

LA CROSSE POLICE 2006



ANNUAL REPORT

La Crosse Police

Mission Statement

The La Crosse Police Department is committed to serving the citizens of La Crosse to the best of our ability and to improving the quality of life for all within our community. We will accomplish this mission by being proactive in the prevention of crime, and by enforcing the law with the protection and preservation of the rights of offenders and victims as a priority.

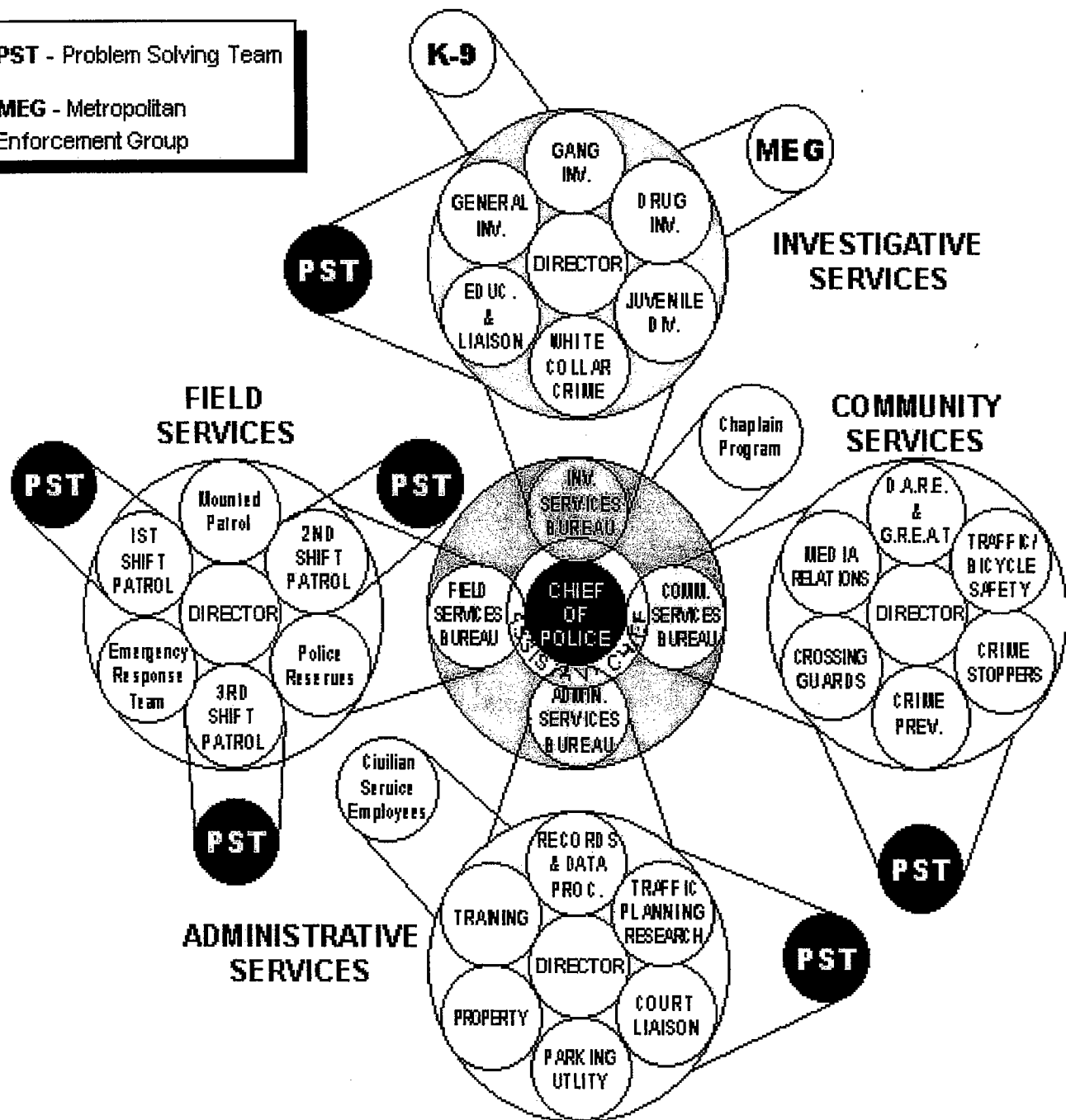
Vision Statement

The La Crosse Police Department is committed to sharing responsibility for making our community a safe place to live and work by creating partnership that lead to this goal. We promise to accomplish this by:

- Taking a national leadership role in policing.
- Valuing youth and cultural diversity in our community.
- Being a catalyst for positive change in our community.
- Viewing the community as our customer and partners.
- Develop our employees for future leadership roles.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

PST - Problem Solving Team
MEG - Metropolitan Enforcement Group

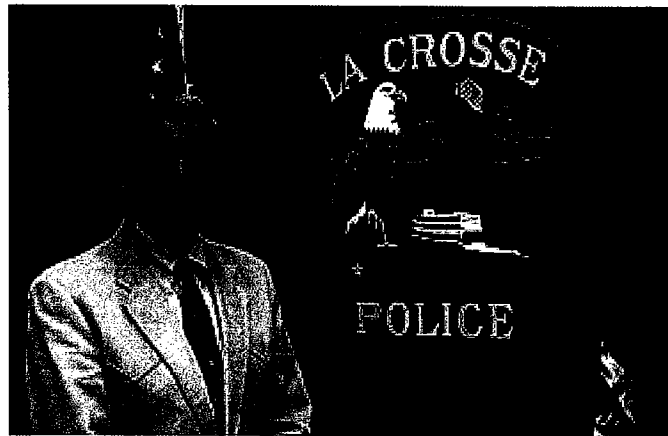


LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Police

Edward N. Kondracki



Assistant Chief

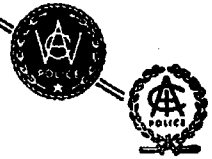
Thomas Jacobs

Executive Secretary

Ann Willford



Department of Police



EDWARD N. KONDRACKI, CHIEF
LA CROSSE WI 54601-3396

Honorable Mayor Mark Johnsrud
Members of the Common Council
Police and Fire Commission

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The year 2006 City of La Crosse Police Department Annual Report is herein presented for your review. This report consists of a statistical comparison of the activities of the La Crosse Police Department for the year 2006 as compared to preceding years. La Crosse and five other Wisconsin metropolitan areas ranked among the top ten safest cities in the country according to a 2006 national study of crime statistics. La Crosse was 8th among 344 areas in the thirteenth annual safest area metro awards compiled by Morgan Quitno Press.

Eight new La Crosse police officers were appointed at one time in 2006, the most added to the department in a single year since 1975. The officers, Frank Racich, Joel Miller, Jim Mancuso, Jeremy Rindfleisch, Craig Teff, Christopher Schuster, Casey Rossman, and Stephanie Welch voluntarily took the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor in order to demonstrate their commitment to the highest values and ethics of policing.

The past year has presented many challenges and opportunities for the men and women who police the streets of our community.

On March 25, 2006 Officer Jon Wenger was violently attacked and stabbed without warning during a traffic stop. Officer Thad Baldwin came to the aid of Officer Wenger and was able to save the officer's life by shooting the armed and dangerous suspect. Even after being stabbed himself Officer Wenger rendered emergency aid to the wounded suspect until medical help arrived at the scene. We are all grateful and thank God that Officers Wenger and Baldwin survived this dangerous encounter.

The La Crosse Police Department's School Resource Officer Program was recognized as a "Model Agency" by the National Association of School Resource Officers. The award recognizes law enforcement agencies whose school resource officer programs show excellence in areas such as training, policies and daily operations. Officer Heath Graves was assigned to Logan High School where he graduated from in the Class of 1988. Jeff, Heath's father, retired after almost a decade as School Resource Officer at Logan High School.

In honor of the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration the La Crosse Police Department adopted a new gold badge similar to those worn by officers in the 1800's. The badge is symbolic of our participation in the city's celebration. The badge is designed to resemble a combination of the first La Crosse police badge in 1870 and a City Marshall's badge from the 1850's. Officers will

have the option of wearing the new badge for one year at which time we will revert back to the traditional badge.

Officer Avrie Schott helped organize an effort to send 74 police department tee shirts signed with messages of encouragement from our officers to US soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. La Crosse officers wore more than 70 gently used gray tee shirts embroidered with the department's logo under their uniforms for an entire shift. Officer Schott said the tee shirts along with several department hats and patches were shipped to Washington D.C. in February for an official send off.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, who helped make 2006 an extremely successful year in the history of policing our community. I am convinced that by working together, we can continue to combat crime and keep the City of La Crosse a safe place in which to live and work. To that end I will remain open to suggestions, constructive criticism and input from our community in order that the La Crosse Police Department might best meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves.

