## **Pleasant Prairie Police Department**



**2023 Annual Report** 

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#### From the Chief of Police

#### Message from Chief David Smetana



As the Chief of Police of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, I am once again honored to present our annual report. This document highlights our activity for the year 2023 as we provided our community with public safety services and worked collaboratively with residents and visitors of the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

Noteworthy areas in this year's report include information on the new Pleasant Prairie Police Department that is currently under construction and slated to open in the second half of 2024.

Also highlighted is information on promotions that occurred in 2023 and information on the additional police and communications personnel that joined our agency in 2023.

We are also pleased to showcase events and opportunities we experienced throughout the year which allowed for community engagement and the opportunity for our personnel to give back to the village we serve. We partnered up with local businesses and hosted our first National Night Out, Bike Rodeo, Community Grocery Giveaways, and continued our well-established Shop with a Cop event. We thank the partnerships of the local businesses and the Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association who continue to support and raise funds for equipment and services that benefit our officers and staff.

The statistical data shown in this report provides a look into activity trends including crime statistical data as well as information on calls for service and accident data.





#### Our Code of Ethics

I am a professional police officer whose fundamental obligations are to safeguard life and property, while protecting and respecting the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people.

While I consider the way I choose to conduct my private affairs a personal freedom, I accept responsibility for my actions and inaction, while on duty or off duty, when those actions or inaction bring disrepute on the image of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department, my fellow officers, or the profession.

I will perform all of my duties in a professional and competent manner. I consider the responsibility to be brave in the face of danger, and to exercise restraint in the use of my powers, to be the ultimate public trust. I accept that I am expected to consistently strive to achieve excellence in the performance of my duties. I will take affirmative steps to keep myself physically fit and mentally prepared to do the job the Village of Pleasant Prairie pays me to do.

I will be honest and tell the truth. I will not engage in misleading others, telling half-truths, or withholding information from those who depend on my being honest. I will obey the laws I am sworn to uphold. I will seek ways to comply with the standards of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department. I will obey the lawful orders of my supervisors.

I will treat others with courtesy. I consider it a professional weakness to allow others' behavior to cause me to lose control or act in an inappropriate manner. I will not allow others' actions or failures to become my excuse for not performing my duties in a responsible manner.

I will empathize with the problems and burdens of those people with whom I come into daily contact. However, I will not allow my personal feelings, prejudices, or friendships to influence the discretionary authority entrusted to my job. I will seek ways to avoid conflicts of interest that could compromise my official authority or public image.

I hold the authority inherent in my position to be an affirmation of the public's trust in me as a police officer. I do not take this trust lightly. As long as I remain in this position, I will dedicate myself to maintaining this trust and upholding the ideals of the profession.





#### **Our Mission Statement**



## **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department to be the model of excellence in policing by building partnerships with our community and others to be:

**Professional** - We conduct ourselves like professionals from our dealings with the public to our dealings with each other. This encompasses the fact that we are reliable, ethical, and highly trained.

**Competent** - We hold ourselves accountable for our ability to fulfill all aspects of our job. We seek additional training to develop our skill sets that are required to protect and serve our community.

**Compassionate** - We serve as Guardian Warriors. While we are compassionate towards all and take pride in treating our fellow community members with compassion and empathy, we are also passionate about protecting our community and vow to do so.



## Police Administration



Chief of Police
David B. Smetana

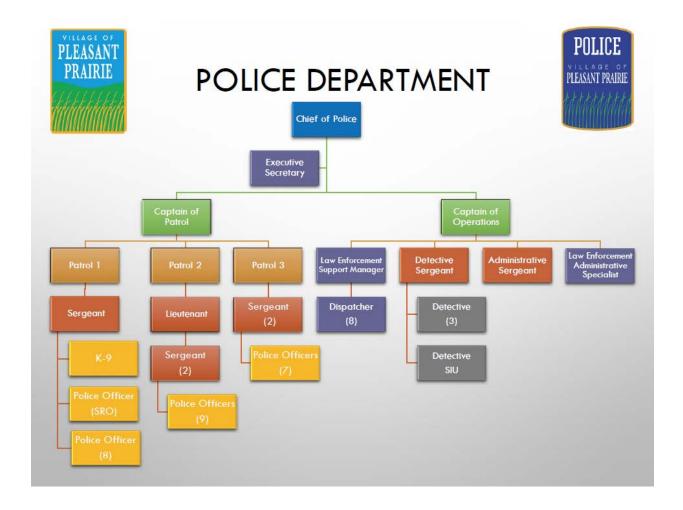


Captain of Patrol
Captain Paul Marik



Captain of Operations
Captain Barry Ollila

## Organizational Chart



## Your Police Department

#### Who We Are

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department employs forty Sworn Officers, one Law Enforcement Support Manager, one Law Enforcement Administrative Specialist, and one Executive Secretary who serve a community of more than 21,450 residents spanning an area of over thirty-three square miles. In addition, the Department employs eight civilian Public Safety Dispatch employees who handle all calls for services for Police, Fire, and Public Works. We are also fortunate to have two volunteer Police Chaplains.

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department is organized into two bureaus: the Patrol Bureau and the Investigative Bureau. Captain Paul Marik oversees the Patrol Bureau. Captain Marik is assisted by Lieutenant Zachary Quever, who is assigned to second shift. Additionally, six Patrol Sergeants are assigned across all three shifts.

Captain Barry Ollila oversees the Investigative Bureau. The Investigations Bureau is comprised of one Detective Sergeant along with three Detectives who investigate all reported crimes. Another Detective is

assigned to the Special Investigations Unit which is comprised of several different law enforcement partners. The function of each bureau is an important component in assuring that the Pleasant Prairie Police Department maintains the professional operation expected by the community we serve.

Our department values independent decision making and problem-solving strategies. Using a community-oriented policing philosophy, our department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, faith-based community, civic organizations, and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting tactics and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community.

We believe that preventing crime is a community effort and it is our role, as your Police Department, to provide the training and information necessary to help our citizens take an active part in crime fighting efforts.

Every member of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department is committed to our Mission and Core Value Statements, which are summed up in our Mission Statement: Professional, Competent, Compassionate.

# Staff Movement and Changes New Officers



**Officer Natalie Longrie** 



Officer Kathryn Kennedy



**Officer Armando Martinez** 

#### **Promotions**



Sergeant - David Kelly



Sergeant - Michael Lodygowski

#### New Police Department Building Project



The new Pleasant Prairie Police Department groundbreaking event occurred on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our new facility will enable us to host community meetings for the public and provide international quality training sessions for our officers. It will provide for the growth of the agency in areas such as evidence management, evidence processing, and training. Other enhancements include updated locker room facilities, additional meeting rooms, and office areas, as well as critically needed training space.

The new home of the Police Department will allow us to secure our vehicles and equipment inside the garage and out of the elements. The new building is designed for the future, and it will serve our community for decades to come. We are looking forward to including the community in our grand opening event later in 2024.



#### Accreditation

The primary mission of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, or WILEAG, is to offer a voluntary and affordable method of achieving professionalism through the accreditation of law enforcement agencies and to assist those agencies to better serve their communities.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The key to any successful accreditation system lies in the consensus of published standards obtaining a clear statement of professional objectives. WILEAG promotes excellence in law enforcement through participation in a voluntary law enforcement agency accreditation program. Accredited agencies demonstrate compliance with applicable standards covering all aspects of law enforcement administration and operations.

Holding a status of accreditation demonstrates to the community that the police department makes sure that best practices are followed and that they are recognized as the best police practices in the State of Wisconsin.



## **Patrol Operations**

#### Mission

The mission of the Patrol Bureau is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, and visit the Village of Pleasant Prairie. This mission is accomplished by providing timely and professional public safety services to the community utilizing a problem-solving approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression, and apprehension strategies. The Patrol Bureau is comprised of Uniformed Patrol Staff, School Resource Officer, K-9 Unit, TRT, Honor Guard, Drug Recognition, and Accident Investigation. These units make up the largest portion of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department.

#### K-9 Unit



Sergeant Michael Algiers has been the department's K-9 Handler since June 2019. Sergeant Algiers and K-9 Chase were partnered up at T.O.P.S. In Dog Training and went through eight weeks of training to certify them for patrol. Chase is a dual-purpose K-9 that is trained in narcotics detection, evidence locating, tracking, criminal apprehension, and handler protection. In August 2019 Sergeant Algiers and K-9 Chase

completed a patrol certification through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). Sergeant Algiers and K-9 Chase have been called on numerous occasions to assist both our police department as well as neighboring police agencies. They continue to train and build on their skills as a team.

#### Tactical Response Team (TRT)

Tactical Response Teams continue to play a vital role in enforcing laws, particularly in situations where regular patrol officers aren't trained or equipped to handle. The goal of the TRT team is to respond quickly to dangerous situations and bring them to a swift and hopefully non-violent conclusion.

Ultimately, the goal is to mitigate and minimize casualties to whatever extent possible through special training and tactics. In so doing, their function provides a greater service to the public at large.



The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department runs the TRT team, with two Pleasant Prairie Police Department members on the team: Sergeant Michael Algiers and Officer Neil Steinmetz.



#### Crisis Negotiation Unit

Hostage or Crisis negotiation is a technique used to communicate with people who are threatening violence in any number of situations, including workplace violence, domestic violence, or suicide. This can include barricaded subjects, stalkers, criminals attempting to escape, and hostage-takers.



Hostage negotiation is often initiated by the first officer(s) on the scene until relieved by other specially trained law enforcement members. Officer Andrea Brey and Officer Joshua Girdaukas are part of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department's Hostage Negotiation Team. Officer Brey has completed the FBI's Basic Crisis Negotiation Training, the National Tactical



Officers Association's Advanced Crisis Negotiation Training, Crisis Intervention Training, Advanced Crisis Intervention Training, and regularly attends Wisconsin Crisis Negotiators Association conferences.

#### Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.)

C.I.T. Officers have undergone training to de-escalate without force, properly restrain individuals and make initial assessments on how to handle a crisis situation. Ideally, once a C.I.T. trained officer responds to a call, they can help de-escalate the situation, keeping the subject and bystanders safe, and then put those involved in contact with the mental health resources that are needed. These officers attend regular in-service training, meetings with other C.I.T. members and C.I.T. boards, while completing their normal duties as law enforcement officers.

The goal of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department is to have every member trained in C.I.T. Currently there are 16 sworn officers who have attended Crisis Intervention Training. In addition to the officers, there are 6 dispatchers who have attended Crisis Intervention Partner (C.I.P.) training.

#### Motorcycle Unit



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has one Harley Davidson motorcycle which is operated by First Shift Motor Officer Patrick Gainer. The motorcycle is used during the spring, summer, and fall. Besides being used for normal patrols, it is used for traffic enforcement and for special events such as triathlons and parades.

Prior to operating the motorcycle, Officer Gainer attended Motor Officer Training put on by Northwestern University. This nationally recognized school prepared Officer Gainer to operate the motor safely and effectively.

#### School Resource Officer

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has one School Resource Officer, Officer Sarai Anguiano. School Resource Officers take an interactive approach with students at their schools. They not only investigate crimes on campus, but also participate in a variety of activities including the following:

- Act as a liaison between the school administration and the Police Department.
- Perform classroom presentations concerning law enforcement as a career, child safety, traffic safety, drug prevention, and alcohol prevention.
- Patrol campuses and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Coordinate and implement active shooter drills.
- Work collaboratively with the Police Investigative Bureau and other Kenosha County agencies.



The School Resource Officer maintains an open and honest relationship with students, which promotes a positive image of law enforcement, often preventing incidents from arising on campus due to their presence and relationships with the community. Working closely with the schools, the youth, and their families, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department strives to keep our children safe.

#### Evidence Response Team

In 2023 the Evidence Team continued to expand its training program to make sure the members of the team stay current on the latest techniques for properly documenting and gathering evidence. Trainings this year included Fire Pattern Recognition, Crash Investigation, Shooting Reconstruction, Fingerprint Detection and Collection, and an Introduction to Blood Splatter Analysis. The training this year included several practical exercises. The Fire Pattern Recognition training included setting fire to different types of floor material using different types of accelerants. Once the fire was extinguished officers would examine the material to look for different patterns the accelerants would leave. Additionally, in the shooting reconstruction, projectiles were fired at different types of wall materials then the damage was accessed to determine the likely path of the projectile. The Evidence Team has additional training planned for 2024 to build upon the successes of 2023.



Projectile holes in drywall shot from different angles and different distances.



#### **Defense and Arrest Tactics**

Pleasant Prairie Police Department's Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) training is guided by curriculum from the State of Wisconsin's Training and Standards Bureau. DAAT is a system of verbalization skills coupled with physical alternatives to achieve and maintain control of a resistive subject. The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has four state certified instructors within our department. Our department prides itself on providing rigorous training for all sworn members. Continuous DAAT training reduces the risk of injury to the public and our officers. The training also gives officers the confidence to quickly stop a violent offender in an effective and efficient manner.



Recently, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department has begun training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The department has two certified Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) instructors. GST is a revolutionary defensive tactics system based on Gracie Jiu-Jitsu that incorporates time tested techniques into an easy to learn system designed to help law enforcement officers verbally and physically de-escalate while humanely prevailing resistance and/or aggressive subjects. Along with DAAT training, officers have gone through several training sessions of GST. The combination of these two tactics will significantly reduce injuries to officers and subjects.

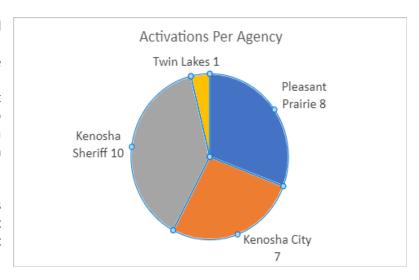
#### MCAT – Major Crash Assistance Team



Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) completed its inaugural year! MCAT is a multi-jurisdictional team consisting of members from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Pleasant Prairie Police Department, the Kenosha Police Department, and the Twin Lakes Police Department in cooperation with the Kenosha County District Attorney's Office and the Kenosha County Medical Examiner's office.

MCAT members receive advanced training in crash analysis and reconstruction as well as evidence collection and documentation. Pleasant Prairie Police has eight members that are part of MCAT: two drone operators, three crash investigators, two drug recognition experts and one reconstructionist.

In 2023, MCAT had 26 activations throughout the county and at least one Pleasant Prairie member was at 24 of the 26 activations.



#### **Drone Team**

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department has one full year in the books with its Drone Program. Drones have been utilized by Police Departments throughout the Nation. Drones provide an aerial perspective for law enforcement with rapid deployment capabilities. Pleasant Prairie Police Department uses drones to efficiently analyze accident scenes, aid in search and rescue missions, and can examine a whole situation while limiting risks to officers and suspects.





The Drone Program has had huge impacts within the department and also while assisting other local agencies. We have seven FAA Part 107 licensed pilots within the department, and two drones which include the DJI Mavic Air 3 and the Autel Evo 11 with a thermal camera.

With the many successes this year, we look forward to adding to the fleet in the beginning of 2024. One of the

success stories happened early in 2023, when a local police agency asked for our drone assistance regarding a fleeing suspect. Our Drone pilot successfully established the suspects position and relayed the location to the officer's in the area, who took the suspect into custody without incident.

The Drone Program has a bright future, and our team looks forward to providing this high quality of service to our village residents

#### Police Chaplains



The Chaplains of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department exist to be a resource to community members, officers, and other department personnel. Chaplains Pastor David Pagel (L) and Pastor Charlie Hansen (R) are on call to be utilized by officers in the community when there is a critical incident where a tragic or sudden loss has occurred. They interface with community members to help them deal with sudden trauma and grief, providing them with a caring presence as well as additional resources to help them through their ordeal. Chaplains also work directly with officers and personnel as a resource to



them as they deal with the stress and demands of law enforcement. The work of a law enforcement Chaplain encompasses the tangible, emotional, and spiritual needs of people under duress.

The duties of the Police Chaplain may include, but are not limited to:

- Riding along with officers on routine patrol on various shifts.
- Offer training to officers in areas of critical incident stress management and dealing with the public during traumatic events.
- Accompanying a police officer to assist with death notifications.

- Working with police officers to assist in any kind of crisis where the presence of a trained Chaplain might help.
- Counseling department members in response to stress or family crisis problems. The counseling is privileged and confidential between the officer and Chaplain involved.
- Visiting sick or injured members of the department.
- Offering invocations at special occasions such as recruit graduations, award ceremonies, and dedications of buildings, etc.
- Assisting the Police Department in the performance of appropriate ceremonial functions.
- Providing practical assistance to victims.

#### **PEER Support**



In 2023, the PEER Team was once again able to bring in PEER expert Felicia Labatore to present a full department In-Service. Felicia educated our department on Trauma from a biological perspective, Brain Spotting, Stress vs. Burnout and Core Values.

Officers deal with difficult situations, including personal and professional stressors; our PEER Team mission is to provide continuous training, education and services to our agency.

The most exciting PEER news in 2023 was the addition of four new PEER members. PEER received an abundance of interest in joining the team which is beyond encouraging to see the culture change and the dedication of our officers to invest in their mental health.



PEER welcomed Officer Connor Patty, Officer Richard Stettner, Officer Garrett Walecki and Dispatcher Caitlyn Hughes to our team in 2023.

## **Investigative Operations**

#### Mission

The mission of the Investigative Bureau is to identify and arrest those individuals who engage in criminal activity. Our Detectives investigate all crimes occurring in the Village of Pleasant Prairie that are beyond the resources of the Patrol Bureau. The Investigative Bureau is managed by Detective Sergeant David Kelly, who is responsible for assigning cases to our four Detectives and handling day-to-day operations.

Detectives work closely with other law enforcement agencies, local courts, and the District Attorney's Offices. Detectives participate in all forms of investigative activities which include surveillance, serving arrest warrants and search warrants, evidence processing, and interview and interrogation. Detectives investigate a wide variety of crimes which range from fraud to homicide. Some investigations can take months and sometimes years to fully investigate. Our Detectives have an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training and by working on complex cases.

## Case Spotlight

#### **Sewer Grate Thefts**

In June of 2023, Department of Public Works employees started noticing sewer grates missing in the areas of the 10700 blk of 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the 7100 blk of 108<sup>th</sup> Street. A total of 22 sewer grates went missing between June and October. Investigations along with the assistance of our IT Department, set up cameras in the area. Additionally, patrol personnel set up daily surveillance in the affected areas. Eventually a suspect was identified. Detectives along with patrol personnel were able to track the suspect and eventually took the suspect into custody after he attempted to sell some stolen sewer grates. The suspect was interviewed by Detective Sergeant Kelly, and he eventually confessed to taking the sewer grates. The suspect is currently under inditement for Felony Theft and awaiting trial. Further investigation also led to charges of the suspect by the Winthrop Harbor Police Department and the Zion Police Department.

#### Car Jacking Suspects Taken into Custody After Pursuit

On July 22, 2023, second shift patrol officers located a vehicle which was stolen in an armed carjacking that occurred in the City of Palatine, Illinois. The vehicle was identified traveling northbound at the 9700 blk of 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Officers attempted a traffic stop and the vehicle fled from officers. A high-speed pursuit ensued as the suspect vehicle fled at speeds close to 100 mph. The pursuit continued into the City of Kenosha and the suspect vehicle continued to drive recklessly. Officers were able to successfully deploy a tire deflation device on Sheridan Road where the suspect vehicle drove over the device. The suspect vehicle continued on two inflated tires and entered a construction zone. The suspect vehicle struck a large pile of gravel, and the vehicle became disabled. All three occupants of the vehicle fled the car. The Pleasant Prairie Police Department was assisted by personnel from the Kenosha Police Department and Kenosha County Sheriff's Department in the foot pursuits of the suspects. All three suspects were apprehended in the immediate area. Suspects were incarcerated on charges that include but were not limited to; Operator Flee/Elude Officer, Operate Motor Vehicle without Owner Consent, First Recklessly Endangering Safety, Resisting an Officer, and other traffic offenses. This case is another example of the great working relationship between local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the suspects involved.

#### Motion Picture Equipment Recovered

On February 5, 2023, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department was contacted by a complainant who resided in Skokie, Illinois. This complainant indicated two unknown suspects stole his pick-up truck and enclosed towable trailer from his property. The complainant explained the trailer contained very expensive motion picture equipment. The complainant indicated an Apple Air Tag was attached to the trailer due to the high cost of equipment. This allowed officers to check the exact GPS location for the truck and trailer. Officers located the truck and trailer at a residence in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. The first officer on scene located the truck backed up next to a garage on the property. As the officer drove up the driveway, the truck started up and the suspect drove around the squad car and fled the area on 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Another officer located the truck and attempted to perform a traffic stop, but the truck fled south into Illinois and the pursuit was terminated. The stolen trailer was recovered at the scene and suspects associated with the stolen trailer and property were taken into custody and later incarcerated. All camera equipment was

recovered and later returned to the complainant. Further investigation resulted in identifying additional suspects in this case and this resulted in more criminal charges. The stolen truck was eventually recovered and returned to the complainant.

#### Retail Theft Suspects in Custody After Pursuit

On January 5, 2023, the Pleasant Prairie Police Department received information about a suspect vehicle involved in a retail theft occurring in Highland Park, Illinois. The suspect vehicle had been identified by the displayed license plate and we were informed the vehicle was headed toward the Village of Pleasant Prairie. The location of the suspect vehicle was known due to a tracking device that was with the stolen property. Our agency was informed the amount of product stolen was about \$20,000.00 in value. Officers located the vehicle on Highway 41, and it fled from officers when they attempted a traffic stop. A pursuit ensued as the suspect vehicle reached speeds close to 100 mph. Officers set up a "boxing-in" maneuver to stop the vehicle. This maneuver is to stop a violator's vehicle by surrounding it with squads and then slowing all vehicles to a stop.

Once the vehicle came to a stop, all four occupants were immediately taken into custody. Law enforcement from Highland Park Police Department and Pleasant Prairie Police Department investigated this case. Pleasant Prairie Police Department incarcerated the suspects on charges that include, but not limited to: Operator Flee/Elude Officer, Recklessly Endangering Safety, Bail Jumping-Felony, Receiving Stolen Property, Obstructing an Officer, Possession of THC. The stolen merchandise was recovered and turned over to Highland Park Police Department.

## Public Safety Communications

Our Pleasant Prairie Dispatch Center is the backbone to Police, Fire and Rescue operations. In 2023, Dispatchers handled over 19,000 Police calls, over 3,000 Fire/Rescue calls, and over 100 Public Works after-hour emergencies.

As the Village and technology grew, along with policy and procedure changes, our dispatch center was able to attend premier dispatch training. They traveled to the MABAS-IL



Conference, APCO Conference, PEER Team training, Mental Health Synopsis, WISPCOM Conference, Communication Training Officer training, CIB Conference, and NENA Conference. These trainings were held in Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, and Tennessee.

New Public Safety Communications Staff



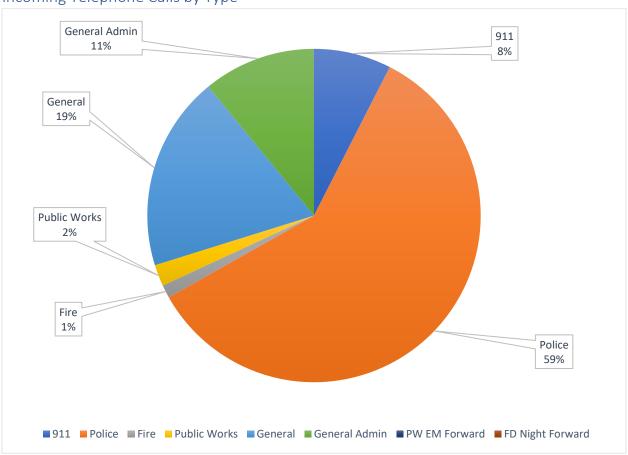
**Martha Long** 

## Public Safety Communications Statistics

### Telephone Calls by Shift

	1st Shift	2nd Shift	3rd Shift	Total
Total	36,215	31,961	13,332	81,508
Phone In	20,339	16,347	5,938	42,624
Phone Out	7,872	5,965	2,603	16,440
Fire	1,271	1,171	542	2,984
Police	6,733	8,478	4,249	19,460

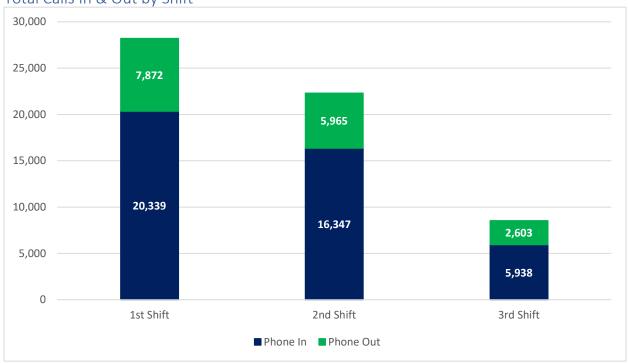
### Incoming Telephone Calls by Type



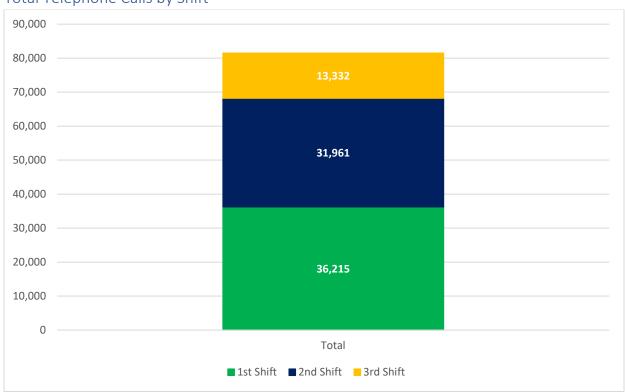
911	Police	Fire	Public Works	General	General Admin
3,202	25,285	539	887	8,053	4,651



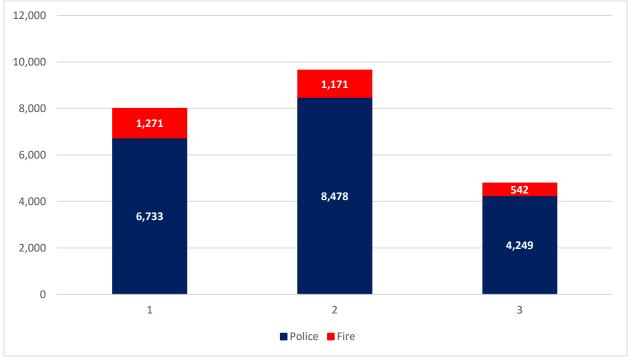
## Total Calls In & Out by Shift



## Total Telephone Calls by Shift



Police vs. Fire Telephone Calls by Shift



## National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

In 2021 the Pleasant Prairie Police Department switched federal crime reporting systems as required by the United States Department of Justice. Previously agencies used summary-based reporting (SBR) which was only a snapshot of the crime in their communities as it only reported the most serious offense in any given incident. The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) will track more crime types and up to ten offenses per incident instead of just one. This change may initially give the appearance of an increase in crime in our community, but this is not the case as we are now reporting more types and offenses not previously required. The National Incident Based Reporting System allows users a deeper more thorough look into a community's crime statistics.

## **Crime Statistics**

## 2023 Group A Crime Statics

Crime Category	Offenses	Victims	Clearances	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total	781	798	488	338	23	361
Crimes Against Persons	152	152	129	80	5	85
Crimes Against Property	285	302	92	109	9	118
Crimes Against Society	344	344	267	149	9	158

## 2023 Group A Crime Statistics Expanded Categories

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Murder & Non-Negligent			_			
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	10	10	6	5	1	6
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	133	133	114	75	4	79
Kidnapping/Abduction	9	9	9	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	285	302	92	109	9	118
Robbery	4	5	1	1	0	1
Burglary	9	12	2	0	0	0
Theft/Larceny	176	180	57	79	9	88
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	2	2	5	0	5
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	2	3	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	3	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	40	43	10	7	0	7
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	3	3	1	1	0	1
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	46	51	19	16	0	16
Crimes Against Society	344	344	267	149	9	158
Weapon Law Violations	34	34	31	29	3	32
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	308	308	236	120	6	126
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	1	1	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0	0	0	0



2022 vs. 2023 Crime Statistic Comparison

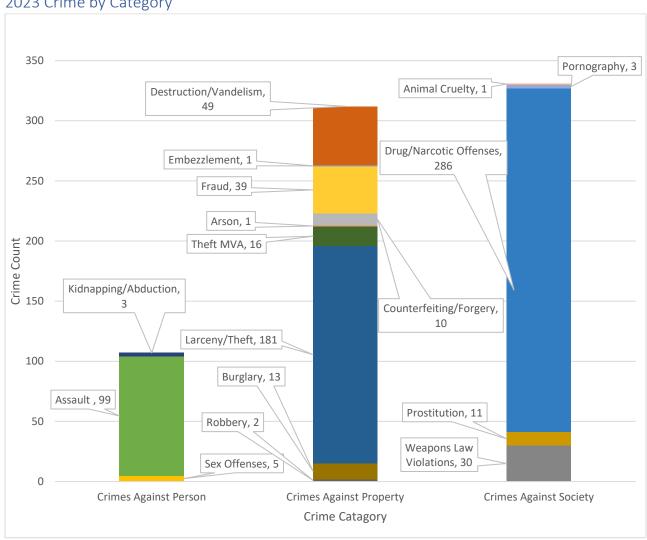
NIBRS Category	Туре	2022	2023	% Change
	Total Crime	801	781	-2.5%
<b>Crimes Against Person</b>		125	152	21.6%
	Murder & Non-Negligent			
	Manslaughter	0	0	0.0%
	Manslaughter by Negligence	1	0	-100.0%
	Sex Offenses	9	10	11.1%
	Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	0	0	0.0%
	Assault Offenses	112	133	18.8%
	Kidnapping/Abduction	3	9	200.0%
	Human Trafficking	0	0	0.0%
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>		328	285	-13.1%
	Robbery	2	4	100.0%
	Burglary	13	9	-30.8%
	Theft/Larceny	192	176	-8.3%
	Motor Vehicle Theft	16	2	-87.5%
	Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0.0%
	Arson	2	2	0.0%
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	11	3	-72.7%
	Fraud Offenses	42	40	-4.8%
	Embezzlement	1	0	-100.0%
	Extortion/Blackmail	0	3	100.0%
	Bribery	0	0	0.0%
	Destruction/Vandalism	49	46	-6.1%
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>		348	344	-1.1%
	Weapon Law Violations	31	34	9.7%
	Prostitution Offenses	11	0	-100.0%
	Drug/Narcotic Offenses	301	308	2.3%
	Gambling Offenses	0	0	0.0%
	Pornography	4	1	-75.0%
	Animal Cruelty	1	1	0.0%



