2025 Spring Splash After Action Report

General Event Summary

The Law Enforcement preparation and response to "Spring Splash" in 2025 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 2025, the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was stood up to host unified command consisting of representatives from the Whitewater Police Department, Whitewater Fire and EMS, Walworth County Sheriff's Office, and Drone Command.

The following information summarizes the event:

- Heavy foot traffic began prior to noon and lasted throughout the day until crowds moved primarily to the downtown area around 9pm.
- We again utilized mobile field force teams to disperse large crowds that were disorderly or upon request of property owners.
- The most disorderly activities encountered in 2025:
 - A physical fight at one of the house parties resulted in a substantial battery as well as an individual displaying a handgun and threatening another individual. Involved suspects were arrested and transported to the Walworth County Jail.
 - Two individuals actively resisted officers' attempts to arrest them, one of which caused injury to the officer.
- Overall enforcement efforts were successful, with overall low levels of disorder.
- 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 \$15,288.80, which was a reduction from 2024 costs.

Statistical Summary

	WPD Stats 2019	WPD Stats 2021	WPD Stats 2022	WPD Stats 2023	WPD Stats 2024	WPD Stats 2025
Arrests (individuals)	117	79	43	31	68	86
Misdemeanor	6	4	15	5	11	3
Arrests						
Felony Arrests	6	1	4	0	5	5
Ordinance	162	119	50	49	89	113
Violations						
Charges	174	124	69	54	105	147
Total Confined in	8	Not	7	0	2	5
Jail		Recorded				
Total Admitted for	15	Not	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
First Aid		Recorded				

^{*}Spring Splash did not occur in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Law Enforcement Personnel Hours/Cost Summary

WPD Staff Hours	492.75	WPD Personnel Costs	\$13,756.06
Worked			
Outside Agency Hours	806	Outside Agency	\$44,896.10
Worked		Personnel Costs	
Total Hours	1298.75	Total Personnel Costs	\$58,652.16

^{*}Outside agency personnel were provided free of charge under a mutual aid response.

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

Materials/Food Cost Summary

Walmart Subs	Donated by Walmart		
Walmart Snack items	\$216.54		
Toppers Pizza	\$421.47		
Walmart Meat/Condiments	\$647.89		
DJI Subscription	104.44		
Misc. MFF Equipment	142.40		
Total Cost	\$1,532.74		

^{*}Actual cost to the PD personnel budget is \$13,756.06.

^{*}We thank the following law enforcement agencies for their assistance: