
Lieutenant



Rocko  
K9



Rex Swanson  
Sergeant



Robert Momberg  
Sergeant



Michael Frank  
Patrolman



Thomas Raether  
Sergeant



Kory Krueger  
Detective



Jason Treichel  
Sergeant



Charles Vosters  
Patrolman



Tyler Romanesko  
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 Knepfel  
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. SROs 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 preventions, 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.
- Work closely with families, students, and school staff to assist with accessing mental health services.
- Investigate crimes where juveniles are either victims or perpetrators and enforce applicable laws.
- Conduct sensitive crime investigations involving both adults and juveniles.
- Work closely with Child Protection Services, 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



# **2021 Kaukauna Police Department K9 Rocko Report**

## **80-Total Deployments**

39- for Kaukauna PD

41- for a different jurisdiction (8 other jurisdictions)

16- Appleton PD

11- Grand Chute PD

5- Outagamie County SO

3- Wisconsin State Patrol

2- Fox Valley Metro PD

2- Calumet County SO

1- Menasha PD

1- Hobart/ Lawrence PD

## **72- Narcotics Detection Deployments**

- 165.5g marijuana
- 1,320.2g (2.9 lbs) methamphetamine
- 31.5g cocaine
- 3.6g heroin

51-traffic stop vehicle sniffs

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

## **8- Patrol Deployments**

3-area searches

2-building searches

2-tactical/ perimeter deployments

1-track



(9 public speaking/ community appearances)

## **Other items attributed to Rocko**

- 3 illegally possessed handguns
- \$5,470 seized drug money
- 39.5 illegally possessed prescription pills

# **Kaukauna Police Department 2021 Annual Report**

## **K9 BODO**

**62-Total Deployments** **39-Arrests** **2-Public speaking/ community appearances**

28- for Kaukauna PD

34- for a different jurisdiction (8 other jurisdictions)

20- Appleton PD

1- Grand Chute PD

3- Outagamie County SO

2- Wisconsin State Patrol

5- Fox Valley Metro PD

1- Calumet County SO

1- Menasha PD

1- Fox Crossing PD



### **62- Narcotics Detection Deployments**

- 131.58g marijuana
- 27.75g methamphetamine
- 1.6g cocaine
- 4.4g heroin
- 2 items of MDMA
- 36 drug paraphernalia items resulting in arrests



## 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 and 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. The Fox Valley Humane Association charges the police department \$80 per animal brought to them by our CSO. Additionally, if a resident of the City of Kaukauna takes an animal to the Fox Valley Humane Association, the police department is still charged \$80.



<b>Animal Calls</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Animal Bites</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Animals Transported to Fox Valley Humane Association</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Vacation House Checks</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Vehicle Lockouts</b>	<b>149</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.

The crossing guards are a vital part of our children's safety. This is a position that our guards take great pride in, and we are always looking to add more crossing guards to our group. **If you are interested in joining this amazing group, please contact Inge Murphy at the Kaukauna Police Department, 920-766-6333.**



Marie Soffa



Lisa Sawlsville



Diane Mashuda



Vicky Vandenberg



Dennis Bruhn



Rick Puhl



Cyndell Sawall  
(Substitute)



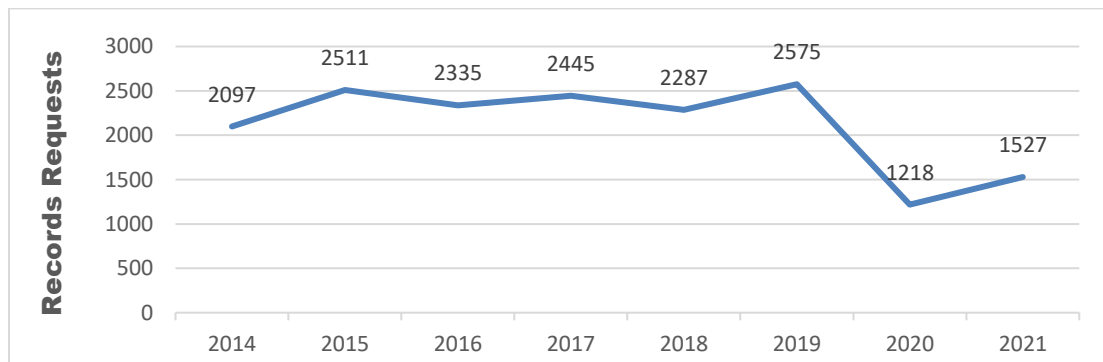
Juli Hartzheim  
(Substitute)