### 2023 Group B Arrests

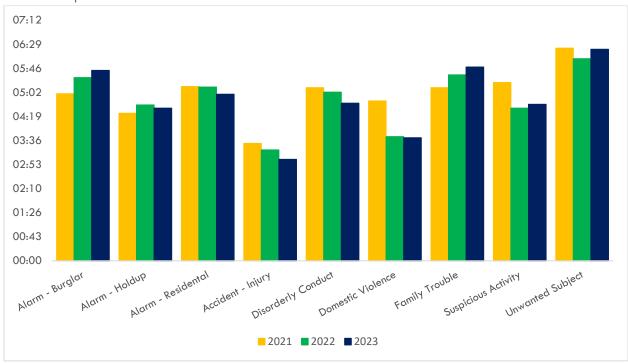
Crime Category	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total Group B Arrests	378	30	408
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	7	7
Disorderly Conduct	78	6	84
Driving Under the Influence	142	0	142
Family Offenses Nonviolent	3	0	3
Liquor Law Violation	1	1	2
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	6	0	6
All Other Offenses	148	16	164

### 2023 Crime by Category

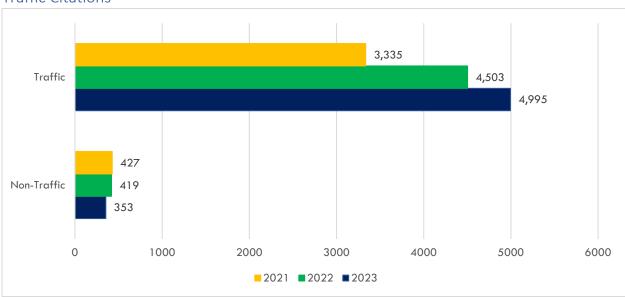


## **Department Statistics**

## Patrol Response Times

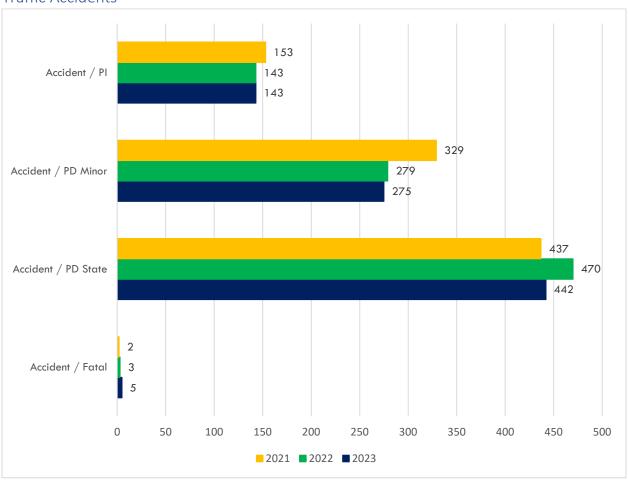


### **Traffic Citations**



Туре	2021	2022	2023
Non-Traffic	427	419	353
Traffic	3,335	4,503	4,995
<b>Total Citations Issued</b>	3,762	4,922	5,348

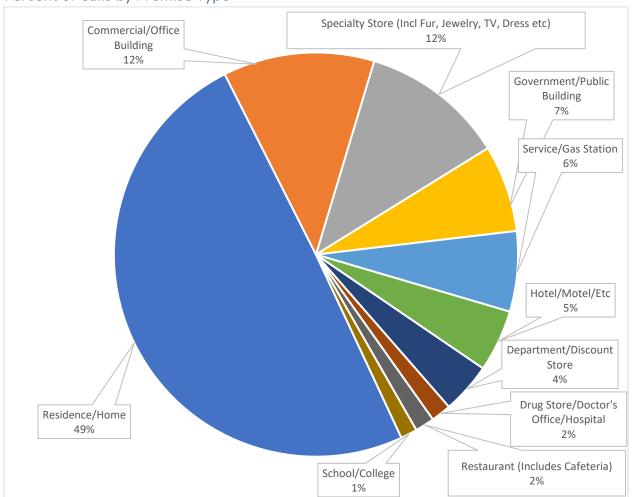
## Traffic Accidents



Accident Type	2021	2022	2023
Accident / Fatal	2	3	5
Accident / PD State	437	470	442
Accident / PD Minor	329	279	275
Accident / PI	153	143	143

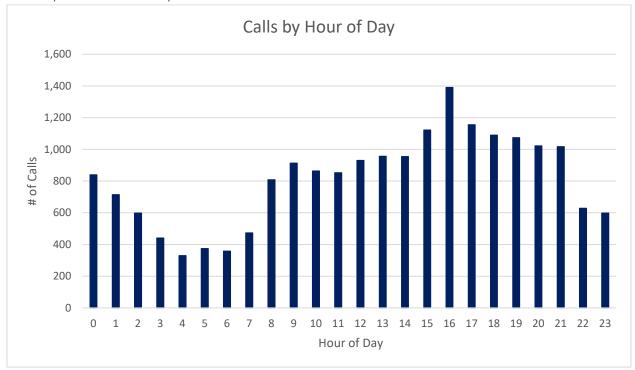


## Percent of Calls by Premise Type

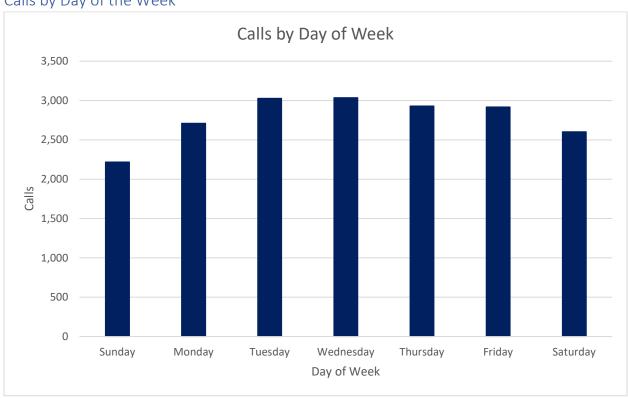


Premise Type	Calls	% Total Calls Top Ten
Residence/Home	3,480	49%
Commercial/Office Building	852	12%
Specialty Store (Incl Fur, Jewelry, TV, Dress etc)	810	12%
Government/Public Building	489	7%
Service/Gas Station	452	6%
Hotel/Motel/Etc	349	5%
Department/Discount Store	285	4%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	113	2%
Restaurant (Includes Cafeteria)	109	2%
School/College	93	1%