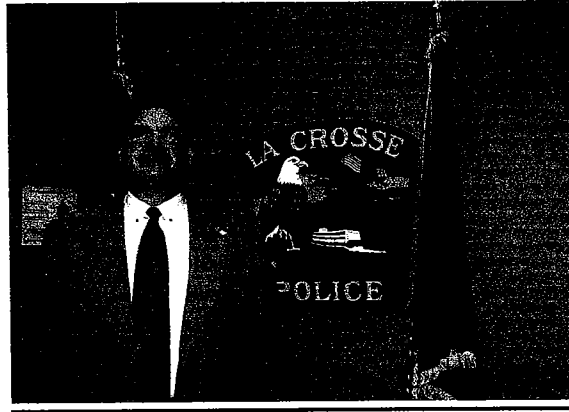
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Kondracki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "K".

Edward Kondracki
Chief of Police

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



**Thomas Jacobs, Bureau Director
Assistant Chief**

The Administrative Services Bureau includes the separate divisions of Records and Inquiry, Training, Communication, Court Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility, Research, Property and Evidence. The Bureau is responsible for the accounting payroll, purchasing, planning, budgeting, reporting, communications and most other tasks that involve personnel or monies. All the hiring, research and analysis, appropriations, grants, inventories and funding concerns fall within this Bureau's responsibilities.

Over the course of 2006, thousands of hours of training were provided to the department. Along with training provided from outside the department, this number includes Field Training completed by Lt. Marcou, Lt. Lawrence and the Field Training Officers along with numerous other training opportunities. In addition to the traditional law enforcement training, the department has continued its training across the country in many areas including homeland security training by the Federal Government.

The Records Division, charged with the responsibility of all our Department records, as well as communication hardware, continues to accurately detail the work of our department members. During the 2006 calendar year with the help of our RMS software company, VisionAir, the La Crosse Police Department switched over to Incident Based Reporting (IBR), from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Incident Based Reporting is a more in-depth statistical analysis on criminal incidents, while Uniform Crime Reporting was a system for reporting only the most serious event in a criminal incident. This switch to Incident Based Reporting will provide more accurate statistical data for the Department on criminal activity within the city.

Also during 2006 the La Crosse Police Department started to implement the TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) program. This program provides the officer on the street the ability to issue automated traffic citations and warnings over their laptop computers. They also can complete accident reports and other paperwork over their squad laptop.

Members of this Bureau continue to work hard and support the officer on the street in order to provide the best service for the citizens of La Crosse. We continue to strive towards making the department a better and more efficient department that provides the best service for the people of La Crosse.

Administrative Services

Assistant Chief

Thomas Jacobs

Administrative Lieutenant

Patrick Hogan

Training Lieutenant

Robert Lawrence

Records Division Sergeant

Randy Rank

Court Liaison / Traffic Investigator

Evan Stone

Property Section CSE

Kristine Gasch

Lisa Putz

Civilian Service Employees (CSE)

Diane Skifton

Jason Nesbit

Kong Lor

Neng Yang

Lacey Alton

Kong Xiong

Michael Nagy

Craig Jeranek

Teng Thao

Steve Butterfield

Records Division Civilian Employees

Jayne Abraham

Joanne Ruegg

Anne Heilman

Kristi Sneath

Parking Utility Civilian Employees

Antoinette Gelbeck

Rebecca Smith

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

IN THE NEWS

2006

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY



Joseph Richards, a student at Aquinas High School, plays taps as officers salute and cover their hearts during the city's annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day honoring fallen officers.

POLICE OFFICERS HONORED

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Each year, about 150 police officers in the United States lose their lives in the line of duty.

Another 300 die from suicide, according to a study by the National Association of Police Chiefs.

La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki cited the grim statistics as proof of the stress and dangers officers face daily during separate ceremonies Monday marking Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

Speaking outside La Crosse City Hall at an emotional noon ceremony, Kondracki noted the officers who paid the ultimate price to serve their communities.

While the ceremony honored the actions of 13 La Crosse police officers and three local residents in the

COMING SUNDAY

When tragedy strikes and officers respond, chaplains work behind the scenes to assist victims and their families. The 15 local clergy members from various denominations also serve as a confidential ear for law enforcement in the community. The Coulees Region Law Enforcement Chaplaincy was established with the La Crosse Police Department in 2000 and expanded to include Onalaska police in 2001. Read about the program and how it operates with victims and law enforcement in Sunday's Tribune.

that ultimate price during a March 25 traffic stop.

La Crosse police Lt. Dan Marcou perhaps put it best when he noted "the fine line between a name on the wall

police work and teamwork. Marcou said, the names of Thad Baldwin and Jon Wenger could easily have been added to the list of other officers who died in duty.

Instead, the officers received local and national honors for their handling of the stop, in which Wenger was stabbed with a screwdriver before Baldwin shot his assailant, likely saving Wenger's life, Marcou said.

"If you asked them, I'm sure you would find Thad and Jon would argue about who saved who," Marcou said.

Along with a Law Enforcement Purple Heart, Wenger received the International Association of Chiefs of Police DuPont Kevlar Survivors Club Award and was honored by Baldwin's family, who called him Baldwin's "guardian angel."

Baldwin received the

department also honored Matthew Schultz and Terry Lee, who helped an elderly couple escape from a burning building in January, and Pastor Mark Clements for his work in organizing the Coulees Region Police Chaplains.

The officers on duty then repeated the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor that the entire La Crosse Police Department first took two years ago.

La Crosse County Circuit Judge Michael Mulroy, keynote speaker for the ceremony, said even though all were worthy of the honors they received Monday, each likely would say they were just doing their jobs.

"A long time ago, I knew there were two jobs I never wanted: being a farmer and a police officer," Mulroy said. "The jobs are hard, dangerous, low paying and receive little respect. But in retrospect, they

Police chief: Technology changes in store

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

The coming year will be a time of technological advancement for the La Crosse Police Department.

In 2007, the LCPD will use new technology to change the way citations are issued, will increase training opportunities through the use of interactive virtual seminars and will use new technology to educate young people about the dangers of binge drinking, according to La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki.



Kondracki

Through training opportunities, the department also will be better-equipped to seek out online predators and to better detect material left on computer hard drives and other storage devices.

Two department investigators will attend training through the Internet Crimes Against Children Program, which will complement similar training being done with the La Crosse County Sheriff's

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La Crosse 8th in 'safest city' rankings

By Tribune staff

La Crosse and five other Wisconsin metropolitan areas ranked among the top 10 safest cities in the country, according to a national study of crime statistics.

La Crosse was eighth among 344 areas in the 13th annual Safest Area Metro Awards, compiled by Morgan Quitno Press. The rankings compared the rates of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft per 100,000 people. Metro areas included suburbs and other surrounding communities.

Other Wisconsin metro areas and their rankings were:

1. Fond du Lac
4. Eau Claire
5. Appleton
6. Sheboygan
10. Wausau
12. Oshkosh-Neenah
29. Madison
42. Green Bay
100. Janesville
148. Racine
219. Milwaukee



Kondracki named to State Bar board

By Tribune staff

La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki was appointed Oct. 12 to the State Bar Board of Governors by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the police department announced Friday.

Kondracki will join the board mid-term and will serve until at least June 30, 2008. He

will be eligible for a second two-year term at that time.

The 48-member State Bar Board of Governors has three non-lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court.

The board manages the affairs of the State Bar, the organization that provides services for lawyers licensed to practice in the state.

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HOMETOWN

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EMBRACING, HONORING THE PAST



PETER THOMPSON/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

In honor of the city's Sesquicentennial celebration, La Crosse police have the option of wearing a new gold badge similar to those worn by officers in the 1800s, Police Chief Ed Kondracki announced Wednesday. "The badge is symbolic of our participation in the celebration," he said. The badge is designed to resemble a combination of the first La Crosse police badge in 1870 and a city marshal's badge from the 1850s. Beginning Wednesday, city police can choose to wear the new badge or their current silver shield badge until October 2007. Kondracki said the new badge was an optional \$65 purchase by the officers, and about 50 have selected to wear it. Kondracki also presented La Crosse Mayor Mark Johnsrud with an honorary badge.