## Administrative Support

The Administrative staff is an integral part of the Kaukauna Police Department. Tammie, Melody, TJ and Brenda are the first contact our citizens have when they come into the police department. When a citizen comes into the police department, it can be to file a complaint, fill out a vacation check form, obtain an alcohol permit or pay a parking ticket, among other things. Unfortunately, there are times where we are the brunt of their frustrations for whatever concern they are having at the time. However, the majority of the time, people are friendly, kind and thankful for the service our officers and staff provide.

The Administrative Services Supervisor oversees the office happenings. She works closely with office staff to streamline processes and keep things running smoothly for the officers.

She also trains and works with the six full time crossing guards and two part time crossing guards. There are two meetings per year she coordinates with the crossing guards. Additionally, she addresses any issues our crossing guards are having on their respective corners. **If you have an opportunity, stop and thank our crossing guards for a job well done. The Kaukauna Police Department is always looking to add Crossing Guards to our group; if you, or someone you know, might be interested in assisting as a Crossing Guard, please call Inge Murphy at 920-766-6333.**



One of the biggest responsibilities of the Administrative Services Supervisor is to fulfill records requests from citizens, other agencies and insurance companies. Before a record can be released, it must be reviewed to make sure it can be released. There are various reasons a report is unable to be released. If a report is able to be released, it must then be decided if anything in the report should be redacted, such as juvenile names. This process can take some time depending upon the individuals involved, severity of the case, as well as other factors.

The records staff also performs background checks on all of the alcohol licensed premises and bartenders in the City of Kaukauna who serve or sell alcohol. We currently check 335 licensed bartenders, 47 licensed premises, including 21 bars/taverns/restaurants, 8 gas stations, 4 stores, 7 restaurants 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 fully marked Dodge Durango 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 to network and share ideas to make upcoming educational conferences the best and most current in evidence and forensic practices. Sgt. Momberg and Officer Schaefer are on an Evidence and Property Committee working with the WAI.

**Sgt Robert Momberg**



**Officer Charlie Vosters**



**Officer Brian Schaefer**



**Officer Tim Lau**



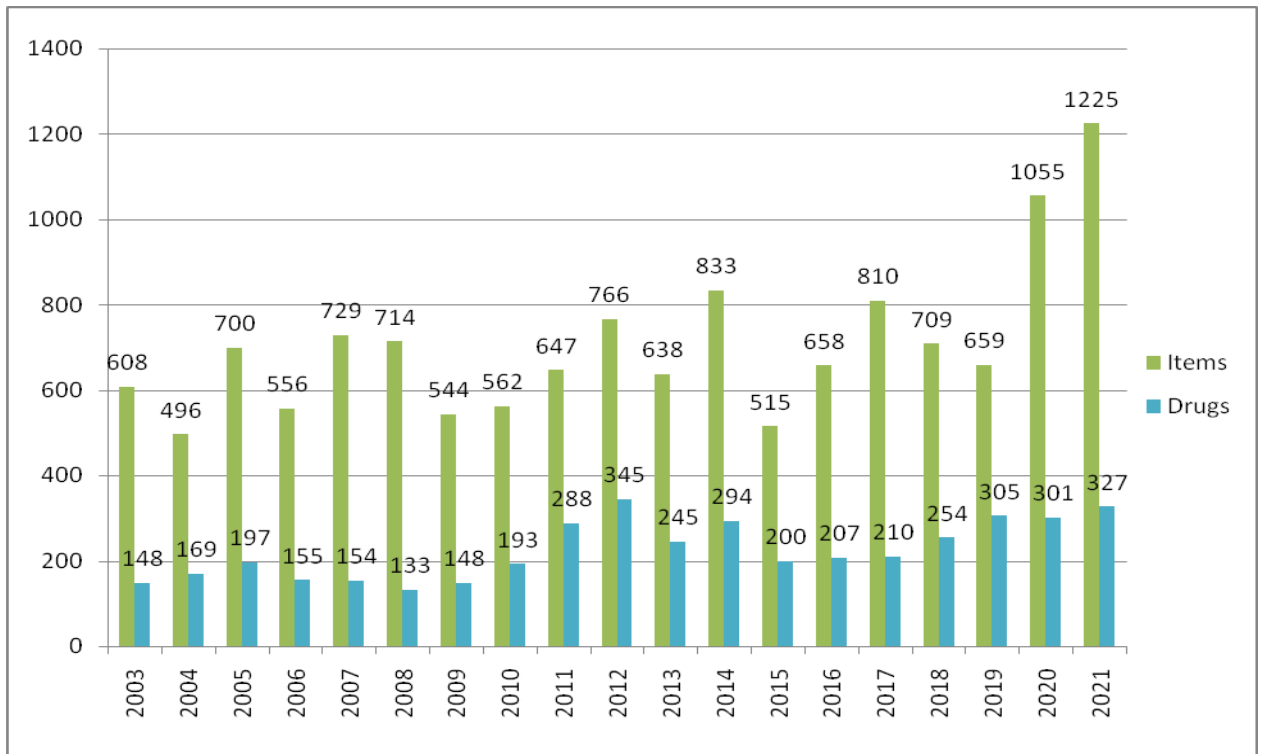
# City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit

## Evidence and Property Room

During **2021**, **1225** items of evidence and property were collected and recorded in the property room, with about **325** drug related items. 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 green columns in the chart depict the total number of items logged into the evidence room in a given year. The blue 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. It is still an ongoing process. BEAST utilizes 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 **2021**, we collected over **36,000** digital files to include photos, videos, audio files, and documents from about **838** incidents.

## Drug Take Back



In **2021**, we hosted drug take back events in April and October. We collected about **547 lbs** of prescription and non-prescription medications at the events. We have a permanent drug drop box installed in the lobby of the police department available during office hours. In **2021**, we collected **165 lbs.** of material from the drop box itself. For other permanent locations and answers to your questions about drug take backs, go to the website [doseofrealitywi.gov](http://doseofrealitywi.gov) or contact Sgt. Robert Momberg.





# *City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit*

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## **Digital Media**



In February of 2019, the City of Kaukauna gained a new investigative and evidentiary skill-set for one of their officers. The 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 investigations. This software has proven to be beneficial to the department investigators, and its usefulness will continue to grow in this digital world we now live in.



Since Officer Lau's training in early 2019, he has completed several dozen forensic extractions on devices. The cases include drug cases, sexual assault cases, child pornography investigations, and even battery cases. As with any search, we would need permission from the owner to perform one of these extractions, or we need to get a search warrant. Most of the time we go the search warrant route. Thirty-seven investigations involved Officer Lau and his area of expertise:

2019 - 15 investigations  
2020 - 9 investigations  
2021 - 13 investigations

In the past, we had to request another local police department or state agency to assist us with these types of forensic extractions on devices. Now we have someone in-house. We do not currently have our own Cellebrite workstation. The Fox Valley Metro Police Department shares their workstation with us until we can obtain our own. We can have an extraction completed in just several hours now, depending on the device specifications. In the past, sometimes we might not receive the reports for days, weeks, or even months from the department assisting us.

In September of 2021, Officer Lau completed recertification training with Cellebrite, so he is able to continue this service for the police department and city.

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

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## **Evidence Photography**

Photography is a very important aspect of evidence. Supplementing police reports with photographs and video 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 adjust settings as they see fit based on their scene and their knowledge of the camera. For 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.



