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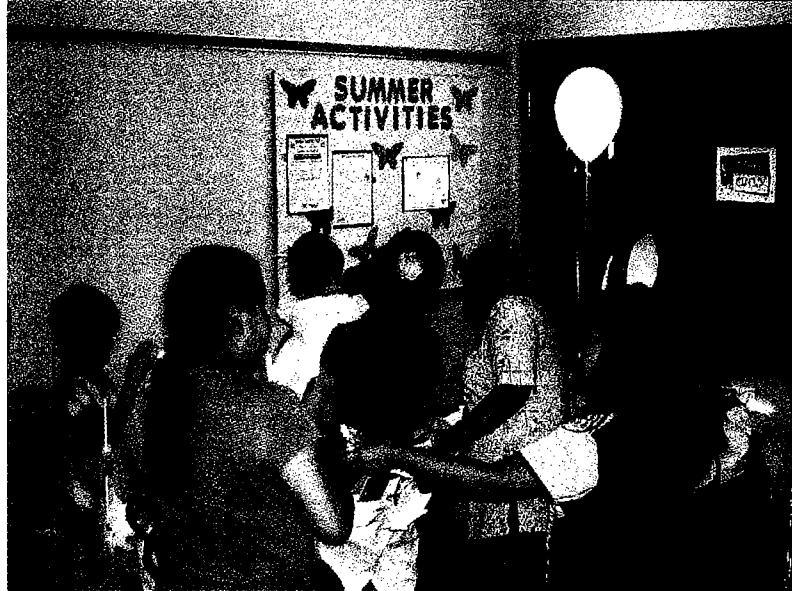
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT '07



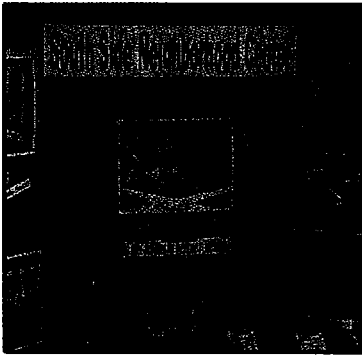


ABOUT THE COVER

Neighborhoods throughout La Crosse participated in the 24th Annual 'National Night Out' on August 7th, 2007. Mayor Johnsrud, Chief Kondracki, and other members of the La Crosse Police Department, Fire Department and City Council Members attended the neighborhood parties throughout La Crosse and enjoyed an evening of celebration that encouraged neighborhoods to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.

'National Night Out' is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live



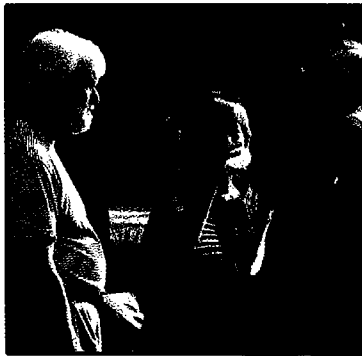
The following neighborhoods held block parties to show their support for "National Night Out".

- Red Cloud Park
- 2000 Block of Main Street
- 1200 Winnebago Street
- Hood Park
- 3200 S. 33rd Street



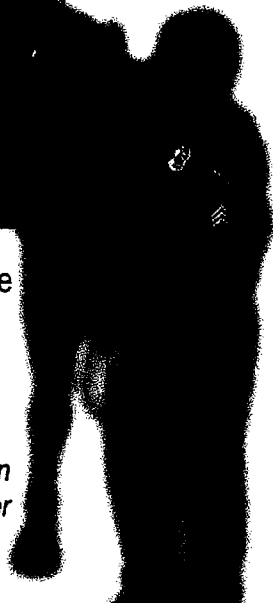
A special "thank you" to the following businesses for their support in making 2007 National Night out a success:

- Quiznos Subs
- Pepsi Cola of La Crosse
- Bakalars Sausage Co.
- Courtesy Corp
- Culvers
- Dalco
- Target Corporation



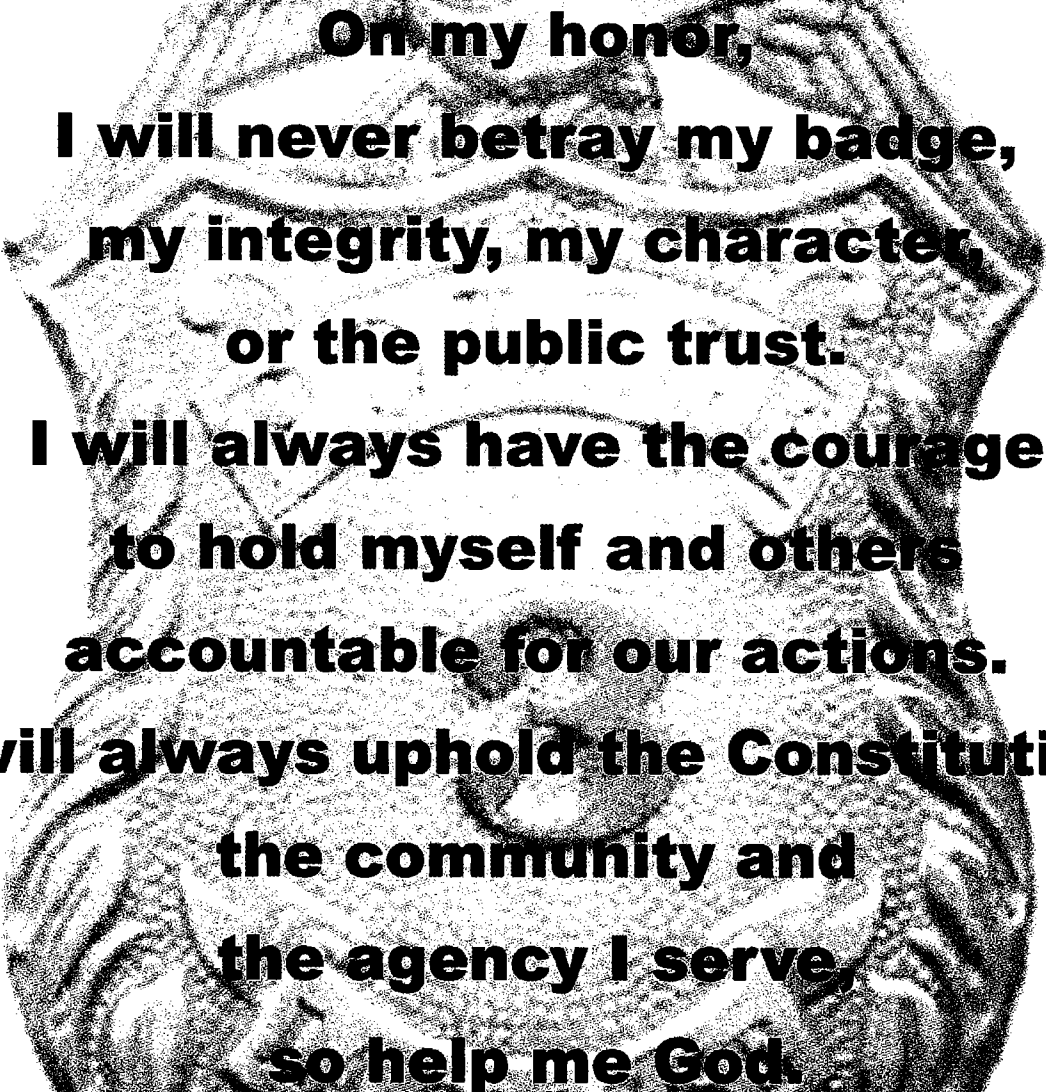
La Crosse Mounted Police participating in National Night Out

Sgt. Shawn Kudron and Thunder



Sgt. Sally Newm and Tego

Law Enforcement Oath of Honor



**On my honor,
I will never betray my badge,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.
I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.
I will always uphold the Constitution,
the community and
the agency I serve,
so help me God.**

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From the office of **CHIEF OF POLICE**

The year 2007 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 2007 as compared to preceding years. I am pleased to report that major crime dropped two percent in 2007 as compared to the preceding year resulting in one of the lowest crime rates in the past twenty years.