PARKING TICKETS

TICKETS

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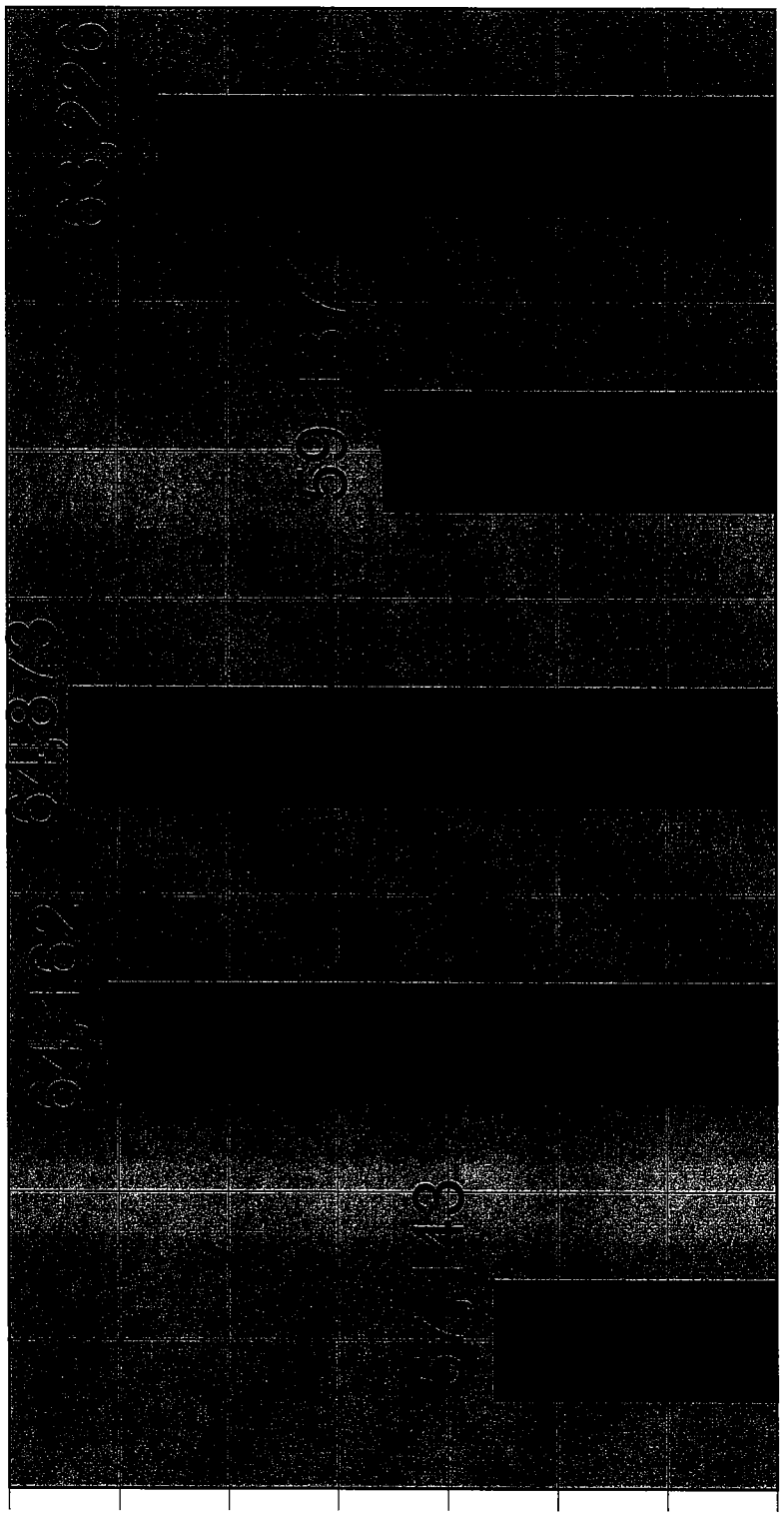
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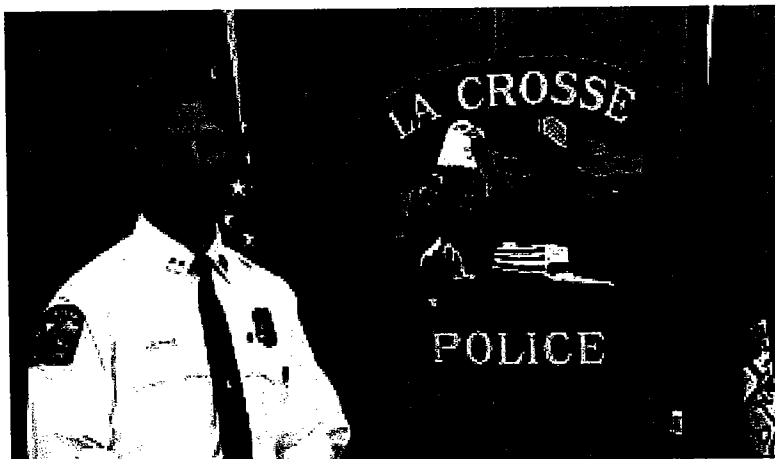
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COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



Robert Abraham, Bureau Director
Captain

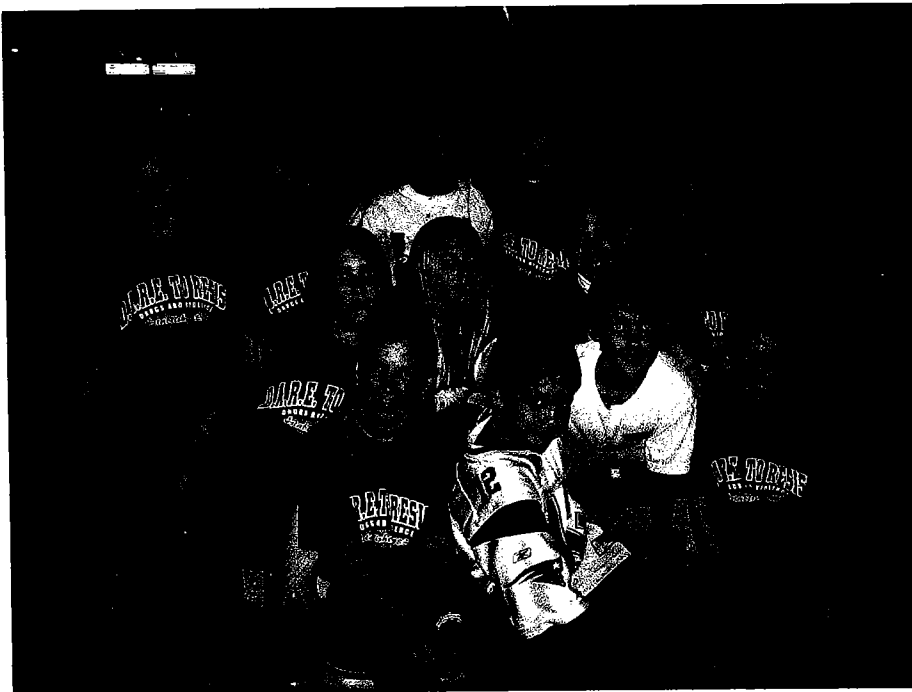
The Community Services Bureau is directed by Captain Robert Abraham. The Community Services Bureau is primarily responsible for community crime prevention education, news media relations, and school safety programming. They also provide staff and logistical support to the Patrol and Investigation Bureaus. Additionally, the Community Services Bureau is the administering bureau for the majority of grants in the Department. In 2006, the Community Services Bureau administered federal and state grants totaling over \$350,000 which included such grants as the Justice Assistance Grant; Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant; G.R.E.A.T. Local; G.R.E.A.T. Regional; Volunteers in Police Service Grant; Anti-Stalking Grant as well as various Department of Transportation grants.

Some of the major programs which fall under the responsibility of the Community Services Bureau include the delivery of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Elementary and Middle School Curricula and the delivery of the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Curricula in our schools. The School Resource Officer program falls under the direction of the Community Services Bureau and has an officer assigned to each middle school and high school within the City. This jointly funded program with the La Crosse School District was awarded the "Model SRO Agency" award by the National Association of School Resource Officers in 2006. Other major programming responsibilities include the Crime Stoppers Program, G.R.E.A.T. Summer Programming, intern program, Neighborhood Watch, Community Policing and the School Crossing Guards as well as Department Accreditation. The Bureau is also responsible for administering the G.R.E.A.T. Midwest Regional Training Center which provides certification training for police officers in ten Midwestern states.

In 2006, The Community Services Bureau through a grant from the Office of Justice Assistance, provided a Citizens Police Academy which was attended by 10 citizens from the La Crosse area. The academy was a resounding success. The Community Services Bureau Child ID program had officers making several stops around the city to provide child ID's, which was possible through a grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Community Services Bureau developed a Beverage Server Training program in 2006 that provided enhanced training to over 165 people involved in alcohol beverage industry which included tavern, retail and restaurant owners or employees. The training program has been highly praised by those who attend it.