## **Photographs from 2021**



**The pictures above were from a car fire in the parking lot of Carstens Ace Hardware.**

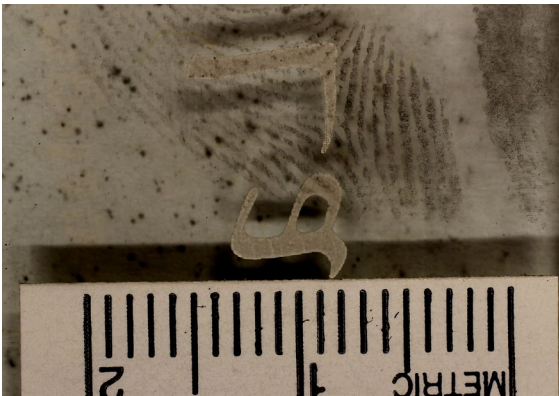


## ***City of Kaukauna Police Evidence Unit***

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**Crash Scenes**



**Pictures of finger and palm prints at burglary scenes**



**Photos at a crash scene and OWI arrest on I41**

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

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## **Training in 2021**

Our technicians were able to attend a one day online training via video conference on March 4, 2021. Several representatives from the Wisconsin State Crime Lab put on presentations on their areas of expertise including advancements in DNA, collecting fingerprints and footwear, collecting controlled substances, crime scene response by the lab, firearm collection and examination, to mention a few.

On March 31, 2021, our community had to endure another homicide investigation. An adult male was shot and killed during an altercation at his home. Two people were arrested for the murder and are currently awaiting trial. Investigators and evidence technicians spent some more long hours processing the scene again with the help of the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and the Wisconsin State Patrol. We learned a lot from this investigation, as well and gained more experience in crime scene processing.

## **Future of Evidence**

As mentioned in the 2020 report, our department issued body worn cameras from Axon to all officers. The body cameras are to be utilized on all calls for service and other activities when dealing with the public. The video footage is uploaded to a server and labeled appropriately. Evidence technicians are then responsible for forwarding these videos to the District Attorney's Office and other entities that request them.

We did receive our new computer equipment in 2021. In 2022, the plans are to obtain a larger safe for money and other valuables taken as evidence or property. A new digital camera is also needed and planned to be purchased during the year.





# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

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## Overview

Like many aspects of law enforcement, Emergency Vehicle Operation 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.

EVOC, specifically pursuit driving, has long been a very closely monitored area in law enforcement. Specific data of each pursuit is collected, documented and reviewed with great scrutiny. 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. Not only to keep their skills sharp but 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

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areas every two years by participating in at least four hours of training as set by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This includes about two hours of classroom material and typically includes about two 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 EVOC 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).

After no training in EVOC in 2020 due to the pandemic, we conducted the biennial 4-hour training in April 2021 at the PSTC. Training focused on the use of our tire deflation devices and communications during pursuits. Also introduced was the mini tire deflation device called the Magnum Claw (pictured right). It can be used to help prevent a high speed pursuit developing at an incident or traffic stop if someone refuses to get out of a vehicle or comply during an incident. An officer can place one or two of the claws under the tire, and if someone flees from a scene, they will immediately begin with a flat tire or two.



Officer Ryan Geenen became the department's third EVOC instructor. In February 2021, he completed the 4-day instructor development course and a 5-day EVOC instructor training course in May. He will be one of the main instructors at our next biennial training course in the Fall of 2022.



Officer Thao is also going to be an EVOC instructor for the department. He completed the instructor development course in September 2021 and will be scheduled in early 2022 for the EVOC instructor course. Officer Thao, along with Officer Geenen, will take over as the main EVOC instructors.

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## **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 2021, there were eleven (11) pursuits reported by the City of Kaukauna. Two (2) of the pursuits ended in property damage, including one squad car when the officer could not avoid the spike strips set out in time. Four (4) 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 2021 was 16.9 miles, and the shortest was .2 miles. No one was injured during any of the pursuits. The pictures to the left and below are of a van that crashed into the ravine area along Brill Rd. The driver fled from police at a high rate of speed. Officers lost sight of the van and checked the area and found the van crashed. The driver had minor injuries.

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.





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The table below seems to indicate a trend upward in the number of pursuits conducted over the last 6 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. Most pursuits are voluntarily terminated by the officer.

Year	Pursuits	Distance (miles)
2021	11	45.7
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	90	338.5

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

The average pursuit was about 3.7 miles

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 able to respond to calls.

VCRs are requested by officers on scene 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. (Example: 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 they do in the Fox Cities relies on donations from citizens, groups and businesses.