On September 28, 2007 the Clason Family donated \$5000 for the purchase of a drug dog to the La Crosse Police Department. The family felt that this would be a fitting tribute to the late Ralph Clason. Ralph Clason was a true dog lover and was extremely proud of his efforts as a member of the Police and Fire Commission from May 1986 to January 2002. On November 29, 2007 Officer Ryan Fitzgerald was selected as the department's first drug dog handler. An energetic one and a half year old AKC black Labrador retriever was located in North Dakota and was named Ralph in honor of Mr. Ralph Clason. Ralph was later sworn in by Municipal Judge Dennis Marcou as an official member of the La Crosse Police Department. Joyce Clason pinned Ralph's badge on him at the swearing in ceremony. We are all confident that the new drug canine unit will have a significant impact on drug activity in our community. It has been estimated that as much as eighty percent of all major crime in the nation is drug related.

2007 marked the 24th Annual National Night Out celebration in America. The 2007 National Night Out celebration here in La Crosse is the focus of this year's annual report. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Here in La Crosse National Night Out has become an important part of the police department's community oriented policing strategy. Simply stated community policing means working together to create the community/police partnerships that can make a positive difference. The many photos included in this year's annual report show a variety of events and activities throughout our community which included block parties, cook outs, youth programs, and visits from police officers, fire fighters and local elected officials to the various block club locations in La Crosse. National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and

police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community and nation.

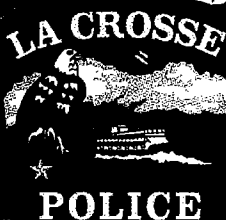
I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, who helped to make 2007 an extremely successful year in the history of policing our community. I am convinced that by working together, we can continue to combat crime and keep the City of La Crosse a safe place 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



Edward N. Kondracki
Edward N. Kondracki

Ann Willford - Administrative Assistant



LA CROSSE
POLICE

La Crosse Police Department **MISSION & VISION**



Mission Statement

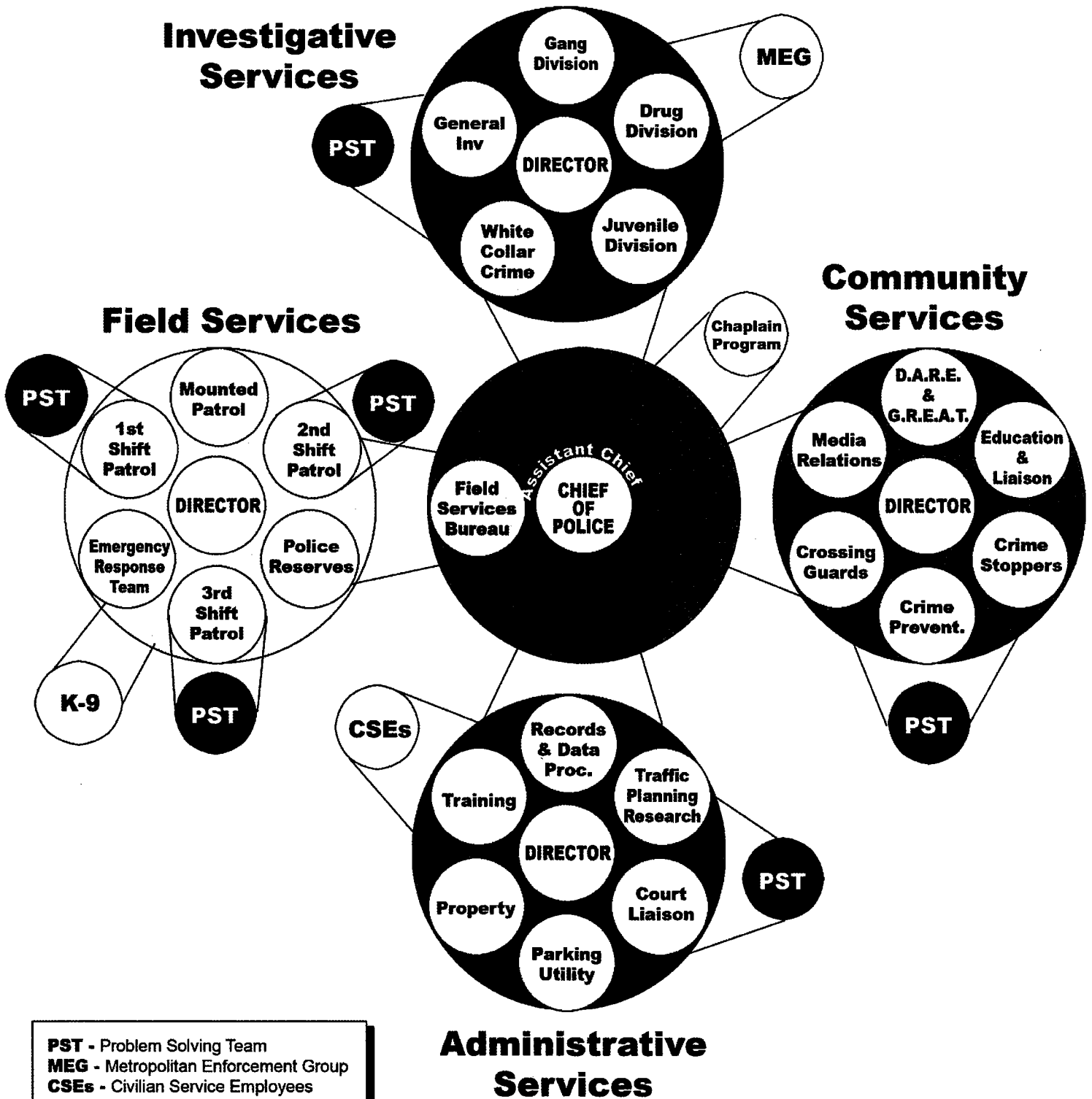
The La Crosse Police Department is committed to serving the citizens of La Crosse to the best of our ability and to improving the quality of life for all within our community. We will accomplish this mission by being proactive in the prevention of crime, and by enforcing the law with the protection and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

Vision Statement

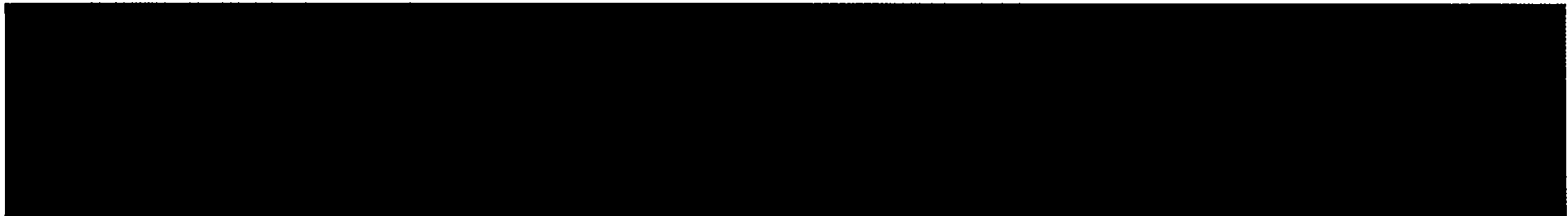
The La Crosse Police Department is committed to sharing responsibility for making our community a safe place to live and work by creating partnership that lead to this goal. We promise to accomplish this by:

- 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.

La Crosse Police Department ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PST - Problem Solving Team
MEG - Metropolitan Enforcement Group
CSEs - Civilian Service Employees



City of La Crosse **CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council enacts legislation and allocates City resources for program, services, and activities..
The La Crosse Police Department sincerely appreciates the support of the La Crosse City Council.

