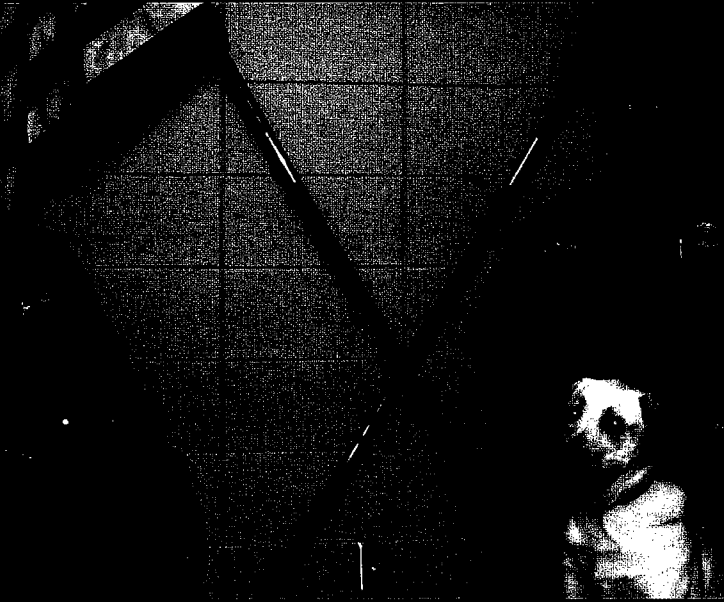


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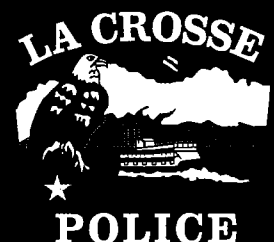
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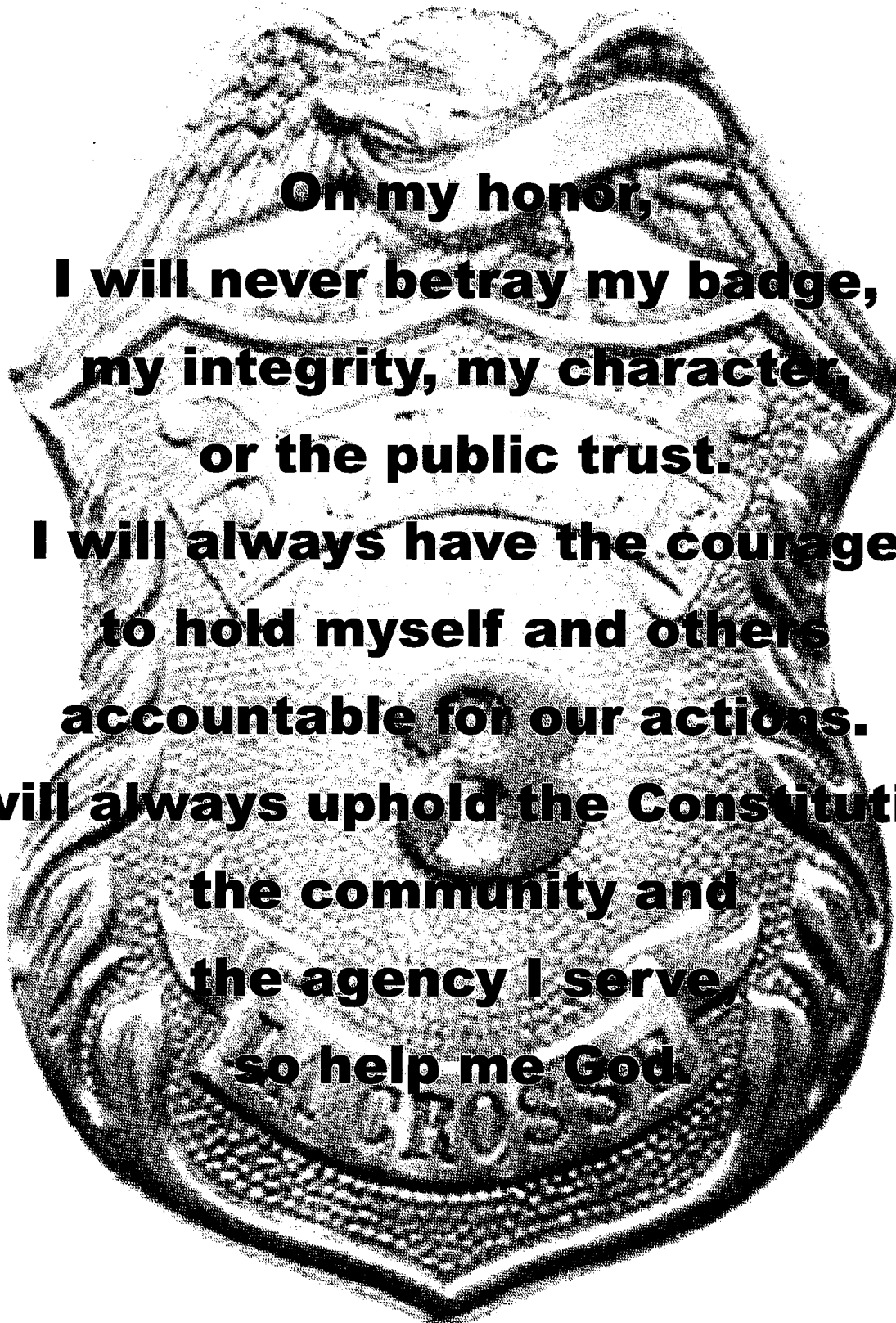
K-9 Division

“Doing More With Less”

Edward N. Kondracki, Chief of Police
La Crosse Police Department • 400 La Crosse Street • La Crosse, WI 54601



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.**

ABOUT THE COVER

"Doing More With Less." The La Crosse Police Department strives to maintain its high level of service within the community by implementing the latest and innovative police techniques and practices. Even with shrinking budgets, the Police Department has been able to continue its commitment to excellence within the community. In 2008, the La Crosse Police Department welcomed Grumman, an explosive detection canine, to its roster. Together with K-9 Ralph, Grumman helps to keep the community safe.

Pictured below, Grumman and Handler Secord search lockers in community schools. Also, Ralph and Handler Fitzgerald conduct vehicle and locker searches.

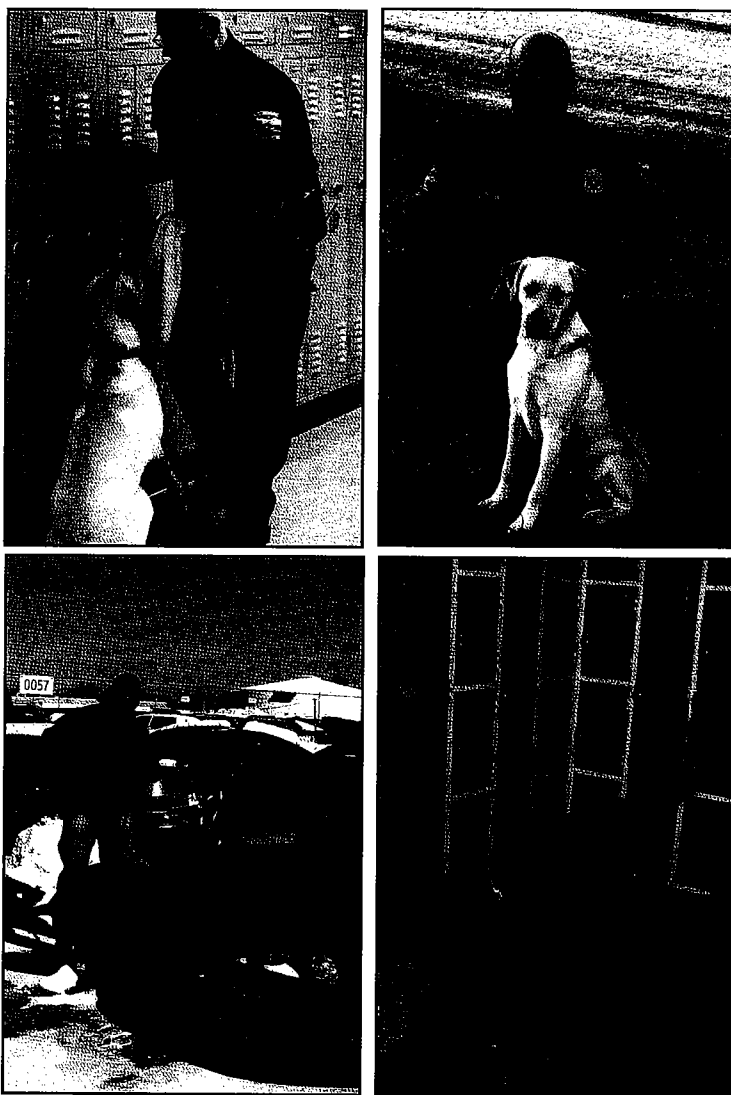


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from the Office of the
CHIEF OF POLICE

The year 2008 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 2008 compared to preceding years.

Every member of the La Crosse Police Department can be proud of 2008's accomplishments. By working together we kept major crime at the same twenty year low as last year. Every member, sworn and civilian alike, helped to advance our professionalism and reputation in the community. Through community support and contributions we were able to establish a new canine unit. Officers Ryan Fitzgerald and Ron Secord with their new partners, Ralph and Grumman, will be playing an important role to enhance our service to the community in drug and explosive detection. The La Crosse Police Department was selected as a finalist for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Community Policing Award for 2008. The award which is part of an international competition identifies best practices in community policing. On August 13, 2008, Officers Dale Gerbig, Chris Schuster, and Ryan Stenslien distinguished themselves as our police department rescued individuals trapped inside an upper apartment during a house fire. On August 21, 2008, Sergeant Cary Boholski was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Wisconsin Narcotics Association. Our agency was also awarded re-accreditation by a unanimous vote of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. Members of our agency coordinated a series of drug raids with other local agencies resulting in twenty individuals being arrested on charges related to the possession and distribution of drugs.

Det. Bob Lawrence helped our agency secure the new 40-caliber Glock pistols and provided transition training for the entire department. Many of our members were polled and provided input resulting in a new squad car design with black and white being the overwhelming choice. The five newest squad cars hit the street this year and the rest of the fleet will be phased in as "black and whites" over the next two years.

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.



Edward N. Kondracki
Edward N. Kondracki

Administrative Assistant - Ann Willford



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.

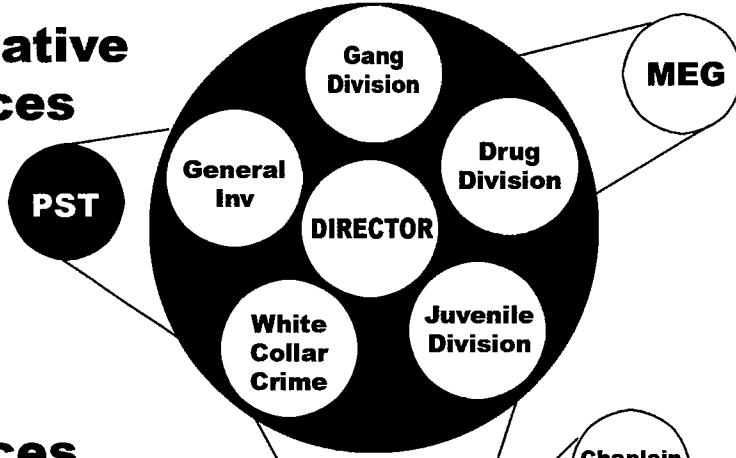
Vision Statement

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:

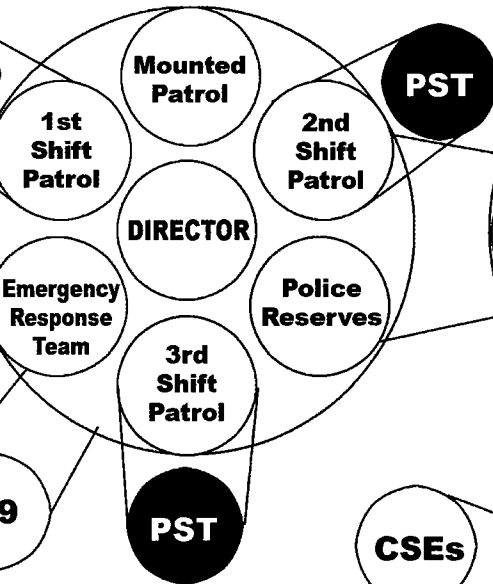
- Taking a national leadership role in policing.
- Valuing youth and cultural diversity in our community.
- Being a catalyst for positive change in our community.
- Viewing the community as our customer and partners.
- Develop our employees for future leadership roles.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

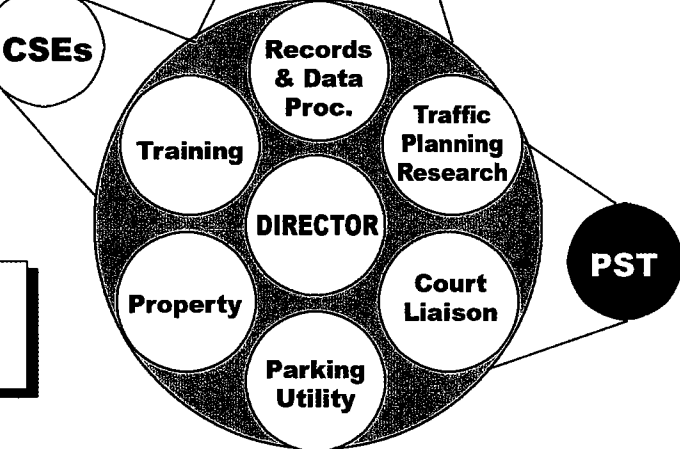
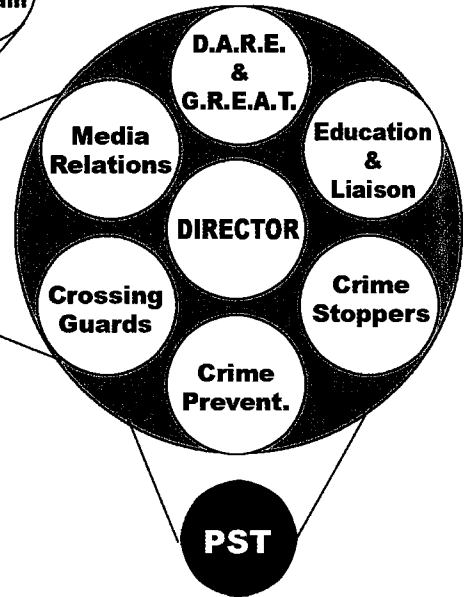
Investigative Services