Looking forward to 2007, the Community Services Bureau will continue to provide quality community based prevention programming that the La Crosse Community has come to expect.



A 2006 graduating DARE class celebrating their culmination party. The T-shirts are provided with funding support from State Bank Financial D.A.R.E. & G.R.E.A.T. chili cook-off.

Community Services

Bureau Director—Captain

Robert Abraham

Bureau Lieutenant

Robert Berndt

Bureau Sergeant

Jason Melby

G.R.E.A.T. Lieutenant

Raj Ramnarace

Traffic Safety Officer

Andrew Gavrilos

DARE / GREAT Officers

Kurt Weaver

Jon Wenger

School Liaison Officers

Heath Graves

Michael Coady

Ronald Secord

Avrie Schott

Jeffrey Graves

Charles Frandsen

G.R.E.A.T. Civilian

Teri Serres

Stephanie Gavrilos

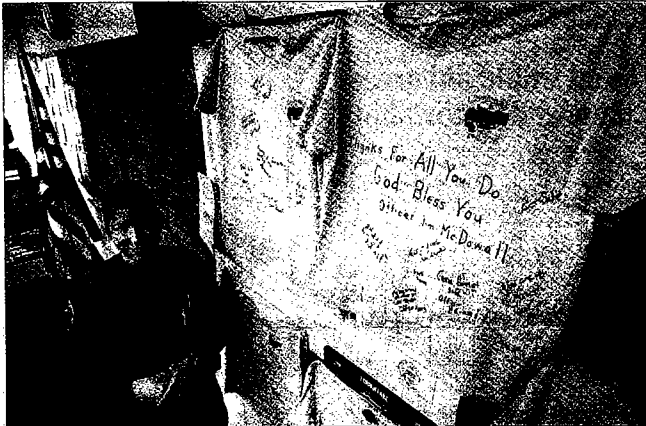
Roger Barnes

COMMUNITY SERVICES

IN THE NEWS

2006

FROM HERO TO HERO



Officer Avrie Schott of the La Crosse Police Department helped organize an effort to send 74 police department T-shirts signed with messages of encouragement to U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

La Crosse police officers donate T-shirts to soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan

7-year-old wants to continue tradition

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

To suggest Michael Abraham will grow up to be anything but a police officer might bring out the worst in the 7-year-old boy.

He may be just a boy, but he makes it clear — daily — that there will come a day he will carry out justice just like his father and grandfather.

Sure, it will be several years before the son of La Crosse police Capt. Rob Abraham will set to on a career, but Michael's father sees his son has the same infatuation for police work he had when he was a boy.

"I can remember when my dad would come home for lunch when I was little. He would have the police car and radio, and I would listen to the radio and play with the radio. I would play with my dad's handcuffs — I even lost them once," said Rob Abraham, whose father, Mike Abraham, is a retired lieutenant with the

La Crosse Police Department. Abraham's son already knows his way around a squad car better than most rookie cops, wears his own police uniform daily and spends most of his time "locking up bad guys" — usually his 3-year-old sister.

"My wife and I will often tell him he's going to be a pharmacist, but he gets mad at us and says, 'No I'm not! Being a pharmacist is boring. I'm going to be a police officer,'" Abraham said.

If a law enforcement career is in Michael's future, Abraham said he will do what his father did: make sure his son knows what the job is really like and then offer as much support as possible.

"As a parent you want to keep your kid safe, but he's going to do what he wants to do," Abraham said. "If he wants to do it, I'll support it. Police work has been a big part of our family, and if he wants to carry on the tradition, that's great."



Mike Abraham



Rob Abraham



Young Michael

National Night Out events planned

7/26/06

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Throughout La Crosse and the nation, neighborhoods of people will gather to take a bite out of hot dogs and hamburgers, while taking a bite out of crime at the same time.

During the 23rd annual National Night Out on Aug. 1, neighbors will take time to get together, enjoy food, fun, conversation and ways to help drive crime away from their homes.

Crime Stoppers gets a new voice

La Crosse police officer Drew Gavrilos will be the new spokesman for the La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers program, when Sgt. Jim McDowell retires next week after 22 years.

Since the program began in 1984, more than 1,600 cases have been solved, 1,597 people arrested, 234 fugitives captured and \$911,000 worth of stolen property and narcotics recovered. The program has paid \$137,000 in rewards for tips leading to criminal arrest.

If you have information about a crime, call Crime Stoppers at (608) 784-TIPS or 1-800-947-3577.

6/8/06



Officer Ron Secord, the new school resource officer at Central High School, stops to say hello to one of his student acquaintances, Nick Laylin, in the hallway during his rounds Tuesday.

D-2 Monday, August 21, 2006

HOMETOWN

Police honored for school program

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

The La Crosse Police Department's School Resource Officer Program recently was recognized as a "model agency" by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

The La Crosse police Capt. Rob Abraham said receiving the Model School Resource Officer Agency Award demonstrates the department's commitment

to the school program. "This is a tremendous honor, but it wouldn't be possible without the collaborative efforts of the La Crosse School District, which has been a big supporter," Abraham said.

The La Crosse public schools program began in 1996 as a partnership between the school district and police. An officer was assigned to each of the two public high schools and

the three middle schools. "It really helps to have a face in there, for the kids to have someone they can go to, and it gives a real safety and security measure for the schools," Abraham said. "But the officers also get involved in some teaching aspects with the GREAT program in the middle schools."

The national association's model agency award recognizes law enforcement agen-

cies whose school resource officer programs show excellence in several areas, such as training, policies and daily operation. The department received the award in July at the association's national conference in Palm Springs, Calif.

Dan Springer can be reached at (608) 791-8269 or dspringer@lacrosetribune.com.

Walking to a new beat

Logan and Central welcome new officers to school halls

By DAN SIMMONS
La Crosse Tribune

Heath Graves walks the same halls as a police officer. He walked as a student at Logan High School, class of 1988.

The halls at Central High School, however, are new to officer Ron Secord. He went to Aquinas, graduating in 1988. And he has noticed some differences.

"Students here can come and go, leave school at lunch, just generally have a lot more freedom than we did," he said. "Plus, there aren't any more."



Officer Heath Graves has taken his father's old position as school resource officer at Logan High School.

FIELD SERVICES BUREAU



Gary Uting, Bureau Director
Captain

The Field Services Bureau never Closes; We Protect and Serve 24 Hours a Day Every Day of the Year!

The bureau consists of three shifts; each commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by three sergeants, with support of a 4th shift of Alcohol, Compliance, and Enforcement (ACE) officers assisting with peak calls for service during the evening and early morning hours. Services provided include community policing, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, criminal investigation, special event public safety, honor guard duties and handling service-oriented calls with the public.

The bureau provides command, control and most of the officers for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, motorcycle patrol, bicycle patrol and foot patrol. Support is provided to and received from the police chaplain program, police reserve program and the police internship program. The key to our success is our ability to conduct immediate problem solving by team effort working directly with the community involved.

The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the state of Wisconsin with many bureau officers providing training to other officers throughout the state. Many of the bureau officers have attended Federal Homeland Security Training and State Emergency Management Training. The officers continually demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism under difficult circumstances as they serve the community under the department's mission statement.

Field Services

Bureau Director—Captain

Gary Uting

Shift Lieutenants

Raymond Serres

James Ballas

Troy Nedegaard

Shift Sergeants

Jerome Korger

Joe Smith

Kirk Flatten

Craig Oleson

Jeffrey Smith

Gary Hauser

Brian Thomson

Thomas Walsh

Officers

Steven Holinka
Alan Baldwin
Steven Thornton
James Kirby
Craig Teff
Bradley Stoner
Failing Yang
Stephanie Welch
Teri Roden
Grant Gyllander
James Mancuso
Ryan Stenslien
Tony Delap
Andy Rosenow
Ryan Prock
Timothy O'Neill

John Matuska
Brian Olson
Andrew Angst
Richard Rank
Gregory Fitzsimmons
Lisa Barrix
Alan Hagen
James Gegenfurtner
Eric Christianson
Jacob Jansky
Ryan Fitzgerald
Christopher Schuster
Joel Miller
Jeremy Rindfleisch
Tom Hansen
Melissa Sommers

Gary Clements
Scott Delaney
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Alan Iverson
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Jovanna Nedland
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Tony Leque
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PATROL DIVISION

IN THE NEWS

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the alcohol shift

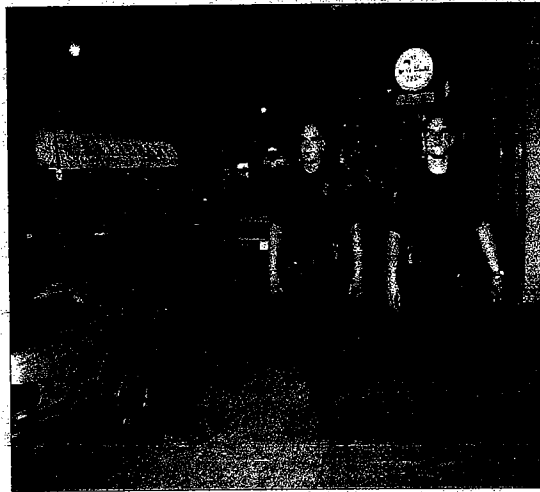
La Crosse police working different hours to keep trouble spots quiet

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

It's just about bar time early Sunday, and the La Crosse Police Department's third shift officers are ready.