City Council Members

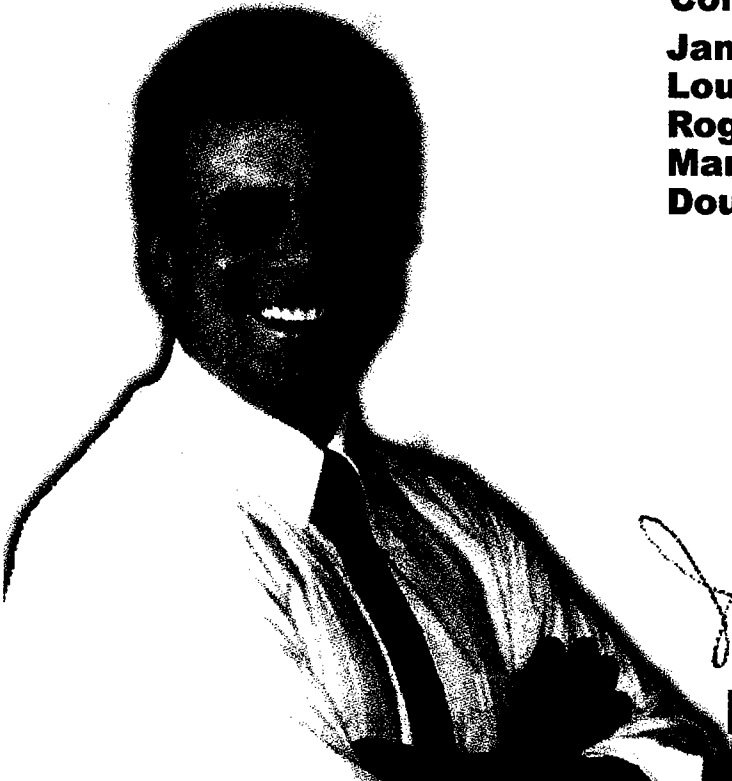
Richard Becker	Joe Ledvina
Jim Bloedorn	Dorothy Lenard
Douglas Farmer	Bernard Maney
Jacie Gamroth	Jon Olson
Bill Harnden	Bruce Ranis
George Italiano	Andrea Richmond
Jai Johnson	Tom Sweeney
Audrey Kader	Tom Wigdahl
Larry Lebiecki	

City of La Crosse **POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION**

The Police and Fire Commission is a non-political board of citizens appointed by the City Council. They oversee personnel matters, including the hiring and discipline of sworn staff members, consistent with State Statute 62.13. We appreciate that these Commission members volunteer their time and services to the La Crosse Community.

Commission Members

James Thorton
Louis Ritter
Roger Plesha
Mary Lund
Doug Happel



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Mark Johnsrud
Mayor, City of La Crosse

La Crosse Police Department

ADMINISTRATIVE

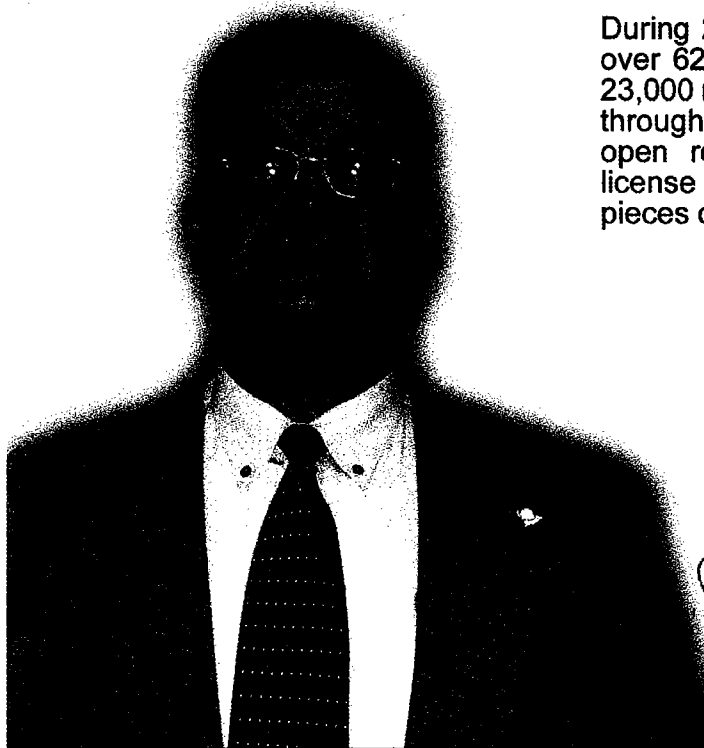
Services Bureau

The Administrative Services Bureau includes the Records Division and the Training Divisions, Court Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility, as well as Property and Evidence Section. This Bureau is responsible for accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budget development, communications and most other tasks that involve personnel or monies, and storage and security of evidence and property. Hiring, research and analysis, appropriations, grants, inventories and funding concerns fall within this Bureau's purview.

Over the course of 2007, thousands of hours of training were provided to the department coordinated by Lt. Robert Lawrence, Director of Training, the Training Division delivered over 14,372 hours of training to both sworn and civilian personnel. This includes 1,812 hours of Field Training of new officers, training conducted in-house and training provided outside the department. Members of our Department, working with the G.R.E.A.T. Midwest Region Training Center, coordinated training and trained officers throughout the Midwest, as well as other parts of the country.

The Records Division, charged with the responsibility to maintain all of our department records, as well as communication hardware, continues to accurately detail the work of our department members. During the 2007 calendar year with the help of our RMS software company, VisionAir, the La Crosse Police Department continued to assess the Incident Based Reporting (IBR) system and was able to become certified in Incident Based Reporting. Incident Based Reporting provides 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. The transition to the IBR system has been painstaking and slow, but should prove effective in providing our personnel accurate, usable information on criminal activity in the City. Initiated in 2006, we have continued the transition to 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.

During 2007 the CSE's/ parking utility issued and processed over 62,600 parking citation. The Records Bureau had over 23,000 reports processed and 20,000 citations/warnings come through the bureau. The Records clerks handled over 3,100 open records request along with processing over 1,000 license applications. The Property section handled over 5,000 pieces of property/evidence.



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Thomas Jacobs
Assistant Chief of Police

Administrative Lieutenant
Patrick Hogan

Training Lieutenant
Robert Lawrence

Records Division Sergeant
Randy Rank

Court Liaison / Traffic Investigator
Evan Stone

Property Section
Kristine Gasch
Lacey Alton

Civilian Service Employees (CSE)

Diane Skifton
Michael Nagy
Dan Ulrich
Steve Butterfield
Kong Lor
Kong Xiong

Teng Thao
Ben Burrow
Jason Nesbit
Thao Moua
Philip Serres

Records Divison Civilian Employees

Anne Heilman
Rebecca Smith
Nicole Schneider

Joanne Ruegg
Lisa Putz

Parking Utility Civilian Employees
Antoinette Gelbeck **Mary Sumeracki**

La Crosse Police Department **COMMUNITY**

Services Bureau

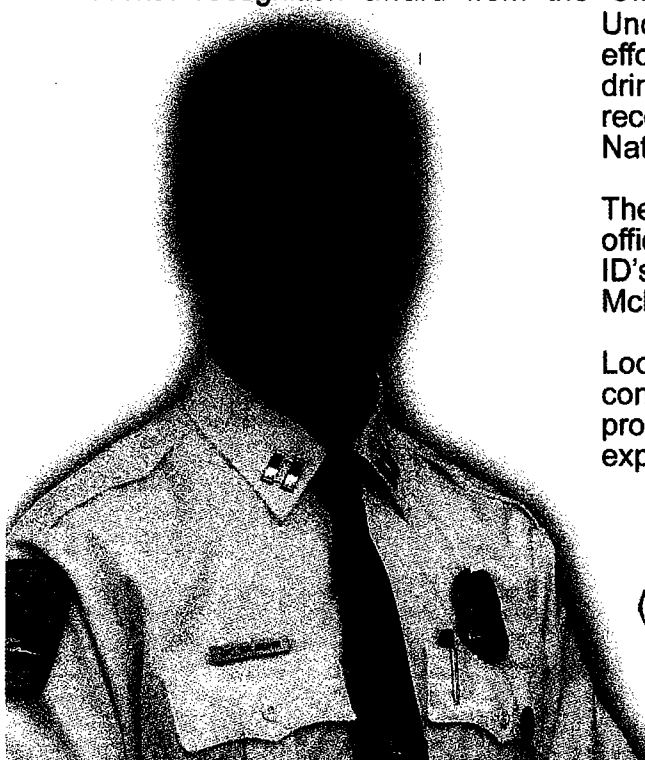
The Community Services Bureau is directed by Captain Robert Abraham. The Community Services Bureau is primarily responsible for community crime prevention education, news media relations, and school safety programming. They also provide staff and logistical support to the Patrol and Investigation Bureaus. Additionally, the Community Services Bureau is the administering bureau for the majority of grants in the department. In 2007, the Community Services Bureau administered federal and state grants totaling over \$300,000 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. 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 2007, The Department created the A.C.E. (Alcohol Compliance & Education) Team which is assigned to the Community Services Bureau. A.C.E. Officers Iverson and Wiczorek have been instrumental in presenting educational training to area beverage servers as well as presenting the new public intoxication training. Additionally, the ACE team coordinates enforcement efforts to reduce underage drinking and other alcohol violations. In 2007, the Community Services Bureau received a national recognition award from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program (OJJDP) Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center for their efforts in reducing the sale of alcohol to minors and underage drinking. Sgt. Jason Melby and Officer Drew Gavrilos received national recognition for their presentation at the National Leadership Conference on Underage Drinking..