Field Services



Community Services



Administrative Services

- Problem Solving Team
- Metropolitan Enforcement Group
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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
Jim Bloedorn
Lorraine Decker
Douglas Farmer
Jacie Gamroth
Bill Harnden

George Italiano
Jai Johnson
Audrey Kader
Joe Ledvina
Dorothy Lenard
Bernard Maney

Jon Olson
Bruce Ranis
Andrea Richmond
Richard Swantz
Tom Sweeney
Marilyn Wigdahl

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

Over the course of 2008, thousands of hours of training were provided to the department. Coordinated by Lt. Robert Lawrence, Director of Training, the Training Division delivered over 15,600 hours of training to both sworn and civilian personnel. This includes 2,200 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 2008 calendar year with the help of our RMS software company, VisionAir, the La Crosse Police Department was able to become one of the first municipalities in the State of Wisconsin to become certified in the Incident Based Reporting (IBR) system. Incident Based Reporting provides a more in-depth statistical analysis on criminal incidents, while the old Uniform Crime Reporting was a system for reporting only the most serious event in a criminal incident. The transition to the Incident Base Reporting from the Uniform Crime Reporting system was a long labor intensive project, but should prove effective in providing our personnel and the community with accurate, usable information on criminal activity in the City of La Crosse.

During 2008 we were able to implement several new computer applications in the Police squad cars that helped with our TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) program. These programs provide the officer on the street the ability to issue automated traffic citations, warnings, municipal ordinance citations and crash reports over their laptop computers. The new applications included the ability to auto-



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Jacobs

Assistant Chief of Police

populate driver and vehicle information into the forms, while also receiving that information back from the computer in voice, instead of having to read it and take their eyes off the people that they are in contact with. With the help of our IT Department, we have started to look ahead and work to help implement a new incident reporting system for the officer's on the street and throughout the department.

During the listed year, the CSE's and parking utility issued and processed over 68,000 parking citation, which is an 8% increase from the previous year. The Records Bureau processed over 22,500 police reports and 20,000 citations, warnings and crash reports. The Records clerks handled over 3,200 open records request along with processing over 1,000 license applications. The Property section handled over 5,000 pieces of property/evidence.

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 citizen's of La Crosse.

STAFF MEMBERS

Administrative Lieutenant: Patrick Hogan
Training Lieutenant: Robert Lawrence
Records Division Sergeant: Randy Rank
Court Liaison/Traffic Investigator: Evan Stone

Property Section CSEs
Kristine Gasch
Lacey Alton

Civilian Service Employees
(CSE)
Diane Skifton
Michael Nagy
Teng Thao
Kong Xiong
Kong Lor
Ben Burrow
Jason Nesbit
Thao Moua
Corey Colburn
Philip Martin

Records Division
Civilian Employees
Anne Heilman
Joanne Ruegg
Rebecca Smith
Nicole Schneider
Lisa Putz

Parking Utility
Civilian Employees
Antoinette Gelbeck
Mary Sumeracki

La Crosse Police Department

COMMUNITY

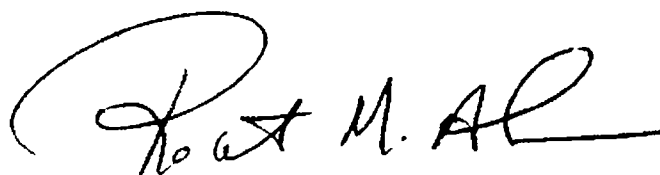
SERVICES BUREAU

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 2008, 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; OJA Homeland Security; COPS Secure our Schools; 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.

The Department's A.C.E. (Alcohol Compliance & Education) Team is assigned to the Community Services Bureau. A.C.E. Officers Iverson and Wieczorek have been instrumental in presenting educational training to area beverage servers as well as presenting the public intoxication training. Additionally, the A.C.E. Team coordinates enforcement efforts to reduce underage drinking and other alcohol violations. The Community Services Bureau has provided significant contributions in the community-wide efforts to reduce underage and binge drinking. In recognition of our efforts, the La Crosse Police Department was presented with a Community Policing award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In 2008, the La Crosse Police Department underwent re-accreditation assessment by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Lt. Jason Melby oversaw all



Robert Abraham

Captain - Bureau Director



aspects of the re-accreditation process. Following a two-day thorough evaluation of our agency the WILEAG board voted unanimously to award the La Crosse Police Department accredited status for an additional three year period.

In 2008, 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 1500 students graduated from the G.R.E.A.T. Program. The Alcohol Compliance and Education Team also taught 9 Public Intoxication classes (64 participants), 8 Beverage Server classes (240 participants); and recovered 804 false IDs.

Looking forward to 2009, the Community Services Bureau will continue to provide quality community based prevention programming designed to prevent crime and maintaining La Crosse as one of the safest communities in the nation.