Even though the downtown crowds are down because many of the college students who typically congregate at the nightspots are home for the summer, the officers are prepared to deal with the normal rush of activity that comes at closing time.

"Well, let's see what we have going on," Sgt. Brian Thomson says as he pulls onto Third Street and drives past the row of bars as patrons start filing out. "They've all had last call, and



La Crosse police officers Grant Gyllander, left, and Jeremy Rindfleisch walk down Third Street last week-end. Last year, police issued 600 more alcohol-related citations than in 2004.

35 fail alcohol test

Businesses sold or served 19-year-old in police sting

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

COP SHOOTS OFFICER'S ASSAILANT

By DAN SPRINGER
and DAN KENT
La Crosse Tribune

A routine traffic stop turned bloody Saturday afternoon when a passenger in the stopped vehicle was shot after striking an officer, police and witnesses said.

La Crosse police Capt. Bob Abraham said the injured suspect and an officer were being treated for injuries sustained in the incident, which started at 4:33 p.m. when a La Crosse police officer pulled over a suspect for speeding and suspected drunken driving at the intersection of Ross and 5th streets.

As the officer was speaking with the driver, a passenger left the pickup and confronted the officer with a "man-dinette" weapon, Abraham said. The officer and the passenger scuffled as a second officer reached the scene to help. The suspect assaulted and injured the officer, and the second officer shot the suspect at least one

time, Abraham said. Witnesses said the officer was assaulted by a man, but Abraham would not provide more details on the suspect or the driver. Witnesses also said officers performed CPR on the injured man until an ambulance arrived and took him to a local hospital.

The officer, whose name was not released, also was taken to a hospital.

Officers at the scene were unsure when the last time a La Crosse officer shot someone while on duty, but most thought it was in the 1980s when officer Evan Stone shot a suspected drunk driver who tried to flee into Mt. Vernon.



La Crosse police officers secure the scene and the driver of the car that was shot by an officer after a traffic stop.

LA CROSSE'S FINEST



The La Crosse Police Department has eight new officers: from left, standing, Frank Raebch, Joel Miller, Jim Marzotto, Jeremy Rindfleisch, Craig Telf, Christopher Shuster and Casey Roszman; seated is Stephanie Welch.

MEET THE ROOKIES

This year's class of new faces brings a new look to LCPD

MONDAY PROFILE: Andrew Rosenow



La Crosse Police Officer Andrew Rosenow is one of the best in a department and in the state at getting drunk drivers off the road. And about 97 percent of his OWI arrests end in a conviction.

Officer says enforcement of OWIs is a team effort

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Most police officers have one part of their job that truly gets them going. Something that makes them feel they're really making a difference.

For La Crosse Police Officer Andrew Rosenow that is catching drunk drivers.

"I know it sounds cliché, but every time you arrest someone for drunk driving, you are potentially saving at least one life and maybe several lives," Rosenow said. "It makes me feel

good knowing there is one less intoxicated person on the street."

Rosenow, 28, not only enjoys making stops for operating while intoxicated. He's good at it. Very good. One of the best in a department that strives to take drunk drivers off the road. But he's also one of the best in the state.

In 4½ years as an officer, Rosenow has made 475 OWI arrests. But more than that, almost all of those arrests were what he calls "good, solid arrests."

Injured officer, others to be honored during Police Week

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

A La Crosse police officer who was stabbed with a screwdriver during an altercation after a drunken driving stop will be honored with a Law Enforcement Purple Heart during a ceremony Monday.

Officer Jon Wenger, who was stabbed three times and injured his knee during the March 25 incident, will receive the national honor during the La Crosse Police Department's annual Public Awards and Recognition Ceremony marking Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Purple Heart medals are awarded to officers who are

injured while performing their duties. The officer requires medical attention and is off duty for 30 days or more, according to the American Law Enforcement Hall of Fame Web site.

At Monday's ceremony, the department will honor 13 officers, including officer Thad Baldwin, who police say likely saved Wenger's life when he shot Wenger's alleged assailant.

Four police officers who saved a woman and the woman's elderly parents from a burning home last September will also be honored by the department, according to police Capt. Gary Utzig.

Sgts. Michael Stokhuts and Brian Thomson and officers

Todd Fischer and Andrew Rosenow will also be honored later in the month with a Certificate of Merit from the Wisconsin Professional Police Association.

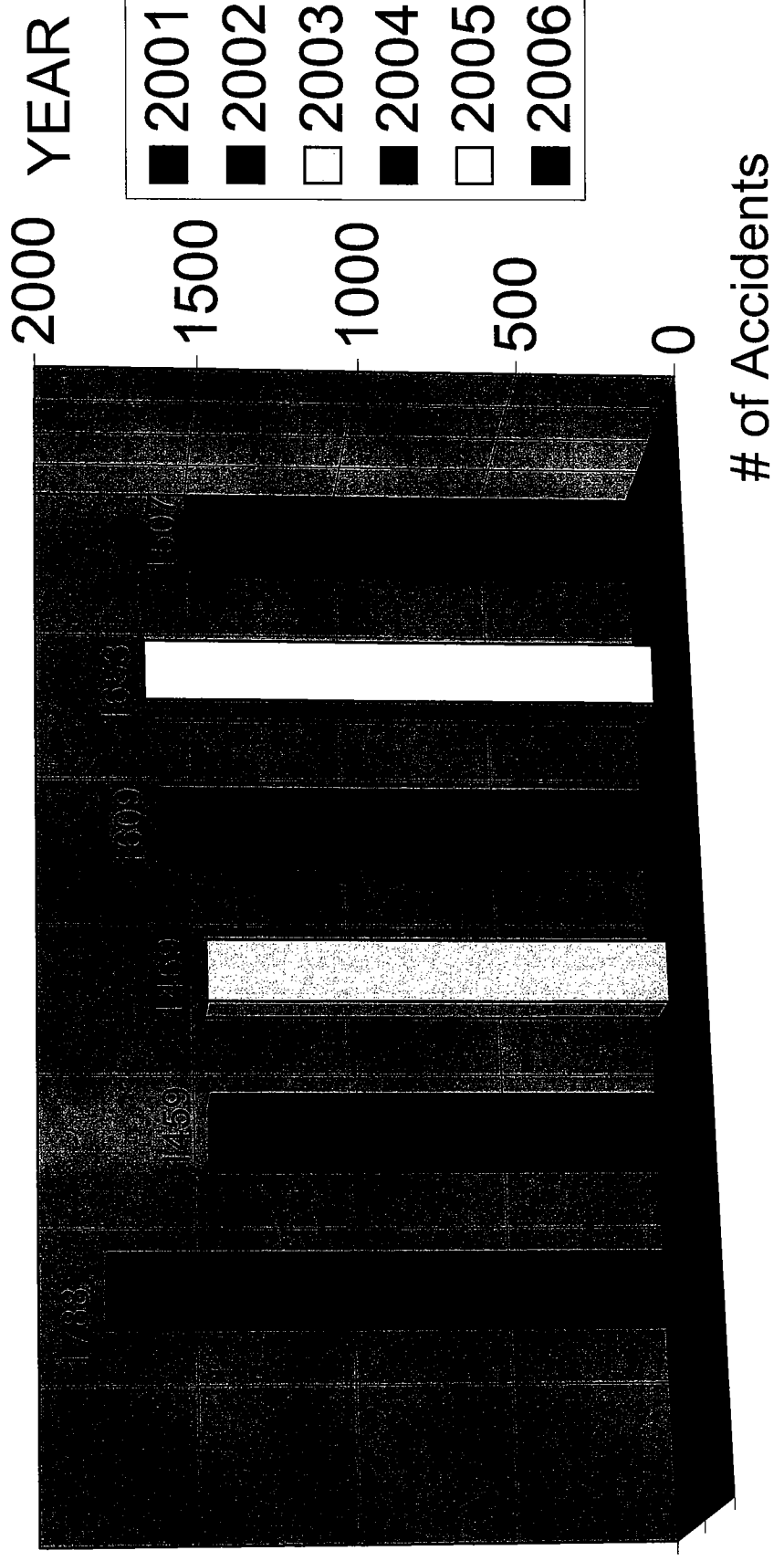
"Due to the quick response, thinking and heroic actions of (the) officers, three lives were saved," shift commander Lt. Robert Lawrence wrote in nominating the men for the department's commendation.