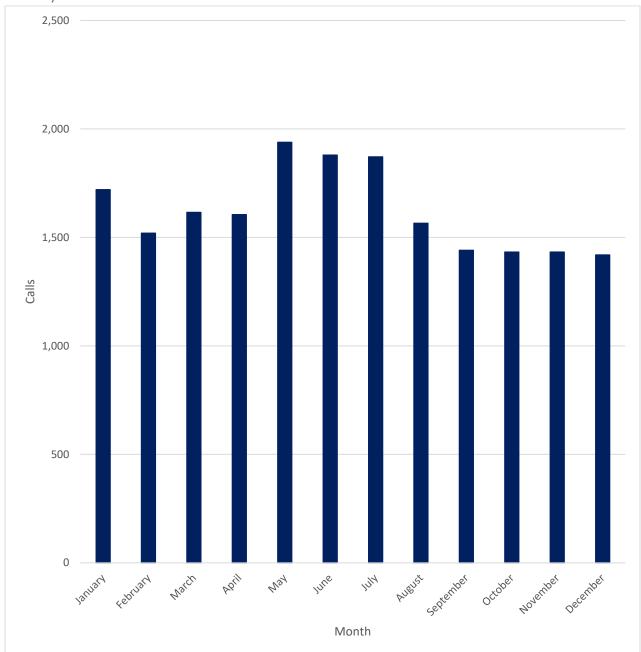
## Calls by Hour of the Day



## Calls by Day of the Week



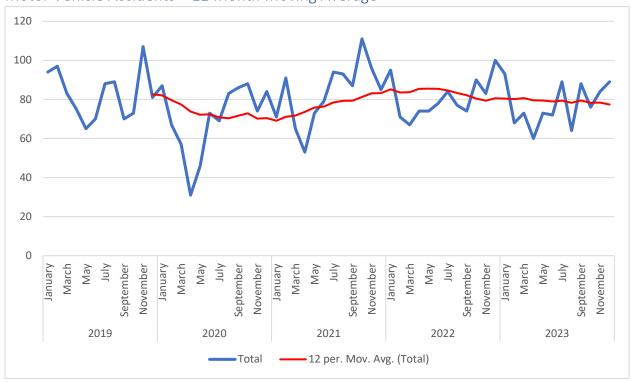
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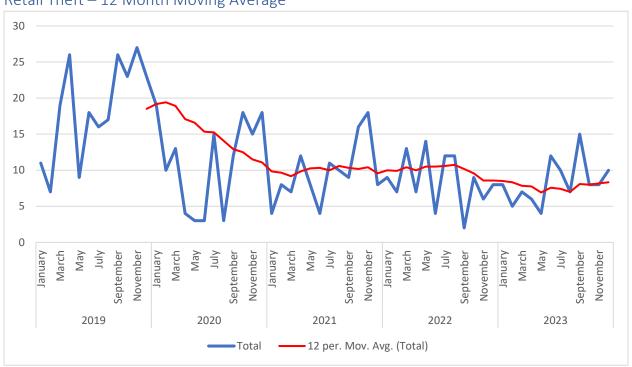


## **Trending Analysis**

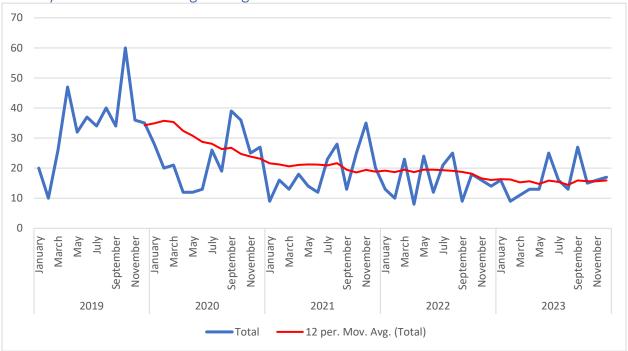
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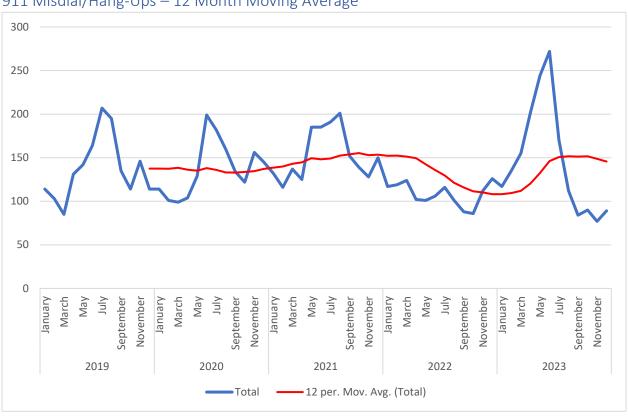
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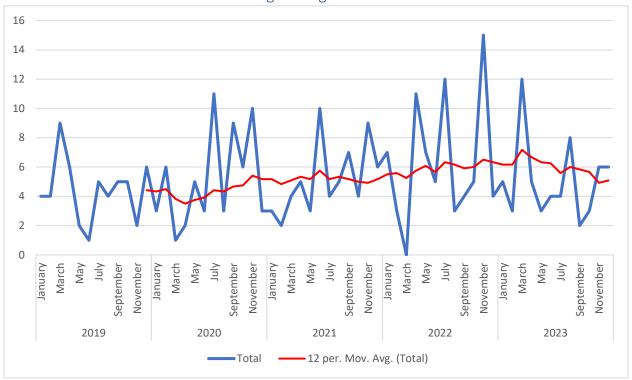




## 911 Misdial/Hang-Ups – 12 Month Moving Average



## Domestic Violence – 12 Month Moving Average



### Residential vs. Non-Residential Premises 30 Day Rolling Average



## **Awards Program**

The Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Departments Award Program recognizes officers and staff of the Police Department as well as members of the public. The Pleasant Prairie Police Departments mission is to deliver "professional, competent, and compassionate service" from all its members with the expectation that they perform their duties with a high level of professional conduct. We recognize there are times when our officers and staff exceed these high standards. Recognition of these accomplishments with an official commendation on a department level serves to enhance the morale of our agency



and its standing in the community. The department also gives recognition to officers who take on



additional responsibilities and roles within the agency and to citizens of communities who substantially assist our department in a manner beyond their normal civic responsibilities. It is the policy of the Pleasant Prairie Police Department to present commendations and awards to those employees and citizens who demonstrate superior handling of difficult situations, conspicuous bravery or outstanding performance for actions that are above and beyond typical duties.

# Giving Back and Being Involved Bike Rodeo



In partnership/collaboration with the Kenosha Area Noon Optimist Club and Southeastern Lakes Scholastic Mountain Biking (SLSMTB), the Pleasant Prairie Police Department participated in their first annual PPPD Bicycle Rodeo on May 13, 2023. The Bike Rodeo was held at the Pleasant Prairie Village Hall south parking lot. It was a free event for children ages 5-11 yrs old. Children were shown and taught various

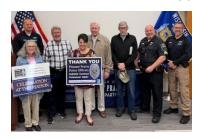
bike safety skills using simulated real-life situations.

The rodeo included bike agility courses, safety material, games, and raffle prizes. Participants received free tee shirts and bike helmets. Their bikes were inspected and helmets were fitted. At the end of the course the children received a Certificate of Bike Safety Completion along with additional safety material handouts.

The event was sponsored by Care Animal Hospital, Dick's Sporting Goods, EMCO Chemical Distributors, Froedtert South, Kwik Trip,

Meijer, Pepsi, State Farm Agent Jeremy Brown, Summer Moon Coffee, The Lettering Machine, Visit Pleasant Prairie, and Visit Kenosha.

#### Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association



The Pleasant Prairie Police Appreciation Association continued to show their support to our personnel through its many annual events. Celebration at the Station events were hosted throughout the year by the Association who partnered with community sponsors which included Jockey International, Jimano's Pizza, Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets, Culvers and Costco. These events, held at the department, shows our officers and staff how much the community cares and appreciates the

work they do to keep Pleasant Prairie a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and recreate.

This dedicated group of volunteers have raised the funds for equipment and services that continue to serve our officers and staff. The Association has purchased body cameras and ballistic shields along with sponsoring our Officer Collectible Trading Card Program and our Department Awards Program.



Thank you from all of us at the Pleasant Prairie Police Department.

#### National Night Out



On August 1, 2023 the Village of Pleasant Prairie Police in collaberation with Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue hosted our first annual National Night Out kickoff celebration. National Night Out is a nationwide community-building campaign that promotes community partnerships and safety in local neighborhoods.

National Night Out focuses on building stronger communities by fostering positive interactions and open communication

between local public safety departments and neighbors. It also raises awareness about various safety measures and the importance of establishing Neighborhood Watch programs with emergency preparedness plans. The event marks the beginning of the National Night Out celebration. It encourages attendees to continue the festivities by organizing block parties or neighborhood gatherings to help foster and strengthen relationships among neighbors.





Our Pleasant Prairie National Night Out was a free event that featured various activities for all ages. Attendees were able to engage with public safety personnel and were able to enjoy emergency vehicle tours, safety demonstrations, music, bounce houses, games, and more. Complimentary food and beverages were provided to all attendees. A special thanks to our sponsors and our supporters.

#### Grocery Giveaway

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department, in partnership with the Journey Disaster Response Team, Kroger, and Meijer, participated in Grocery Giveaway's with the initiative that aimed to provide the community with a diverse selection of healthy grocery items and essential personal care products. All families and individuals in the community were invited to participate in the event.

The Community Grocery Giveaway Box offered a wide range of nonperishable items. The boxes included essential food items such as



soups, canned vegetables, ramen, pasta, sauce, canned fruit, baking mixes, boxed dinners, canned meat, peanut butter, snacks, bread, pastries, and much more. In addition, each box contained personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Distribution at the Grocery Giveaway's was on a first-come, first-served basis and while supplies lasted.



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department thanks event collaborators for their commitment to helping the local community.

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 1,022 were served.

July 15, 2023 - 1,188 were served.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 1,472 were served.

#### Drug Take Back Day

The Pleasant Prairie Police Department, in collaboration with Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services, participated in the National Drug Take Back Day on October 28, 2023.

National Drug Take Back is a safe way for citizens to dispose of unused and/or expired medications. In addition to medication disposal, NARCAN, NARCAN training, Drug Disposal kits, Fentanyl test strips and information pamphlets about the potential abuse of these medications were available.

Pleasant Prairie Police Department is proud to be one of four permanent locations in Kenosha County that provides a Medication Drop Box year-round.

Wisconsin Department of Justice announced that Wisconsin ranked number one throughout the country for the most prescription medications collected in the fall 2023 Drug Take Back, collecting 53,122 pounds of unneeded medication.

Since 2010, Wisconsin has collected over 1 million pounds of unwanted medications.



#### Shop with a Cop



Shop with a Cop is a nationwide event that is hosted by individual police departments to give back to their community. The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association in collaboration with the Pleasant Prairie Fire Department were proud to host their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Shop with a Cop charity event in 2023.

The purpose of Shop with a Cop is to help struggling families during the holiday season and to foster positive relations between local youth and safety personnel. It's a great way for a child to interact in a positive manner with the emergency service members of their community. More importantly it enables struggling families within the community to share the joy of the holiday spirit.

Each year elementary students are nominated by their schools and are paired up with a police officer and a firefighter to give the kids the opportunity to build a relationship while shopping for gifts for their families. In addition, each family receives a gift card to Woodman's Food Market to help with the cost of their holiday meal celebration.



This charity program is mostly funded through donations received from residents and businesses from the community. For the past few years Meijer-Kenosha has generously allowed us to host the event at their store and has donated generous monetary contributions to the program as well. Each year local businesses have donated cofee, hot chocolate, juice, cookies, and donuts for the children and the safety personnel to enjoy during the Shop with a Cop event.



We wish to sincerely thank all those who have been so generous with your support for this program.



#### Honor Guard



The Pleasant Prairie Police Department's Honor Guard began in 2000. The Honor Guard functions as ambassadors for the Police Department and the Village of Pleasant Prairie. The Honor Guard members present the colors of our Nation, State, and Village at many events within southeast Wisconsin. Members of the Honor Guard are screened for their personal appearance, motivation, conduct, and show an aptitude for ceremonial duty. Those officers which exhibit these traits are selected.

#### Honor Guard New Members



**Officer Connor Patty** 



**Officer Tiffany Diaz** 



**Officer Brian Buster** 





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