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.

Looking forward to 2008, the Community Services Bureau will continue to provide quality community based prevention programming that the La Crosse Community has come to expect.



Robert Abraham
Captain - Bureau Director

Bureau Lieutenant
Robert Berndt

Bureau Sergeant
Jason Melby

MW Region G.R.E.A.T. Lieutenant
Raj Ramnarace

Traffic Safety Officer
Drew Gavrilos

D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T. Officers
Kurt Weaver
Jon Wenger

School Liaison Officers

Heath Graves	Bradley Stoner
Ronald Secord	Avrie Schott
Charles Frandsen	

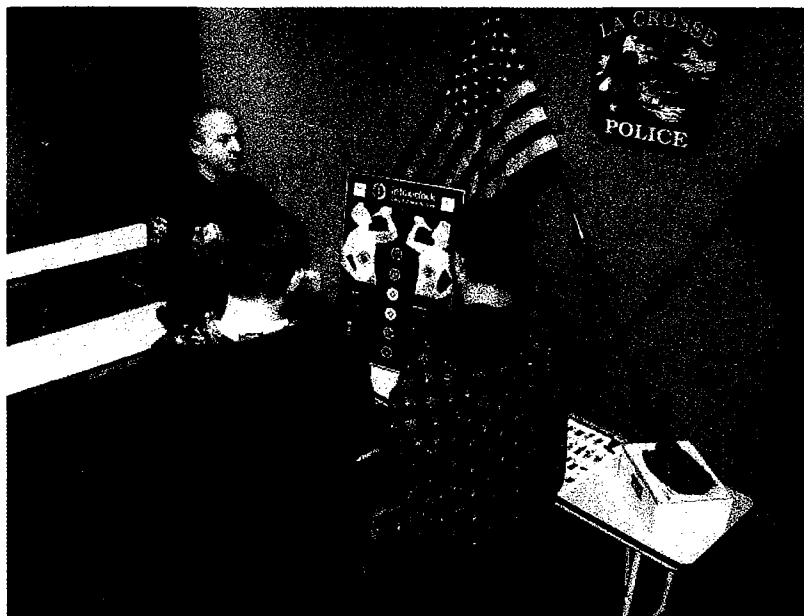
Alcohol Compliance & Education
Robert Wieczorek
Alan Iverson

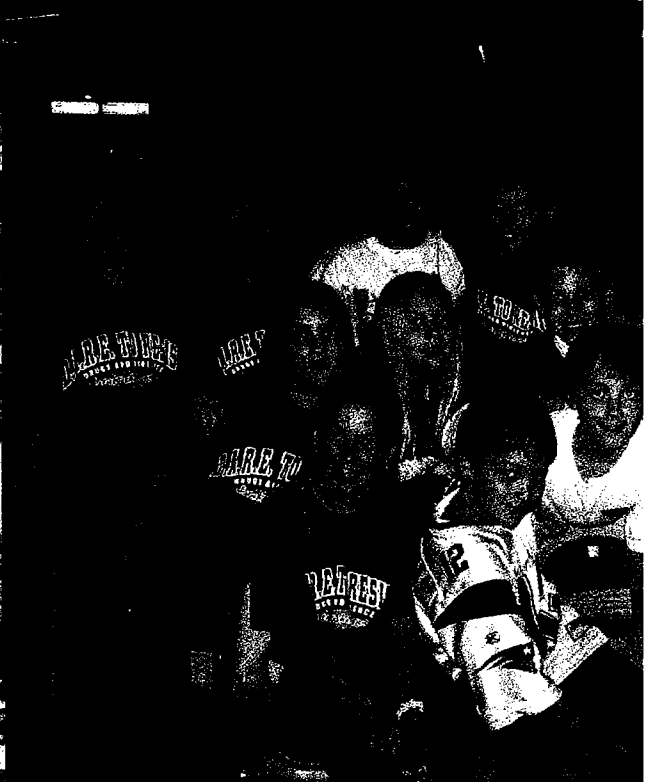
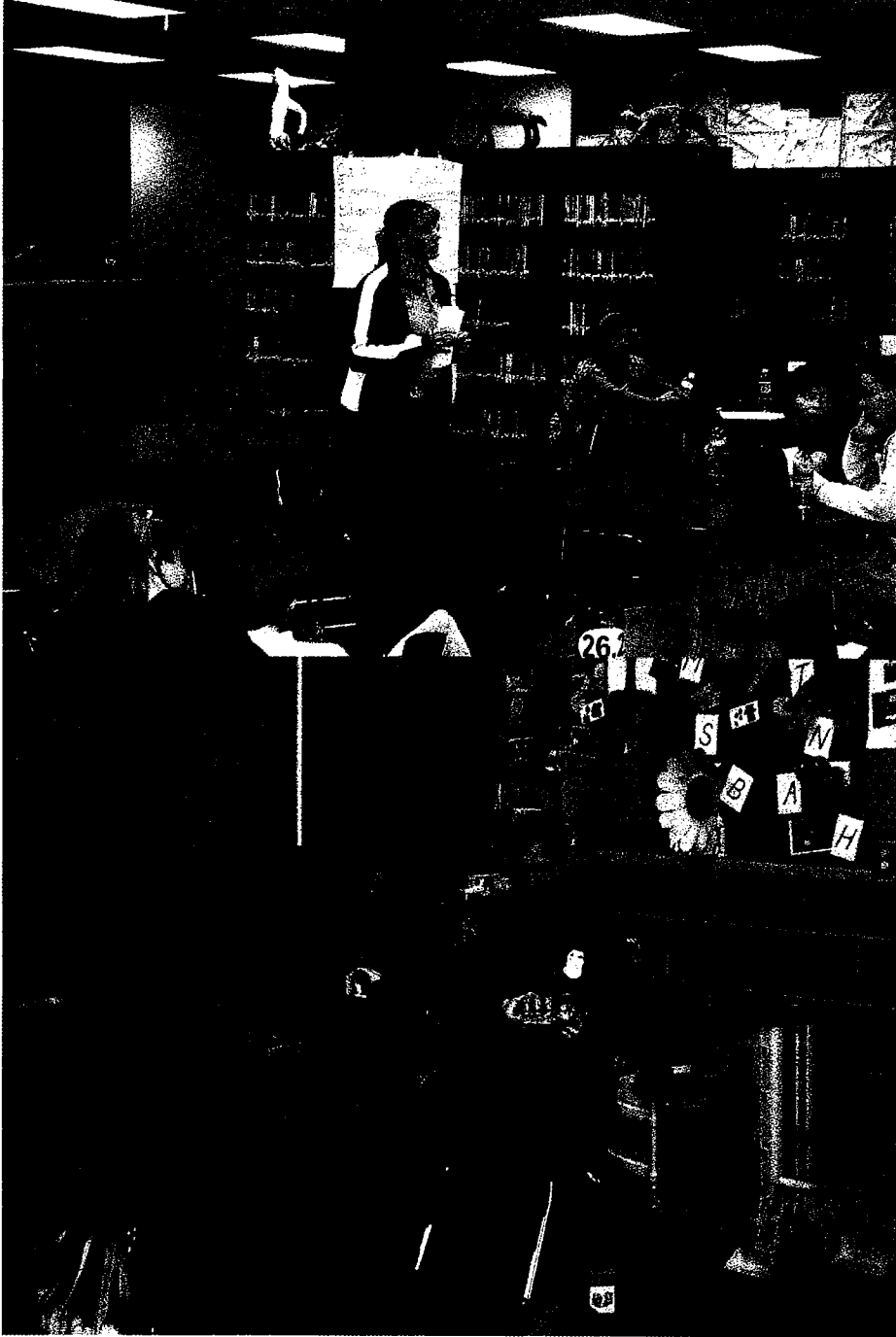
G.R.E.A.T. Civilian Employees
Teri Serres
Stephanie Gavrilos
Roger Barnes

La Crosse Police Department **COMMUNITY**

Services Bureau

In 2007, the Community Services Bureau conducted 140 presentations, which were delivered to over 4900 citizens in the community. Some of the topics included Personal Safety, Officer Friendly, Department Tours, Child ID's, Public Intoxication Classes, Identity Theft, Beverage Server Training, Bicycle Safety, and Drug Awareness. In addition, the bureau was able to educate over 2500 students by teaching the D.A.R.E. program, and 1850 students graduated from the G.R.E.A.T. Program.





