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**WHITEWATER**  
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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

*WITH JOHN WEIDL*

April 3, 2025



**For the week of March 17**

- **Street crews had a busy brush collection day due to the storms that rolled through the city over the weekend. Crews worked on cleaning out catch basins, preparing decorative street lights for installation and swept streets. Miscellaneous work included banner installation, fixing areas damaged by snow plows and patching potholes.**
- **Water staff had to shut water off to a few more houses due to non-payment. They also used their new Kerf cutter to fix broken valve box top sections. Approximately 80 meters have been replaced so far with many more scheduled. Working to get the East Tower cleaned and inspected in early April, before the Well 7 project begins.**
- **At the Wastewater Department, staff is replacing oil at the lift station pumps and cleaning out the wet wells. The 2024 MDV Watershed Report was completed and submitted along with the February eDMR. The contractor for the Vanderlip Pumping Station has started back up with construction on Fraternity Lane.**
- **In GIS, new maps and posters were printed for the Police Department. Internal interactive maps were updated for the Street Department. Address list was updated and verified with Johns Disposal for toters. And worked with Water staff looking into new equipment and how compatible the new technology**

would be with GIS.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT IS **HIRING!**

COME JOIN OUR TEAM

### POSITION: POLICE OFFICER

- Current Pay Range \$31.02/hr - \$38.30/hr
- Lateral Transfers for pay and vacation
- Full Uniforms & Equipment Provided
- Medical, Vision & Dental Insurance
- Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS)
- Paid Vacation & Sick Leave
- Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC)
- Investment in your future development with On-The-Job Officer Training and Continued Training throughout your Law Enforcement Career.

### APPLY NOW

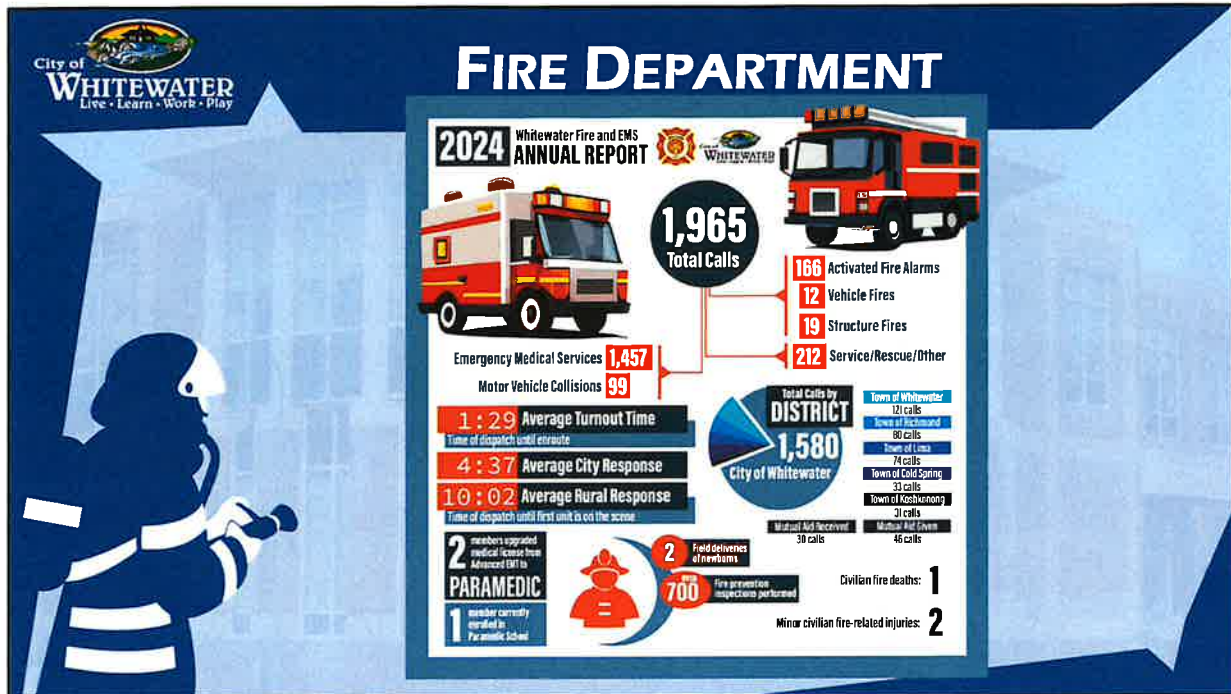
Whitewater Police Department  
 313 West Whitewater Street  
 Whitewater, Wisconsin 53190  
 262-475-0555  
[whitewater-wi.gov/IS3/Police](http://whitewater-wi.gov/IS3/Police)

### REQUIREMENT:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Possess a Valid Driver's License.
- Ability to legally possess a firearm.
- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- By the date of hire, employee must have either obtained 60 college credits from an accredited college, OR must have graduated from a Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy.
- If employee has completed the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy and does not have 60 college credits, they must agree to obtain 60 college credits from an accredited college within 5 years of the date of hire.



- Captain Vander Steeg and Captain Taft continued our recruiting efforts by attending the Gateway Technical College career fair.(pictured above)
- PD command staff met with staff of the BJA NTTAC (National Training and Technical Assistance Center) to plan federally funded human trafficking training that will be provided to staff at WPD.
- On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, A number of officers attended PIT (pursuit intervention technique) training at Gateway Technical College. All sworn staff will be trained in PIT by the end of 2025.
- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Captain Vander Steeg assisted our patrol staff with heavy call volume over the weekend related to St. Patrick's Day holiday celebrations.
- Personnel Update: Employment offers were accepted by Brooklyn Vavrina (Vuh-VREE-nuh) and Brooklyn Knurr (nur) to be our next Community Service Officers. Both of them will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The police department has a patrol officer vacancy and is hiring! Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.



