

# **2024 Spring Splash After Action Report**

## **General Event Summary**

The Law Enforcement preparation and response to “Spring Splash” in 2024 was similar to that of previous years. The event requires a tremendous amount of planning and coordination because of the need to request assistance from a number of outside entities to maintain safety and public order.

Again in 2024, the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was stood up to host unified command consisting of representatives from the City Administration, Whitewater Police Department, Whitewater Fire and EMS, UW-Whitewater Police Department, Walworth County Sheriff’s Office, Mobile Field Force Command, and Drone Command.

The following information summarizes the event:

- Cool temperatures likely played a role in reducing activity.
- Heavy foot traffic began prior to noon and lasted throughout the day with a significant lull after approximately 6:00pm and lasting until approximately 8:00pm.
- We again utilized mobile field force teams to disperse large crowds that were disorderly or upon request of property owners.
- Crowds moved primarily to the downtown around 8-9pm which was similar to what we saw in 2023.
- The most disorderly activities encountered in 2024 involved a real and a facsimile firearm. One incident involved an individual who displayed a handgun in his waistband after an argument with individuals outside his residence. The gun was recovered and he was transported to the Walworth County Jail. A second incident involved an individual who was waiving a facsimile firearm (BB gun) around as well as aiming it at one of the law enforcement drones.
- Overall it was a very successful event, with reduced disorder compared to previous years. This is a testament to the enforcement efforts of staff year-over-year.
- The following cost statistical and cost summaries provide information into the direct activity and costs for law enforcement. These numbers do not reflect activity of the Wisconsin State Patrol which handled all of their workload internally, and it does not include costs of other City Departments (i.e. Fire & EMS).
- The total event cost to the WPD budget between staffing and food/materials was \$17,367.53.

## **Statistical Summary**

	<b>WPD Stats 2019</b>	<b>WPD Stats 2021</b>	<b>WPD Stats 2022</b>	<b>WPD Stats 2023</b>	<b>WPD Stats 2024</b>
<b>Arrests (individuals)</b>	117	79	43	31	68
<b>Misdemeanor Arrests</b>	6	4	15	5	11
<b>Felony Arrests</b>	6	1	4	0	5
<b>Ordinance Violations</b>	162	119	50	49	89
<b>Charges</b>	174	124	69	54	105
<b>Total Confined in Jail</b>	8	Not Recorded	7	0	2
<b>Total Admitted for First Aid</b>	15	Not Recorded	0	N/A	N/A

\*Spring Splash did not occur in 2020 due to COVID-19.

## Law Enforcement Personnel Hours/Cost Summary

<b>WPD Staff Hours Worked</b>	428	<b>WPD Personnel Costs</b>	\$14,876.85
<b>Outside Agency Hours Worked</b>	904	<b>Outside Agency Personnel Costs</b>	\$49,720.00
<b>Total Hours</b>	1332	<b>Total Personnel Costs</b>	\$64,596.85

\*Outside agency personnel were provided free of charge under a mutual aid response.

\*Actual cost to the PD personnel budget is \$14,876.85.

\*We thank the following law enforcement agencies for their assistance:

- Delavan PD
- Town of East Troy PD
- Elkhorn PD
- Janesville PD
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Lake Geneva PD
- Lake Mills PD
- Town of Linn PD
- Mukwonago PD
- Rock County Sheriff's Office
- Sharon PD
- UW-Whitewater PD
- Walworth County Sheriff's Office
- Watertown PD
- Wisconsin State Patrol

## Materials/Food Cost Summary

Walmart Subs	\$980.00
Walmart Snack items	\$361.76
Dominos Pizza	\$653.65
Walmart Meat/Condiments	\$495.27
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,490.68</b>