La Crosse Police Department

FIELD

Services Bureau

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 the 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, K9 drug enforcement, 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, and special event monitoring. The bureau also provides K9 drug enforcement, 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.

Members of the field services bureau set the example in what community policing can achieve for the public and law enforcement. Getting results through team work and partnerships is what we do.



Gary A. Uting

Gary Uting
Captain - Bureau Director

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
Thad Baldwin
Steven Thornton
James Kirby
Lisa Barrix
Alan Hagen
Eric Christianson
Tony LeQue
Dale Gerbig
Brian Deyo
Ryan Prock
Brad Schomberg
Quintin Schaitel
Joel Miller
James Mancuso
Dustin Bartin
Andrew Dittman

John Matuska
Brian Olson
Andrew Angst
Richard Rank
Scott Harmel
Corrie Korn
Teri Roden
Todd Fischer
Ryan Fitzgerald
Andy Rosenow
Tom Hansen
Tim O'Neill
Craig Teff
Jeremy Rindfleisch
Frank Racich
Aaron Erdmann
Tony DeLap

Gary Clements
Scott Delaney
Mark Rosenmeier
Greg Fitzsimmons
Faling Yang
Jim Gegenfurtner
Grant Gyllander
Ryan Stenslien
Steve Pataska
Dan Kloss
Jovanna Nedland
Melissa Sommers
Chris Schuster
Stephanie Welch
Casey Rossman
Mike Ewald

La Crosse Police Department **INVESTIGATIVE**

Services Bureau

The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible for follow-up on all criminal cases initiated within the community through the police department. The Investigative Bureau is divided into three major areas of expertise: general investigations, narcotics and juvenile crime and victimization. The General Investigative staff handles all types of criminal cases, Narcotics focuses on drug and vice crimes, while the Juvenile Division handles all juvenile related incidents reported to the police department. All investigative staff members are cross-trained and are capable of performing a variety of specialized tasks. This 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 actively involved in our community and problem oriented policing philosophy. 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, Citizen Police Academy and the area public schools at all levels.

The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) also plays an important role in helping to reduce the number of domestic related incidents and by providing services to those in need within the community.

Our Part I Crime Clearance Rate (the most serious crimes) remains well above the state and national averages. This is a direct result of the efforts of the patrol officers and the investigative staff. Their dedication and attention to duty helps make our community a safer and better place to live and work.



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Michael Brohmer
Captain - Bureau Director

Bureau Lieutenant

Richard Mix

Juvenile Division Sergeant

David Schatzley

D.A.R.T. Sergeant

Sally Newman

Bureau Sergeants

Cary Joholski

Patrick Marco

Michael Blokhuis

Shawn Kudron

Bureau Investigators

Jacob Jansky

Matt Malott

Rick Pfennig

Juvenile Division Investigators

Linnea Moren

Jason Mahairas

Bureau Secretary

Kristi Jensen

La Crosse Police Department Chaplain Report

The Coulee Region Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program continued its operation in 2007 serving the police department personnel and the citizens of the City of La Crosse for a 7th full year.

Sixteen area clergy served with the program during the year from a wide variety of denominational representations. These licensed/ordained ministers served strictly as volunteers, did not receive pay for their availability or services they provided, and received 75 hours of training during the year. Chaplains were available to respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 365 days per year - as they serve in an on-call capacity on a rotation schedule. The on-call chaplain was equipped with a pager and duty bag to be readily available to respond as needed.

In 2007, our team of chaplains responded to 36 calls rendering support to our local law enforcement and to victims and families during times of tragedy. Chaplains were contacted for assistance with accidents, death notifications, suicides, a homicide, additional follow-up on a call, and situations in which a chaplain's presence, to provide counsel and comfort, would be beneficial.

In addition to emergency calls, other services our chaplains provided during the year included: providing on-site chaplain assistance throughout the Deke Slayton Airfest, hosting the 7th Annual Police Department Family Picnic, honoring retiring department personnel with a plaque and police retirement book, providing counsel to members of law enforcement and related emergency services personnel, and providing assistance to the newly established La Crosse Fire Chaplaincy Program by providing training and support to their Fire Chaplain.

The Chaplains of the Coulee Region Law Enforcement Chaplaincy consider it a great honor and privilege to assist and serve alongside the faithful and dedicated police officers of our community.



Rev. Mark D. Clements

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Head Chaplain

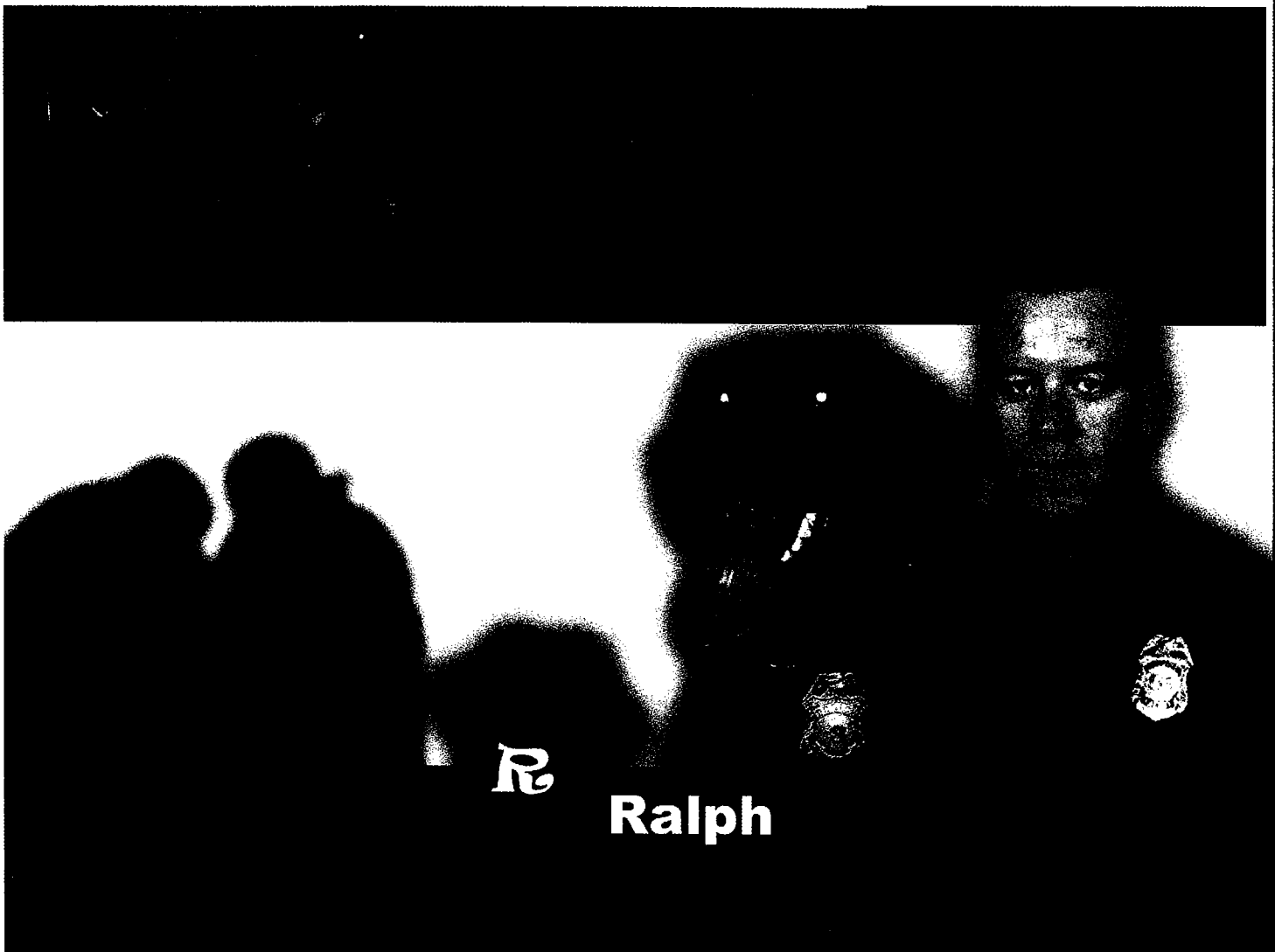
Coulee Region Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

La Crosse Police Department Drug Canine Interdiction

On September 28, 2007, the Clason Family donated \$5000 for the purchase of a drug dog for the La Crosse Police Department. The family felt this would be a wonderful tribute to Ralph Clason. Ralph Clason was a true dog lover and was extremely proud of his work on the Police and Fire Commission from May 1986 to January 2002. The only provision of this donation was that the dog be named "Ralph."