According to Lawrence's nomination, the officers had to crawl on hands and knees and feel their way through choking, black smoke to find a woman and her elderly parents who were trapped inside a burning house at 1402 Mississippi St. just before 1 a.m. Sept. 10.

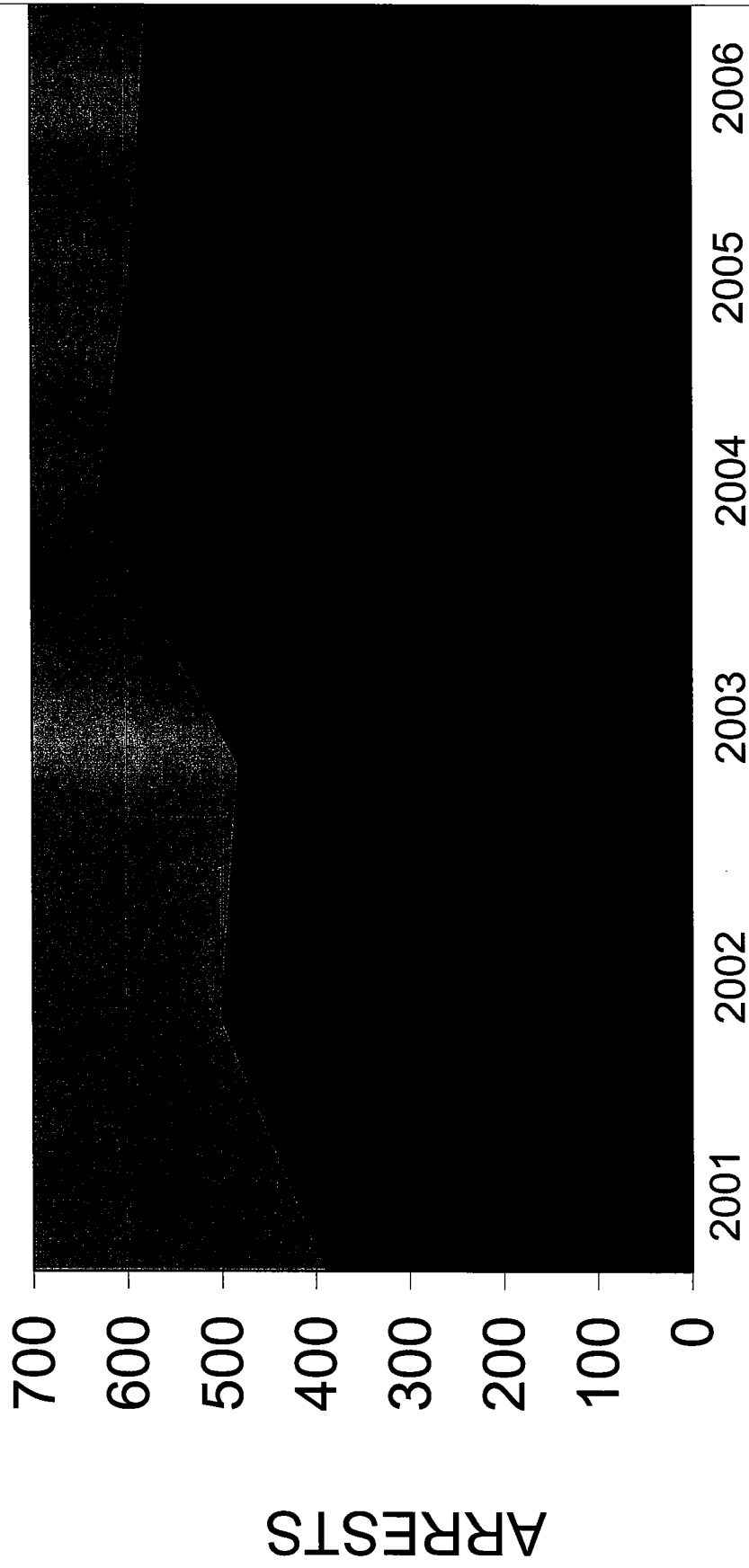
Along with the police officers, the department will recognize several "involved citizens" who have made significant contributions to making our community a better place to live or who have in some manner aided their fellow citizens," according to Lt. Bob Berndt.

Members of the various law enforcement agencies of La Crosse County will come together for a brief memorial service in recognition of Police Week at 10 p.m. Monday inside the south entrance of La Crosse City Hall.

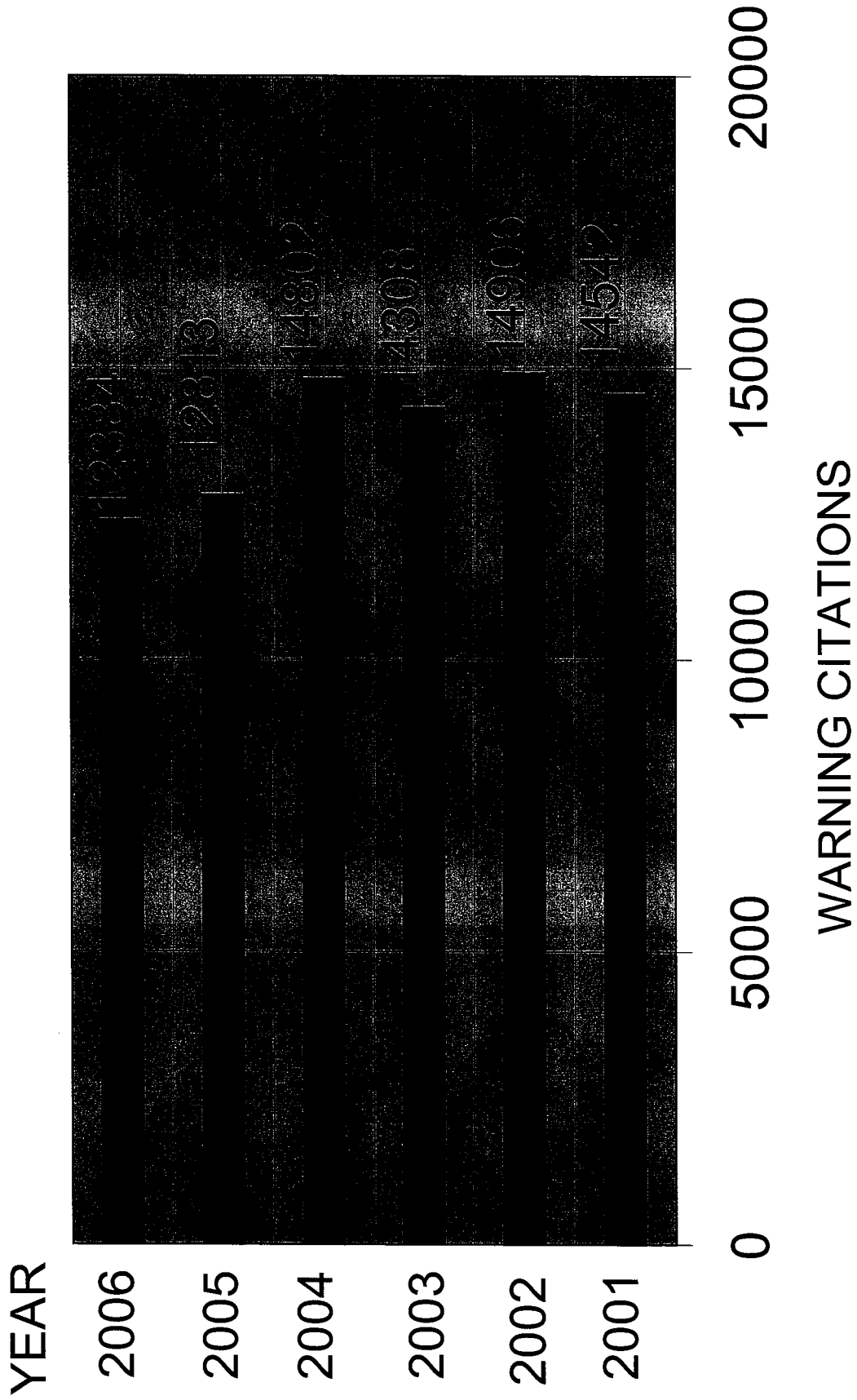
The La Crosse Award and Recognition Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Policing Center, 713 St. James Street.