STAFF MEMBERS

Bureau Lieutenant: Robert Berndt
G.R.E.A.T. Lieutenant: Jason Melby
Bureau Sergeant: Linnea Moren

Traffic Safety Officer
Andrew Gavrilos

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

School Resource Officers
Heath Graves
Ronald Secord
Chuck Frandsen
Bradley Stoner
Avrie Schott

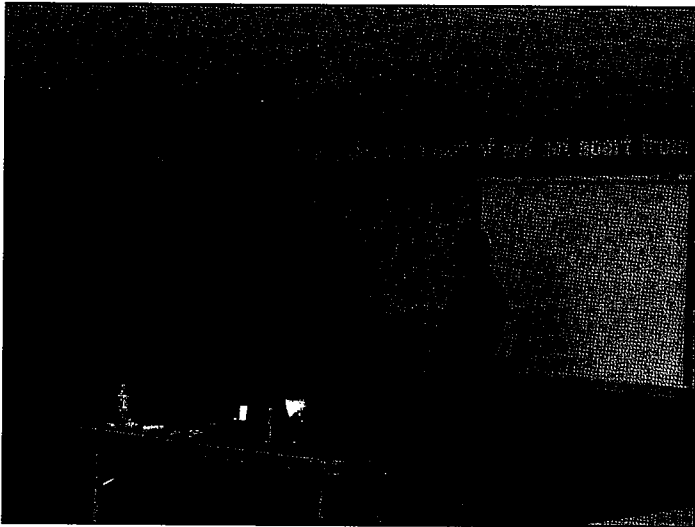
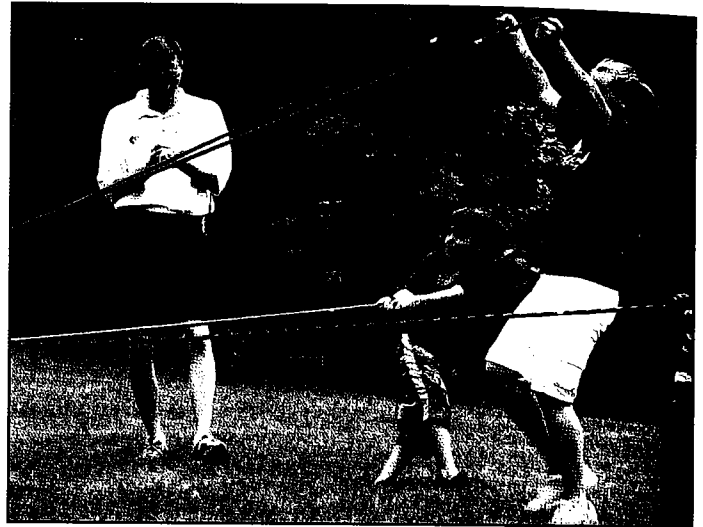
Alcohol Compliance and
Education Officers
Robert Wiczorek
Alan Iverson

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

La Crosse Police Department

COMMUNITY

SERVICES BUREAU



MIDWEST REGIONAL G.R.E.A.T. TRAINING CENTER

The operation of Midwest Regional Training Center (RTC) for G.R.E.A.T. falls under the direction of the Community Services Bureau. The RTC began in 1998, when the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) added five law enforcement agencies to assist in administering the G.R.E.A.T. program: La Crosse, Wisconsin, Police Department; Orange County (Orlando), Florida, Sheriff's Office; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department; Phoenix, Arizona, Police Department; and Portland, Oregon, Police Bureau. The Midwest RTC is and has been fully funded by grant money from BJA to promote G.R.E.A.T. and provide trainings and technical assistance to law enforcement professionals throughout a ten-state area.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. The G.R.E.A.T. Program offers a continuum of components for students and their families.

Being selected to be a G.R.E.A.T. Regional Training Center is a tremendous honor and bestows prestige and recognizes the level of professionalism that the La Crosse Police Department operates at. The RTC also benefits the community of La Crosse by bringing in significant revenue to local businesses by hosting several trainings and meetings here a year. In the past 10 years we have hosted over 30 trainings, which has generated an estimated \$1.1 million revenue locally (using La Crosse Area Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates). In addition, the RTC has hosted several trainings each year at the La Crosse Center. The trainings over the last three years alone have generated more than \$50,000.00 of revenue for the La Crosse Center. These estimates do not include the expenditures of the grant money to local businesses as part of everyday operations of the RTC.

The partnership between BJA and the La Crosse Police Department has proven to be beneficial to both entities. In the future, we will continue to apply for federal funding to perpetuate this successful partnership. Through hard work and collaborative efforts, both the La Crosse Police Department and the La Crosse Community as a whole will continue to benefit from this alliance.

2008 Accomplishments

- Facilitated five G.R.E.A.T. Officer Trainings resulting in 135 officers being trained.
- Facilitated five G.R.E.A.T. Families Trainings resulting in 186 officers being trained.
- Hosted a G.R.E.A.T. Officer In-service with 24 officers attending.
- Successful application and acceptance of a new grant cycle. This grant application was eventually used as a model for other agencies wishing to apply for the G.R.E.A.T. RTC grants.
- Five new agencies within the Midwest started a G.R.E.A.T. program with our assistance.
- The Midwest Region was selected to leadership positions within the National G.R.E.A.T. organization as the Chairs of the National Policy Board & National Training Committee.