The week of March 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - Staff responded to 37 calls for service, making the daily average just over 5 calls for service each day.

6 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was .83 per call. Mutual Aid was not requested from Whitewater during this time.

For the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>- March 19<sup>th</sup>- Staff responded to 38 calls for service, making the daily average just over 5 calls for service each day.

9 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.6 per call. Mutual Aid was not requested from Whitewater during this time.

- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Whitewater Fire/EMS responded to a brush fire in Cold Spring township. MABAS Box 12-4 was pulled to the alarm level bringing resources from 12 additional departments.
- Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Whitewater Fire/EMS responded to a garage fire in the 200 blk of W. North St. Auto aid was received from Lagrange Fire with an Engine and Chief.
- Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Mercy Health was onsite to provide the monthly EMS training. Training focused on difficult airway management and femur/pelvic trauma and stabilization.



## IRVIN L YOUNG LIBRARY



- The brick work has been completed and the windows installed on the new addition to the library. Windows were installed on March 19<sup>th</sup> even though it was a very rainy and windy day. It's a good thing the installers are used to working in muddy, wet conditions. Dry wall has also begun to be hung on the interior of the building now that the roof has been completed.
- Come on in and play Citizen Science Bingo during the month of April and help complete One Million Acts of Science! Pick up a Bingo sheet at the library, complete at least 5 of the citizen science prompts during the month of April, then return the Bingo sheet to the library for your reward! One Bingo sheet/reward per person. For all ages. Anyone can be a citizen scientist! To learn more and find projects, visit [www.scistarter.org](http://www.scistarter.org)



- As of today ( Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>), The Polar Plunge in Whitewater has online donations are \$19,750 plus an additional \$2,000 in checks that still need to be applied to the campaign. Whitewater will be coming in at roughly \$22,000 in donations.
- Boat Races were a hit. 4 Boats 1. Silver Shark (Awarded: Man You were Fast) 2. Diggy ( Awarded: Saw the bottom first) 3. SS SoS (Awarded Most Energetic) 4. SS Snap
- The City Guides have arrived! They are available in both English and Spanish online, and hard copies can be found in the lobby of the Municipal Building.
- Seniors in the park's Dementia Friendly Community Initiative joined with the Alzheimer's Association to offer an informational program for the community. Randy Cruse facilitated the presentation. We had 27 in attendance.



- The Economic Development office has been training Betsy, the new ED Administrative Assistant. Staff recently met with Walworth County Habitat for Humanity to discuss housing options in Whitewater. They also continue to work with the CDA’s legal team to address ongoing issues related to unpaid loans.
- The PARC will meet again on April 14 to discuss zoning strategies that support increased child care availability and potential extraterritorial considerations. The Public Art Committee (PAC) is still seeking artists to submit designs for the traffic box project (pictured above)—applications are available on our website.
- The Neighborhood Services office is proud to announce the issuance of its first Level 2 commercial building permit for Solstice Health. Thanks to the education and certification level of our current building inspectors—something the City has not had in the past—we were able to complete the review in-house. Without this expertise, the review process at the state level would have taken 6–8 weeks. We’re grateful for our staff and their ability to serve businesses more efficiently.





- Thank you to Jonathan McDonell for your service and steadfast dedication to the City of Whitewater.
- The City of Whitewater is pleased to welcome Russell Law Office as our new City Attorney group. We extend a warm welcome to Senior Associate Attorney Timothy Brovold (Broh-vohld) , who brings extensive expertise in real estate, zoning, business and construction law, landlord-tenant matters, collections, and civil litigation. Tim holds degrees from Luther College, UW-La Crosse, and the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Before practicing law, he had a distinguished career in collegiate athletics as a coach. We look forward to working with Russell Law Office and benefiting from their legal expertise.



- **Emily McFarland has been appointed Interim Economic Development Director, beginning her role the week following the conclusion of her term as Mayor of Watertown. With a strong track record of municipal leadership, Emily brings direct experience in housing development, organizational management, and fostering economic growth. As Mayor of a city of 24,000, she oversaw day-to-day operations, managed multi-million-dollar budgets, and led housing initiatives that align closely with current priorities. Her professional background, combined with board service in community and economic development, reflects her ability to build partnerships and deliver impactful results. Emily holds a master’s degree in public administration from UW Oshkosh.**

# THANK YOU!



- We sincerely thank our Common Council members for their years of dedicated service and unwavering commitment to our community. Brienne Brown has been on the Common Council since 2019. And Lisa Dawsey-Smith has been on the council since 2021.



## CHIEF OF STAFF



**Thank You!**

**Becky Magestro**

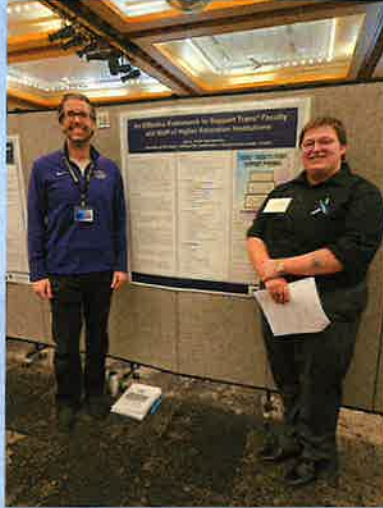
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## Thank You!

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**As always, John Weidl, Thank you!**