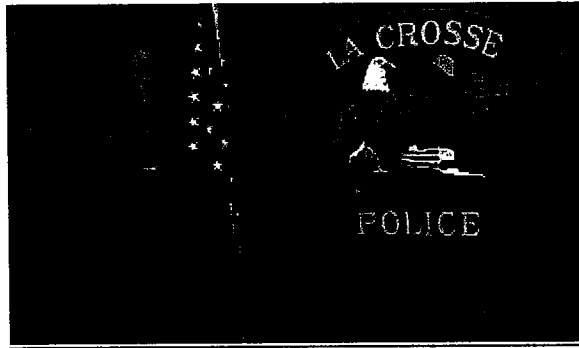
OWI ARRESTS



WARNING TICKETS



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



**Michael Brohmer, Bureau Director
Captain**

The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible for follow-up on all criminal cases initiated in the Field Services Bureau as well as those initiated by investigative staff. The Bureau is divided into three major divisions: general investigations, narcotics and juvenile crime and victimization. The Juvenile Division staff handles all juvenile related matters reported to the police department. The balance of the investigative staff is assigned to either general or narcotic investigations. All investigative sworn staff members are capable of performing specialized tasks, which allows considerable flexibility for follow-up on all types of criminal activity.

Personnel generally work two shifts providing expertise in major crime investigations as well as initiating investigations, developing sources of information, and providing the community with personnel specific to their needs.

The Investigative Staff is also actively involved in community policing. Personnel serve on a variety of local, state and national committees. These include: Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, the Child Advocacy Center, Drug Endangered Children Task Force, La Crosse County Drug Court, Wisconsin Association for Identification, Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators and the National Associations of Gang and Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators to name just a few. The investigative staff also provides a variety of educational and instructional training presentations at UW- La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, both local hospitals, a variety of neighborhood groups, and the area high schools and middle schools.

The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) also plays an important role in helping the bureau reduce the number of domestic related calls while bringing services to those in need within the community.

The clearance rate for reportable Part I Crimes remains well above the national average. This is a result of the combined efforts and investigations of the Field Services Bureau and the Investigative Services Bureau. Their dedication and attention to duty makes this possible and it increases the efficiency and effectiveness of the department as a whole.

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Marion Byerson

Rick Pfennig

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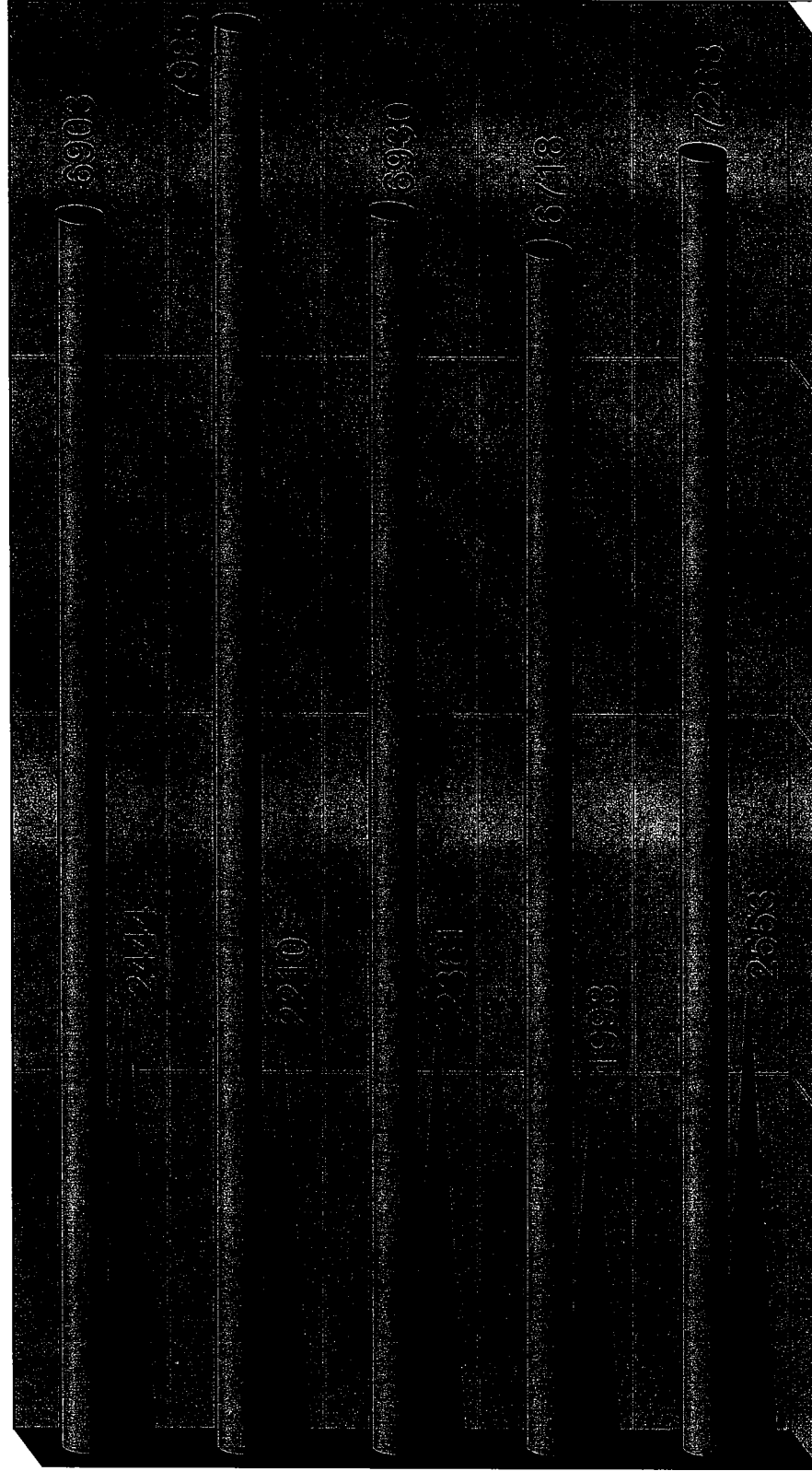
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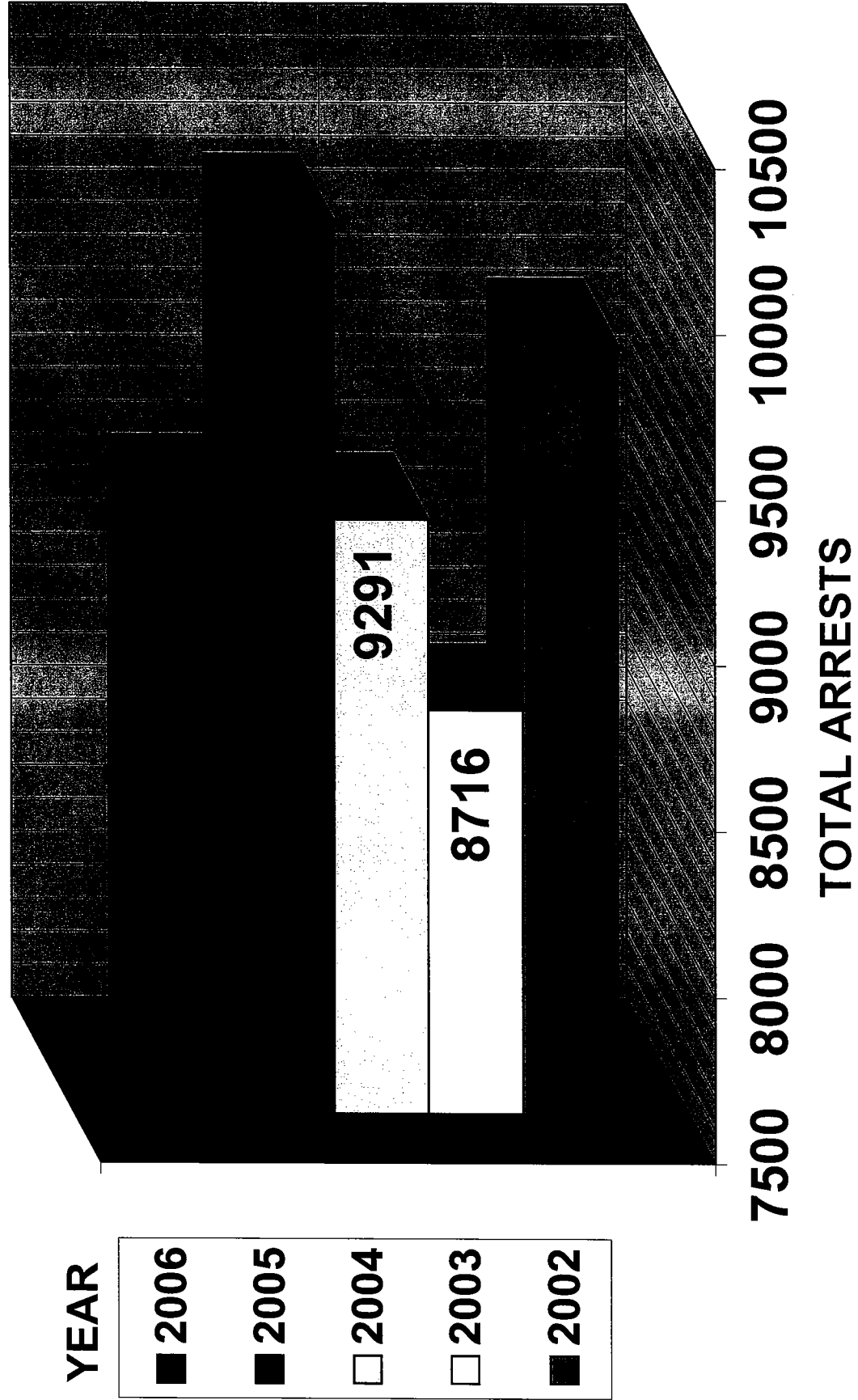
JUVENILE V. ADULT ARRESTS

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INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

IN THE NEWS

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PETER THOMAS/OLA CROSS TRIBUNE

Five semi-automatic guns and methamphetamine, ecstasy and powdered cocaine line the table in front of La Crosse police Sgt. Cary Joholski, right, Chief Ed Kondracki, center and investigator Marion Byerson. Police seized the drugs and weapons Friday from two La Crosse men believed to be associated with Chicago-based gangs after a four-month long investigation. All but one of the guns were loaded. At least three more individuals were arrested in connection to the investigation, but details are pending due with the continuing investigation.

Neighbor helps police solve bank robbery

60/82/11

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

With the help of bank employees and an alert neighbor, La Crosse police were able to make an arrest just minutes after a man reportedly robbed the River Bank on La Crosse's South Side late Monday morning.

GUNS, DRUGS SEIZED

Trafficking probe nets \$40,000 in contraband

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Investigation nets cache of weapons, drugs

Police chief has no doubt the community will be much safer

Three men were charged with federal offenses after a four-month investigation into the seizure of eight handguns reported last month, said La Crosse police Chief Ed Kondracki.

Kondracki said the weapons, which were seized last week, included a .357 caliber Glock pistol, a 300 semi-automatic handgun, a .40 caliber Remington pistol and two .45 caliber pistols.

Marion Byerson said the cache included a number of rifles and shotguns, a 307 caliber Glock pistol, a 300 semi-automatic handgun, a .40 caliber Remington pistol and two .45 caliber pistols.

The investigation also traced a 40-year-old female and a 25-year-old male to the cache.

Byerson said the cache was found in a storage unit at 1800 S. 5th St. in La Crosse.

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BIG BUSTS IN THE AREA



LEE NEWSPAPERS FILE PHOTO

Sgt. Cary Joholski of the La Crosse Police Department, left, Jeanne Hehr of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Madison and federal prosecutor J.B. Van Hollen show the media the 650 pounds of marijuana seized from a Holmen storage unit in 2003.

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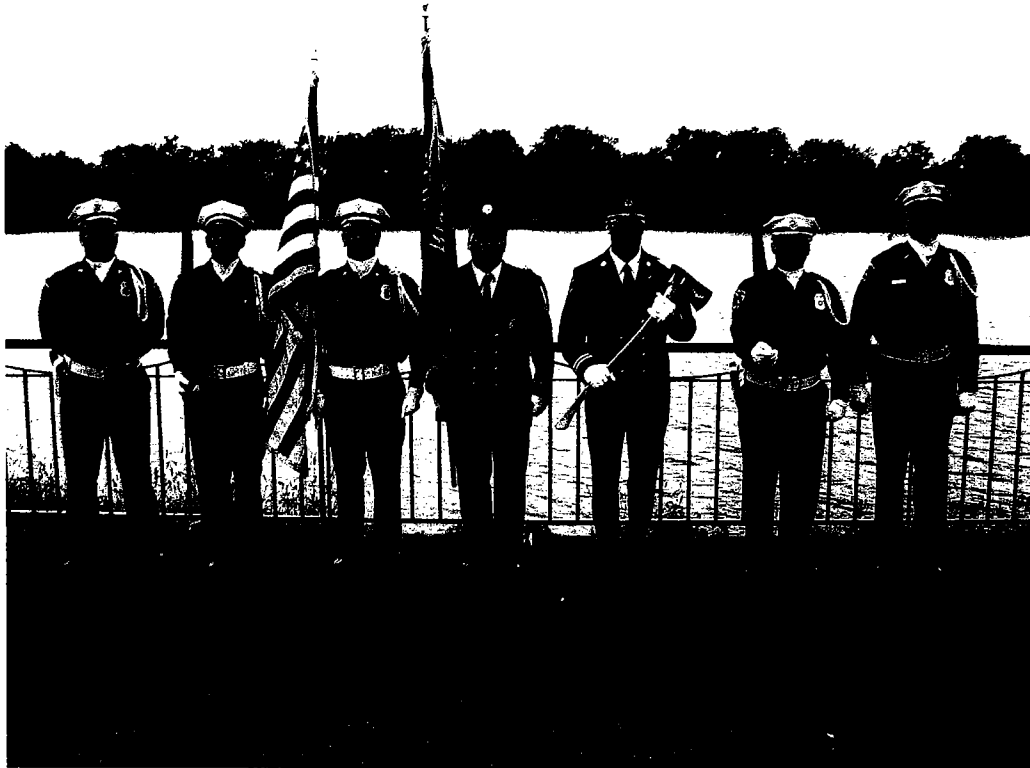
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La Crosse police K-9 gets top honor

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ANNUAL REPORT

Lieutenant prepares to end 'a long, wild ride'

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

THE MARCOU FILE

Name: Dan Marcou
Age: Will be 53 Saturday
Profession: Lieutenant with La Crosse Police Department, head of Training Division; instructor at Western Technical College, Fox Valley Technical College and various other police schools throughout the nation.

Family: Wife Vicky; two grown children; two grandchildren.
Education: 1971 graduate of Aquinas High School; police science degree from Madison Area Technical College.

Experience: Officer in McFarland, Wis., for three years; La Crosse Police Department officer since July 25, 1977.
Plans after retirement: Continue to teach, go on adventures with grandchildren and finish his novel, "The Calling: Making of a Police Officer," about Le Claire (Wis.) police Officer Dan McCarthy.

What I was born to do:
During his career, Marcou has delivered babies, saved lives, seen an officer's life

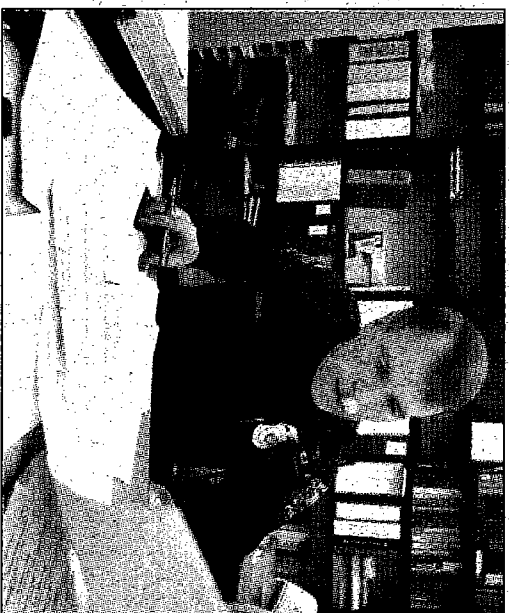
called every name in the book. Still, it's the good times he'll remember, he said, such as using CPR to revive a young child.

"The sound that child made when she sucked in that first breath was the sweetest sound I ever heard," Marcou said. "It was priceless. Absolutely priceless."

But he also mourns those he had to watch take their last breath.

"In each and every case, I would stop and say a little prayer," Marcou said. "I always thought someone else — a

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PETER THOMSON/LA C
Lt. Dan Marcou refers to paperwork while filling out his la report at his desk at the La Crosse Department at City Ha is retiring after 29 years with the La Crosse Police Depart 33 years as an officer.