La Crosse Police Department

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SERVICES BUREAU

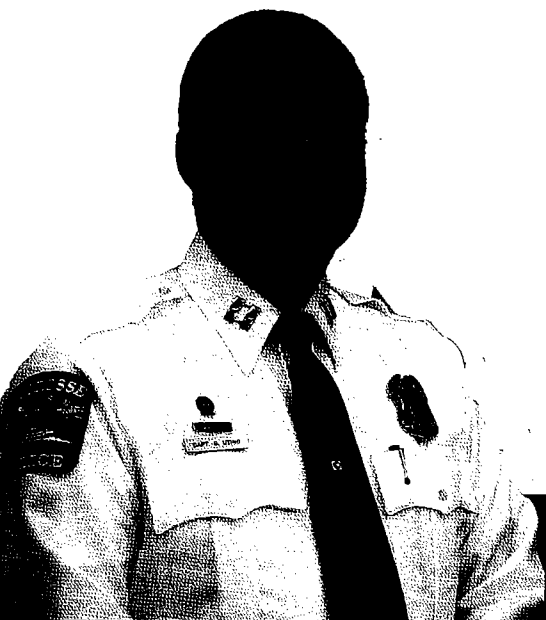
The Field Services Bureau never closes; We Protect and Serve 24 Hours a Day Every Day of the Year!

The bureau consists of three shifts; each commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by three sergeants, with support from 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 detection, 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 detection, 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

STAFF MEMBERS

Shift Lieutenants

Raymond Serres
James Ballas
Troy Nedegaard

Shift Sergeants

Jerome Korger	Jeffrey Smith
Joe Smith	Gary Hauser
Kirk Flatten	Brian Thomson
Craig Oleson	Thomas Walsh

Officers

Steven Holinka
Thad Baldwin
Steven Thornton
James Kirby
Lisa Barrix
Faling Yang
Stephanie Welch
Teri Roden
Grant Gyllander
James Mancuso
Ryan Stenslien
Joel Miller
Andy Rosenow
Ryan Prock
Timothy O'Neill
Dan Ulrich

John Matuska
Brian Olson
Andrew Angst
Richard Rank
Gregory Fitzsimmons
Corrie Korn
Alan Hagen
James Gegenfurtner
Eric Christianson
Frank Racich
Ryan Fitzgerald
Christopher Schuster
Brian Deyo
Jeremy Rindfleisch
Tom Hansen
Melissa Sommers
Aaron Erdmann

Gary Clements
Scott Delaney
Mark Rosenmeier
Scott Harmel
Todd Fischer
Dale Gerbig
Jovanna Nedland
Casey Rossman
Tony Leque
Craig Teff
Steven Pataska
Daniel Kloss
Brad Schomberg
Quintin Schaitel
Andrew Dittman
Matthew Gennen

La Crosse Police Department

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible to investigate all criminal cases initiated within the community through the police department. The Investigative Bureau is divided into four areas of expertise: general investigations, domestic violence, narcotic/vice investigations and juvenile crime and victimization. The General Investigative staff handles all types of criminal cases involving both crimes against persons and property. The Domestic Violence Reduction Team investigates all cases of domestic violence while the Narcotics Unit focuses their efforts on drug and vice crimes. The Juvenile Division handles all juvenile related incidents reported to the police department. Investigative Bureau members are cross-trained and therefore are capable of performing a variety of specialized tasks outside their normal assignments. This provides for considerable flexibility in assignments when the need arises.

Investigative personnel also provide expertise in crime investigations, initiate investigations, develop sources of information, and provide the community with personnel specific to their needs. Members serve on a variety of local, state and national committees including the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Child Advocacy Center, Drug Endangered Children Task Force, La Crosse County Drug Court, Violence Against Women Association, New Horizons, Wisconsin Association for Identification, Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators and the National Associations of both Gang and Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators to name just a few. The staff also provides educational and instructional training presentations at UW- La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, Winona State University, 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.) plays a key role in the community by investigating cases of domestic violence and working diligently to reduce the incidents of domestic violence as well. The team provides a variety of services to aid 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 to duty helps make our community a better and safer place to live and work.



Michael Brohmer

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Captain - Bureau Director

STAFF MEMBERS

Bureau Lieutenant: Raj Ramnarace
Juvenile Division Sergeant: David Schatzley
D.A.R.T. Sergeant: Sally Newman