There are many benefits of drug canine interdiction. Police canine teams are one of the best tools available for contraband interdiction. No modern technology has been developed that can replace the effectiveness of a well trained drug dog. Certified and well trained drug dogs provide valuable assistance in the obtaining of search warrants. Police dogs have tremendous public relations impact and are often used to provide demonstrations at grad schools and civic events. Police canines offer an additional deterrent component to the police department's war on drugs. Drug dealers are often deterred from areas where drug dogs are apt to be utilized or are on patrol. Police canines are a cost effective augment to police departments across America.

On November 29, 2007 Officer Ryan Fitzgerald was selected as the department's canine handler as recommended by the selection committee. Ralph, an energetic one and a half year old AKC black Labrador was purchased in North Dakota, and joined the department on that day and was sworn in later by Municipal Judge Dennis Marcou. Joyce Clason pinned Ralph's badge on him at the swearing in ceremony.



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Ralph

La Crosse Police Department Reserve Unit

MISSION STATEMENT

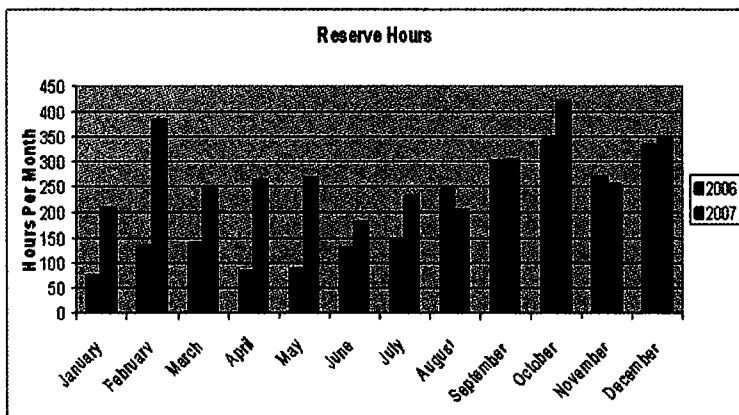
The Police Reserve Unit of the La Crosse Police Department is committed to serving the citizens of La Crosse to the best of our ability and to improving the quality of life for all within our community. We will accomplish this mission by working with residents and our members with professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2007, the Reserve Program witnessed a 140% increase in the number of hours dedicated to emergency callouts. We responded to crime scene security on January 21, 2007. Over half of our membership responded and stayed on site for ten hours. On February 16, 2007, the Reserve Unit responded to a dangerous house near Weston Street and East Avenue that was filled with explosives. Again, over half of the unit responded and kept the public away for nearly nine hours. On May 14 and August 19, we responded to down power lines. We set up a perimeter and kept citizens out of harms way. Both callouts were late in the evening and stretched into the early hours of the morning. On August 25, 2007, four members of the Unit responded to Highway 35 evacuations due to the mud slides after the torrential rains. The rainfall was so severe that it damaged the railroad lines near Goose Island. Approximately 40 families were required to evacuate the area because of the potentially dangerous chemicals on railway cars that had slipped off of the tracks. The members of the Reserves aided the sheriff's department in temporarily relocating the families to the south side elementary school. On September 8, 2007, five members of the Reserve Unit responded to a missing person's search for a young lady who was missing near the bluffs. They remained onsite and dealt with a very sensitive situation with the family for over six hours.

The following tables detail how and where the Reserve officers spent their time based on hours and number of events in 2007.

EVENTS	HOURS	PERCENT	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT
Meetings	252	8%	12	3%
La Crosse Center	553	17%	39	10%
Riverside Park Patrol	1,203	36%	156	39%
Parades	154	5%	18	5%
Baseball	152	5%	18	5%
Peer Court	79	2%	12	3%
Bike Patrol	95	3%	36	9%
Training	136	4%	21	5%
Community Events	396	12%	54	14%
ERT Support	21	1%	1	0%
Alcohol Task Force	34	1%	5	1%
Emergency Callouts	190	6%	14	4%
Investigation Support	63	2%	9	2%
TOTAL	3,327		395	



Citizen Service Award

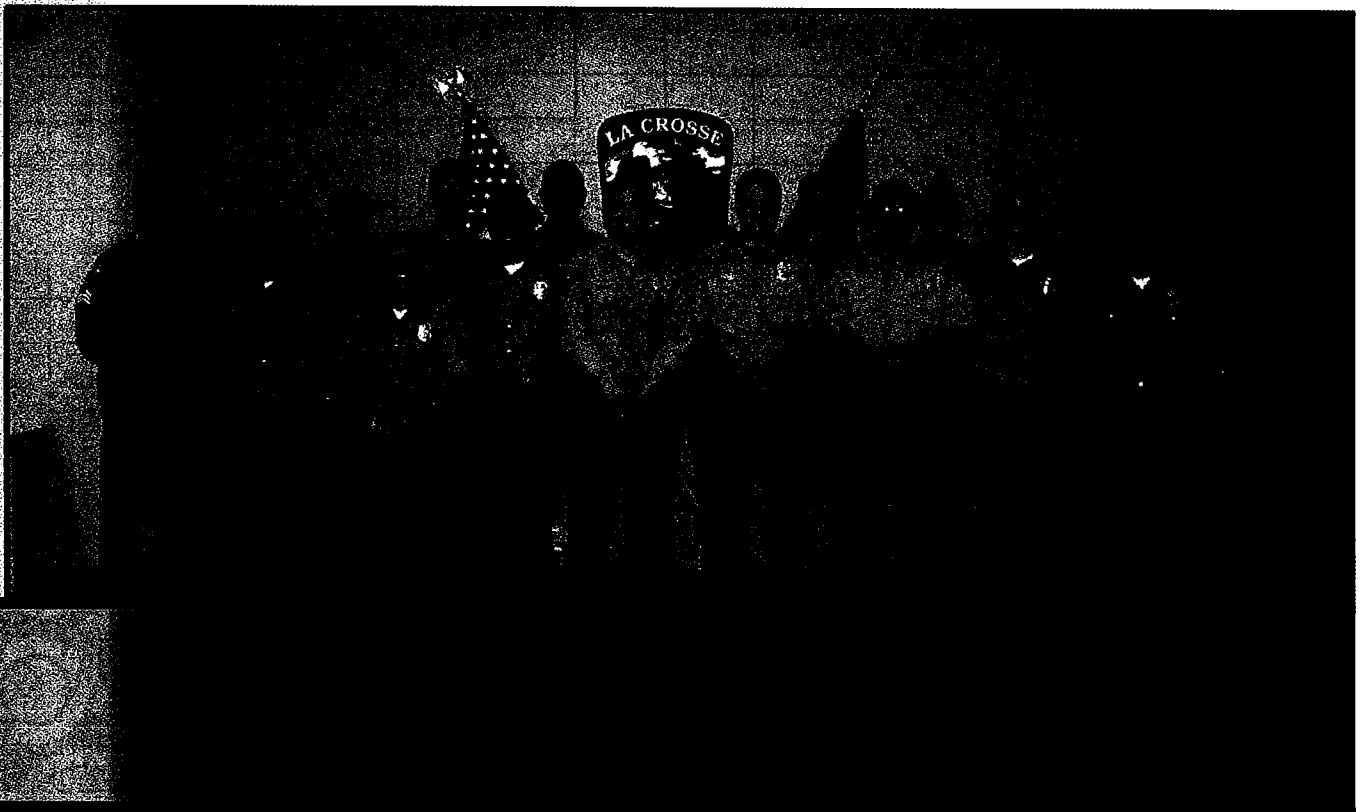
On May 15, 2007, the Police Reserve Unit was presented the prestigious Citizen Service Award for contributing 2,300 volunteer hours to the city of La Crosse, its citizens, and the La Crosse Police Department in 2006. We were honored to receive the award.