There are many free resources to offer victims through the Crime Victim Compensation application. Although Marsy's Law has made the VCR's 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 a valuable 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 2021, there were many dedicated volunteers working in the VCR program who responded to countless amounts of call-outs within Outagamie County. There were hundreds of victims served within the communities, including citizens of Kaukauna.



Officer Stephanie Maas



Kaukauna Police Department

## Unified Tactics Training

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In 2021, our officers were thrilled to get back to a more traditional style of training schedule. Coming off of 2020 where we, much like the rest of the community, had to make adjustments with traditional work practices, we were able to return to a full training schedule in 2021. In 2020, our department held a total of 16 hours of training for our officers. In 2021, we were able to hold 28 hours of training for our officers. Of the 28 hours, we held 16 hours of firearms training and 12 hours of Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) training. The 16 hours of firearms training includes several hours of maintaining our annual certifications of qualifications for our handguns and rifles. The remaining time this past year was spent on refreshing the basic fundamentals of firearms training. Of the 12 hours of DAAT training, we specifically trained on the topics of TASER, Use of Force Decision Making Scenarios and Tactical Response Training.

2020 definitely presented the world with many challenges, one of them being the social issues that surrounded policing practices and training for law enforcement. In 2020, we made a priority to continue to include de-escalation and communication into our training and scenario based training days. We continued to make this a priority in our 2021 training schedule. Including scenarios that stress the importance of communication ensures that our officers are well balanced and are not quick to resort to using force to solve conflicts. We have, and continue to 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.



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.



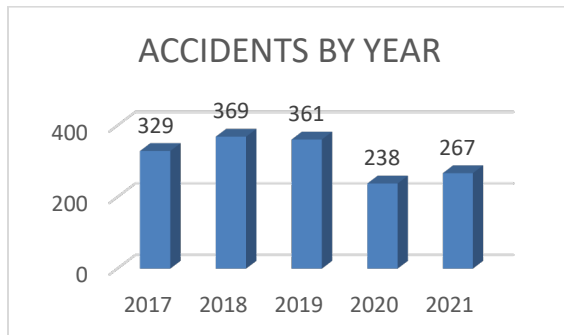


# *Kaukauna Police Department Programs*

- **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.*
- **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>267</b>
<b>Accidents with Injuries</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Hit and Run Accidents</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Accidents in Round-About</b>	<b>38</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 2021, our officers dealt with 207 calls involving juveniles in our city. This is comparable to 301 calls involving juveniles in 2020.

In 2020, there were 327 municipal citations issued by the Kaukauna Police Department. In 2021, our officers issued **277 municipal citations**.



### Traffic Citations

<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>1,023</b>
<b>Total Warnings</b>	<b>1,243</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,266</b>



### OWI/ Operating While Intoxicated **41**

Criminal OWI's (2<sup>nd</sup> and greater offenses) 10

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

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Aggravated Assault/Battery	38	28
Bail Jumping	94	72
Burglary	8	12
Criminal Damage to Property	33	7
Disorderly Conduct	61	56
Domestic Abuse	39	22
Drugs/Paraphernalia	96	115
Fraud	13	11
Hit and Run	1	1
Operating After Revoked	80	72
OWI Criminal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	30	10
Resisting/Obstructing an Officer	17	14
Sexual Assault	17	13
Strangulation	9	6
Theft	16	25
Weapons	1	3
<b>Total Persons Criminally Charged</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Charges Associated with Those Cases</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>462</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 400 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

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
10,626	10,973	11,696	11,212	12,678

## Incidents

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ABANDONED VEHICLE	57	56
ACCIDENT	373	300
ALARM	83	136
ALCOHOL OFFENSE	11	10
ANIMAL CALLS	380	419
ARSON	2	0
ASSISTS	1447	1508
ASSAULTS	9	7
AUTO THEFT	10	10
BURGLARY	11	7
CIVIL PROCESS	4	19
CRIME PREVENTION	1208	2450
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	69	76
DISTURBANCES	278	304
DOMESTIC	37	40
DRUGS	143	124
FINGERPRINTING	42	52
FIRE CALLS	134	123
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	40	28
FRAUD	99	104
HARRASSMENT	127	109
HAZARD	178	169
JUVENILE INCIDENTS	131	207
LOCKOUT	153	150
LOST/FOUND	138	183
MEDICAL	836	961
MISSING PERSON	6	11
OPEN DOOR	78	85
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	59	41
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	267	168
PARKING	343	430
RECKLESS DRIVING COMPLAINT	278	338
SEX OFFENSES	43	46
SUICIDE; ATTEMPT, THREAT, COMIT	63	48
SUSPICIOUS PERSON, VEHICLE, SITUATION	548	504
THEFT	150	159
TRAFFIC	2048	1761
TRAFFIC SAFETY	3	2
TRESPASS	25	25
TRUANCY	4	8
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	34	32
WANTED PERSON OR APPREHENSION	45	66
WEAPON	9	8
WELFARE CHECK	463	498
911 HANGUP/ASSIST	830	907
911 CALLS (Kaukauna Only)	1831	2476

### Miles Patrolled

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
212,439	198,070	215,108	226,484	254,287	232,220	211,884

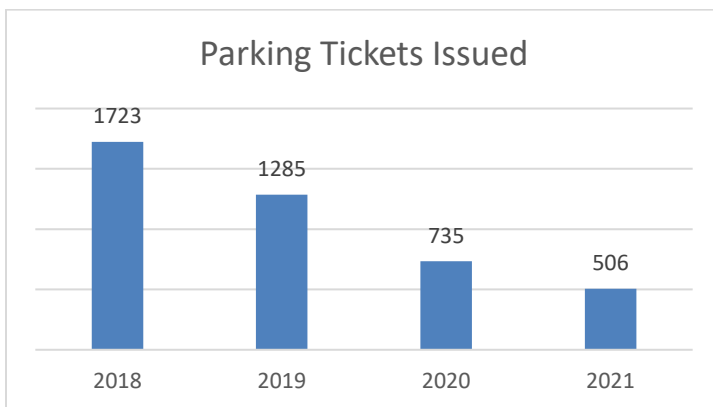
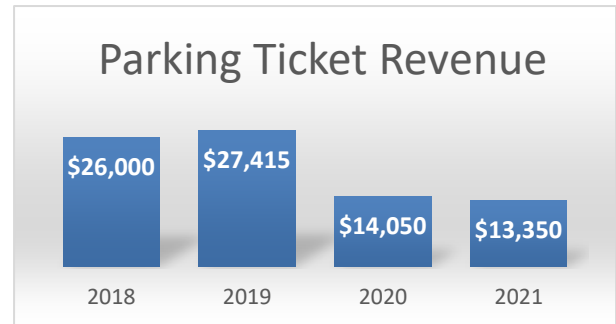


## **Parking Tickets**

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.



	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>ISSUED</b>	1723	1285	735	506
<b>PAID</b>	1590	1537	837	484
<b>SUSPENDED</b>	220	402	235	131

## **Monies Collected by Police Department**

<i>Parking Tickets</i>	<i>\$13,350.00</i>
<i>Records Requests</i>	<i>\$1,022.00</i>
<i>Fingerprinting:</i>	
<i>Residents</i>	<i>\$460.00</i>
<i>Non Residents</i>	<i>\$1,130.00</i>
<i>Wisconsin Training &amp; Standards, recert.</i>	<i>\$4,160.00</i>
<i>Alcohol Grant</i>	<i>\$7,070.43</i>
<i>Drug Grants</i>	<i>\$8,314.37</i>
<i>K9 Donations</i>	<i>\$4,057.50</i>
<i>Reimbursements OWI Blood Draws</i>	<i>\$1,246.70</i>
<i>Warrants</i>	<i>\$7,988.46</i>

**Total** **\$48,799.46**

*(does not include citations)*

## RETIREMENTS

### **CROSSING GUARDS**



**Dawn Richter**



**Judy Rogers**

Farewell!

Thank you!



# Summer Fun Had Us A Blast

The summer of 2021 was a summer filled with rock finding within the City. Our night officers would hide painted rocks and provide clues on Facebook. When the rocks were found, the “finders” would come to the police department for a prize. This proved to be an exciting event for our officers as much as the “finders.”

Thanks goes out to the local businesses who donated items for the prize packages. It truly took a City to pull off this fun for our younger citizens.



# 2021