Bureau Sergeants
Cary Joholski
Patrick Marco
Michael Blockhuis
Shawn Kudron

Bureau Investigators
Jacob Jansky
Matt Malott
Rick Pfennig

Juvenile Division Investigators
Tony DeLap
Jason Mahairas

Bureau Clerk
Kristi Jensen

La Crosse Police Department

COULEE REGION LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINCY

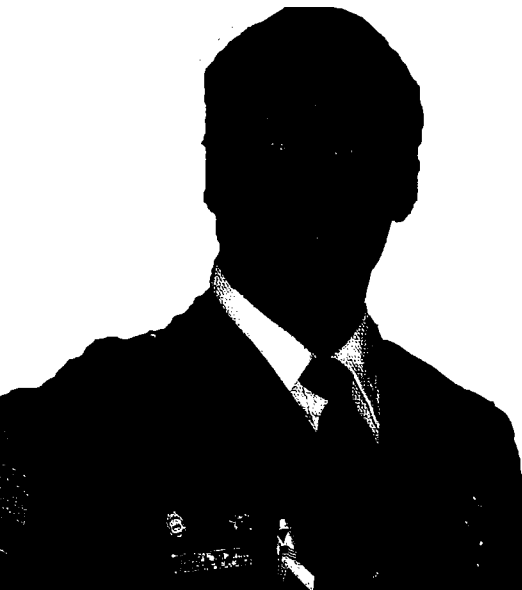
The Coulee Region Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program continued its operation in 2008 serving the police department personnel and the citizens of the City of La Crosse for an 8th full year.

Sixteen area clergy served with the program during the year from a wide variety of denomination representations. These licensed/ordained ministers served strictly as volunteers, did not receive pay for their availability or services they provided, and received 85.5 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 2008, 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: hosting the 8th 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 begin assisting the Viroqua Police Department with the implementation of a Chaplaincy Program to be completed in early 2009.

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 S. Clements

Rev. Mark Clements

Head Chaplain

La Crosse Police Department

K-9 DIVISION

DRUG DETECTION

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.

In the year 2008 Officer Fitzgerald and his K-9 partner RALPH were deployed 97 times with 43 Positive Alerts and 25 Arrests.



La Crosse Police Department

K-9 DIVISION

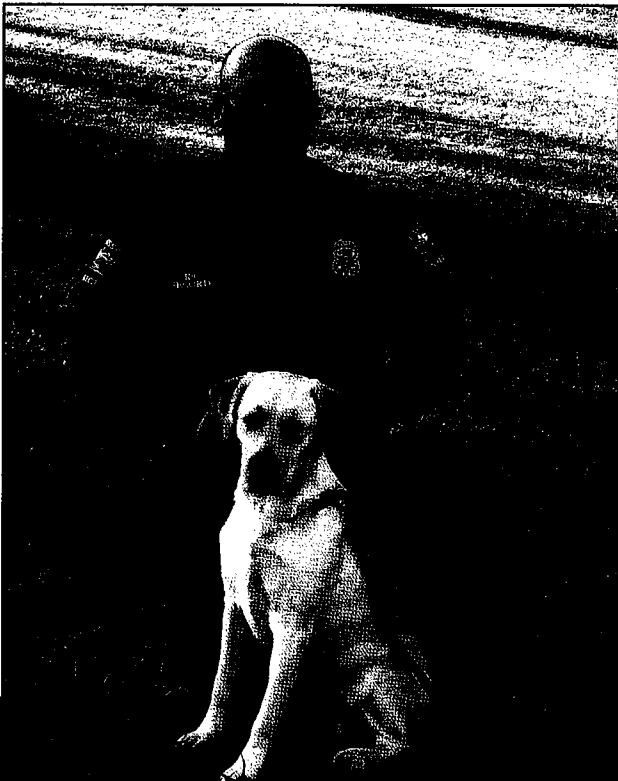
EXPLOSIVES DETECTION

In September of 2008, the La Crosse Police Department was awarded an explosives detection trained K9 from the department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Grumman, an 18 month old Yellow Labrador was awarded to the La Crosse Police Department through an ATF grant. Officer Ron Secord, a 12 year member of the La Crosse Police Department was selected to be the handler for Grumman. On November 19, 2008, after a 10 week training program at the ATF training facility in Front Royal, Virginia, Grumman was "sworn in" as a member of the police department by Judge Dennis Marcou.