Chief Kondracki presents the Reserve Unit with the Citizens Service Award. Adam Wohlwend, Marcy Hutschenreuter, Marshall Quackenboss, Rich Bendel, Brandon Arnold and Ben Campbell accept the award.

La Crosse Police Reserve Unit 2007

(L to R) SGT Randy Rank, Marshall Quackenboss, Adam Wohlwend, Rich Bendel, Rebecca Mears, Alex Brick, Damian Kruse, Dan Huber, Brendan Brooks, Bryan Weichelt, Andrew Avery-Johnson, Roger Hackman, Brandon Arnold, Ron Bendel, Aeverie Hoepfner, Ben Campbell, Shannon Ehlke, SGT Jerry Korger.



FOUR-CAR ACCIDENT INJURES ONE



DICK RINKER/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

One minor injury was reported after a chain-reaction crash involving four vehicles at Hwys. 16 and B about 9 a.m. Thursday, said La Crosse police Sgt. Jerry Korger. The crash backed up traffic on Hwy. 16 for about 30 minutes during the morning commute. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

11 arrests made in North Side burglaries

Police say four adults and seven juveniles were involved in 20 burglaries and car entries and may be involved in another 20 to 30 incidents dating back to November. Their ages range from 11 to 20.

We need the police

By **RAY WUENSCH**
La Crosse

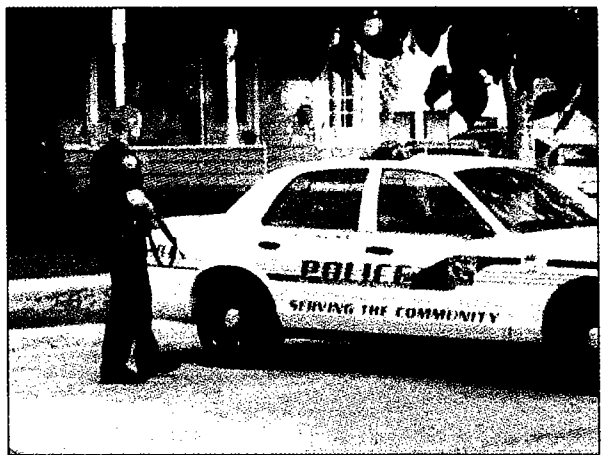
Man arrested after attack on elderly woman

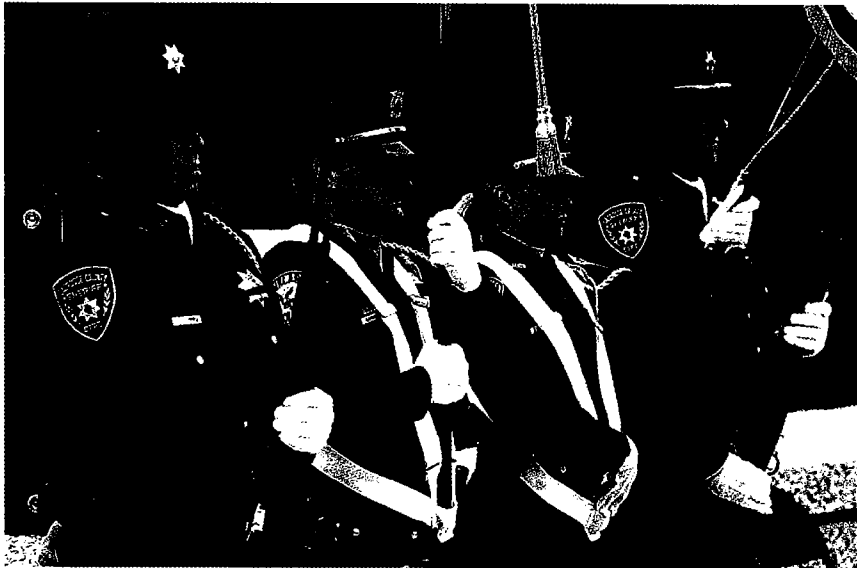
Police to honor officers, citizens Tuesday

ANDREW'S JAMES
An armed La Crosse police officer was in the middle of Sixth Street about 8:15 a.m. Thursday during a five-hour standoff with a man who had barricaded himself in an apartment at Sixth and DuSable streets.

Standoff leads to arrest

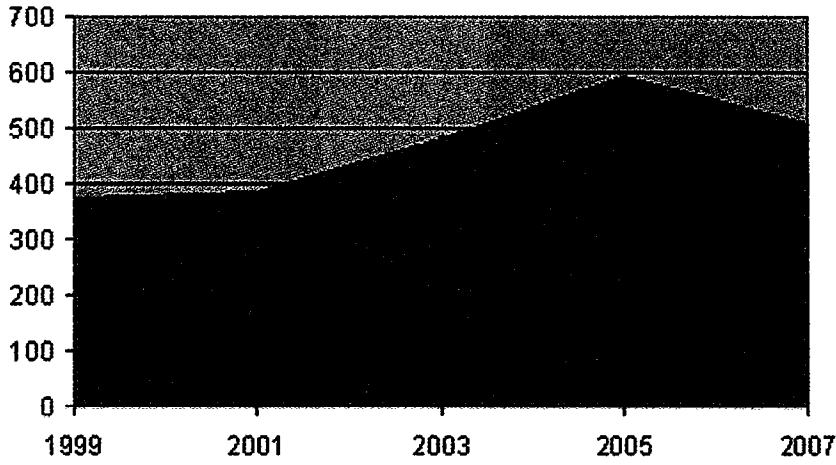
La Crosse man faces charges after 'violent domestic' situation



