

2026 Spring Splash After Action Report

General Event Summary

The Law Enforcement preparation and response to “Spring Splash” in 2026 was similar to that of previous years. The event requires significant planning and coordination as we request assistance from a number of outside entities to maintain safety and public order.

Again in 2026, the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was stood up. Unlike previous years, the EOC was staffed throughout by the police department only, with the option for other stakeholder departments to attend if desired or if needed based on circumstances.

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 8pm.
- We again utilized mobile field force teams to disperse large crowds that were disorderly or upon request of property owners.
- In 2026, the majority of the arrests made were for ordinance-level disorderly and public nuisance issues. Some of the notable incidents were:
 - A male arrested for possession of an open intoxicant was found to have a firearm on his person as the officer searched him incident to arrest. He was subsequently arrested for going armed while intoxicated.
 - State Patrol had a short pursuit that ended with the suspect fleeing from his vehicle into the marshy area west of Elkhorn Rd. The male was apprehended utilizing a drone and K9 and taken into custody without incident.
- Overall, law enforcement operations were successful, with low levels of disorder. This is a testament to the efforts of our staff and law enforcement partners 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 \$15,269.41.

WPD Historical Statistical Summary

| | 2019 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Arrests (individuals) | 117 | 79 | 43 | 31 | 68 | 86 | 110 |
| Misdemeanor Arrests | 6 | 4 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 5 |
| Felony Arrests | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Ordinance Violations | 162 | 119 | 50 | 49 | 89 | 113 | 184 |
| Charges | 174 | 124 | 69 | 54 | 105 | 147 | 189 |
| Total Confined in Jail | 8 | Not Recorded | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Total Admitted for First Aid | 15 | Not Recorded | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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

Law Enforcement Personnel Hours/Cost Summary

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|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| WPD Staff Hours Worked | 484 | WPD Personnel Costs | \$13,711.53 |
| Outside Agency Hours Worked | 752 | Outside Agency Personnel Costs | \$39,383.34 |
| Total Hours | 1236 | Total Personnel Costs | \$53,094.87 |

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

*Actual cost to the PD personnel budget is \$13,711.53.

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

- Burlington PD
- Fort Atkinson PD
- Elkhorn PD
- Janesville PD
- Jefferson PD
- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- Lake Geneva PD & FD
- Lake Mills PD
- Rock County Sheriff's Office
- Town of Geneva PD
- Town of Lake Mills PD
- UW-Whitewater PD
- Village of Mukwonago PD
- Village of Walworth PD
- Walworth County Sheriff's Office
- Watertown PD
- Wisconsin State Patrol

Materials/Food Cost Summary

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| Walmart Subs | \$343.59 |
| Sams Club Meat/Snacks | \$480.96 |
| Toppers Pizza | \$179.26 |
| Walmart Drinks/Buns | \$290.08 |
| Walmart Donation | -\$100.00 |
| DJI Subscription | \$189.90 |
| Misc. MFF Equipment | \$174.09 |
| Total Cost | \$1,557.88 |