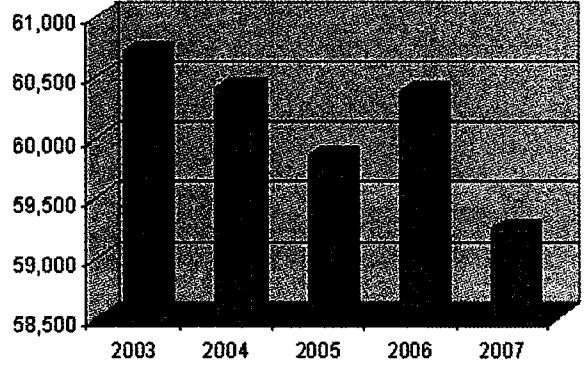


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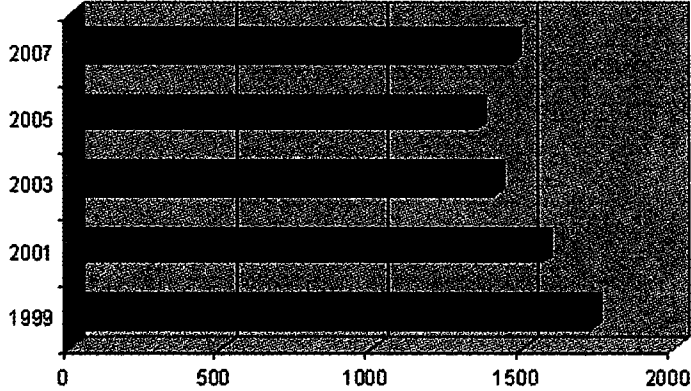
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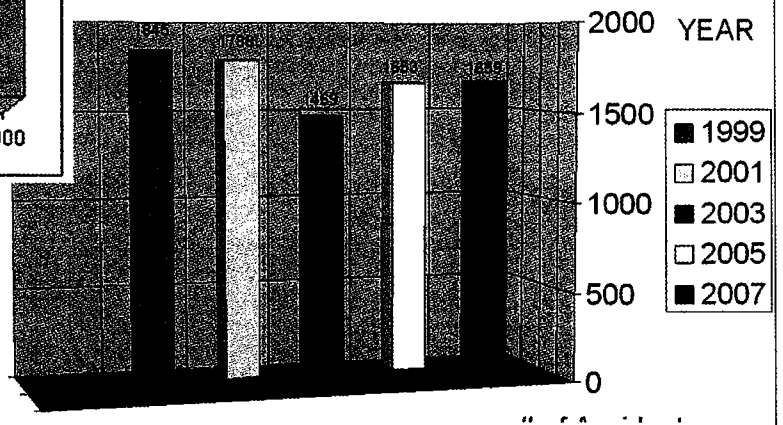
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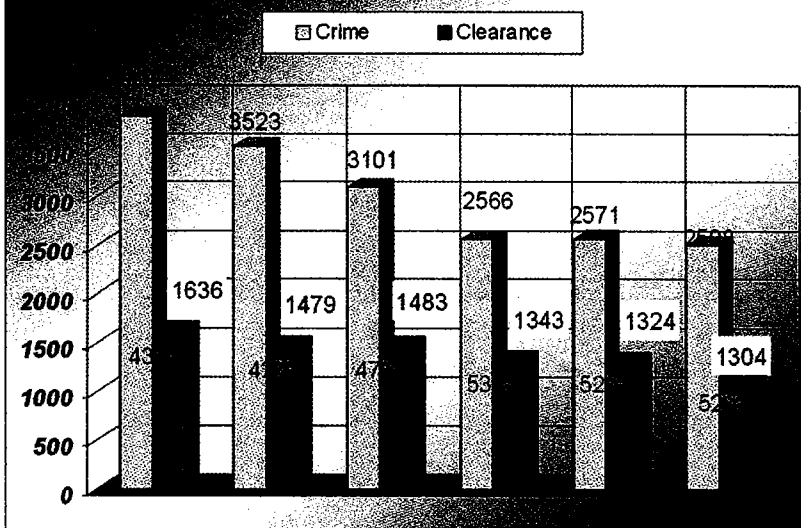
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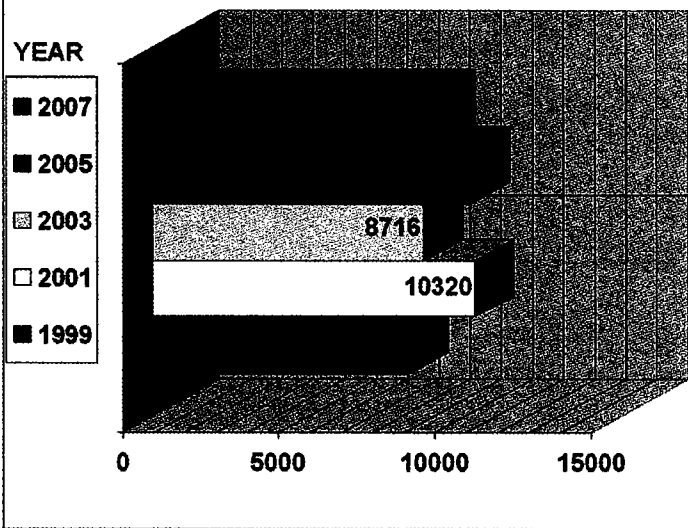
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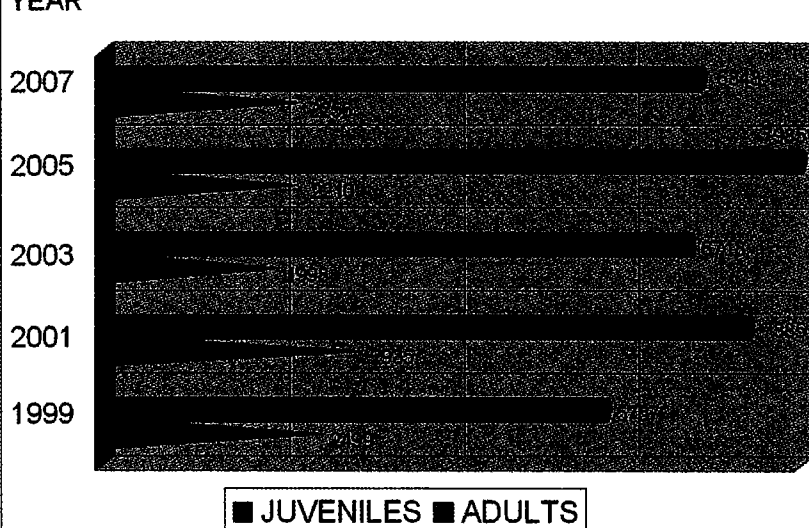
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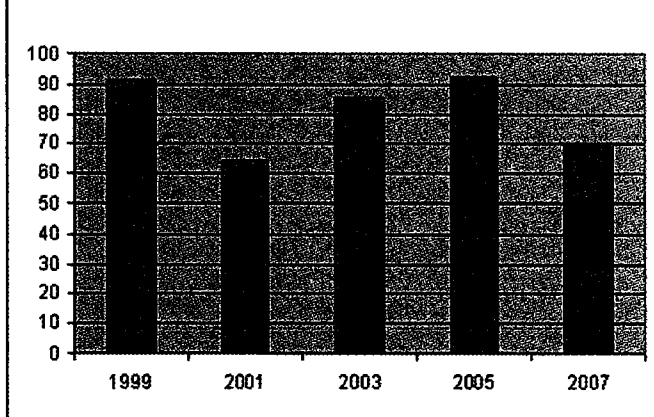
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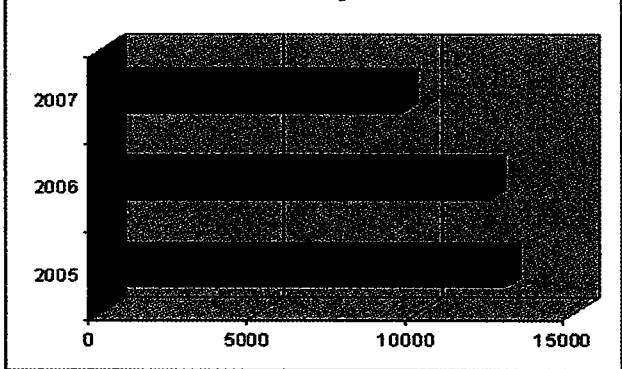
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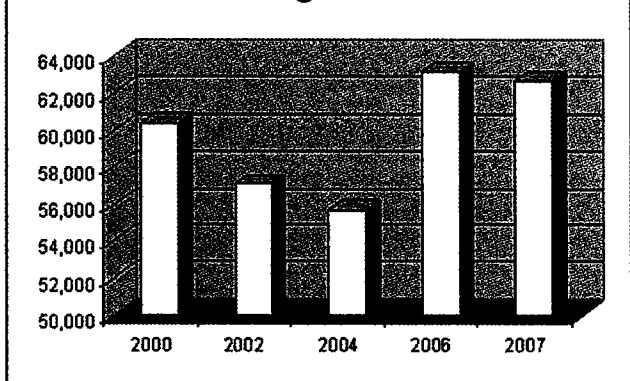
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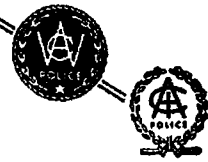
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2007

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EDWARD N. KONDRACKI, CHIEF
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Honorable Mayor Mark Johnsrud

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The year 2007 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 2007 as compared to preceding years. I am pleased to report that major crime dropped two percent in 2007 as compared to the preceding year resulting in one of the lowest crime rates in the past twenty years.

On September 28, 2007 the Clason Family donated \$5000 for the purchase of a drug dog to the La Crosse Police Department. The family felt that this would be a fitting tribute to the late Ralph Clason. Ralph Clason was a true dog lover and was extremely proud of his efforts as a member of the Police and Fire Commission from May 1986 to January 2002. On November 29, 2007 Officer Ryan Fitzgerald was selected as the department's first drug dog handler. An energetic one and a half year old AKC black Labrador retriever was located in North Dakota and was named Ralph in honor of Mr. Ralph Clason. Ralph was later sworn in by Municipal Judge Dennis Marcou as an official member of the La Crosse Police Department. Joyce Clason pinned Ralph's badge on him at the swearing in ceremony. We are all confident that the new drug canine unit will have a significant impact on drug activity in our community. It has been estimated that as much as eighty percent of all major crime in the nation is drug related.

2007 marked the 24th Annual National Night Out celebration in America. The 2007 National Night Out celebration here in La Crosse is the focus of this year's annual report. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Here in La Crosse National Night Out has become an important part of the police department's community oriented policing strategy. Simply stated community policing means working together to create the community/police partnerships that can make a positive difference. The many photos included in this year's annual report show a variety of events and activities throughout our community which included block parties, cook outs, youth programs, and visits from police officers, fire fighters and local elected officials to the various block club locations in La Crosse. National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community and nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, who helped to make 2007 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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