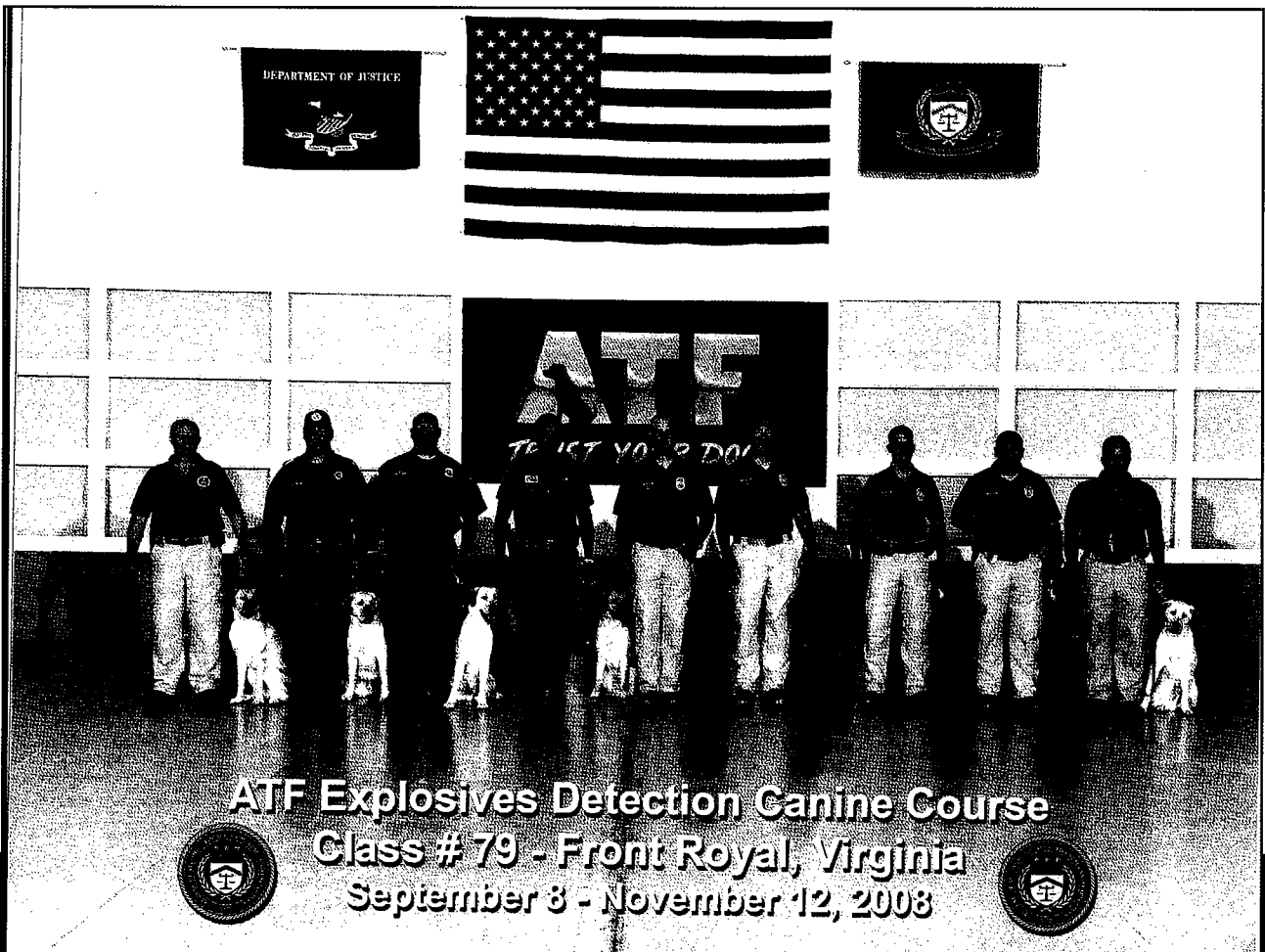
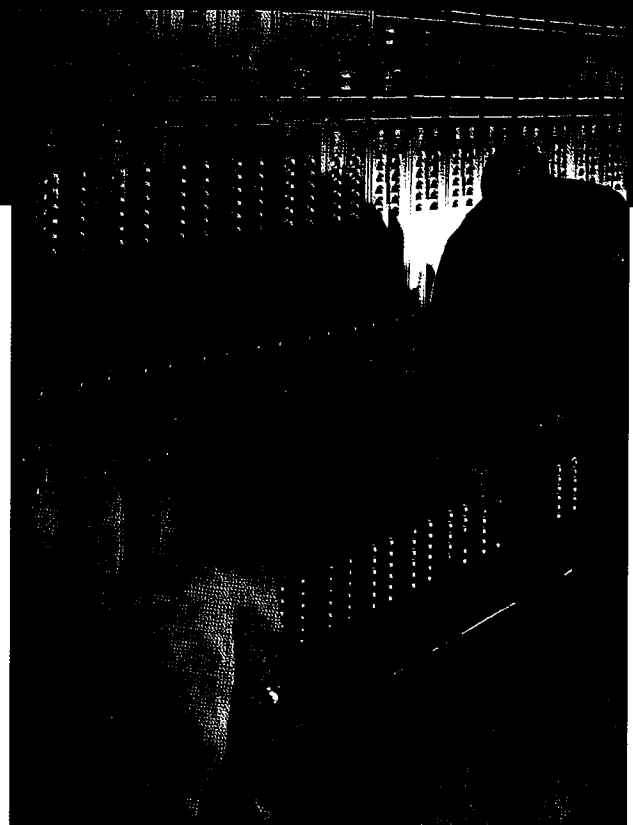
Grumman is a friendly and disciplined Lab which came to the ATF from the program Puppies Behind Bars (PBB). PBB program is primarily operated within the New York State prison system. PBB trains inmates to raise puppies to become service dogs for the disabled and explosive detection canines for law enforcement. Puppies Behind Bars defines this as a program that "gives inmates the opportunity to contribute to society rather than take from it, and lets law enforcement see that inmates are capable of doing something positive for the community."

During the 10 week training program, Grumman and Officer Secord learned how to safely search vehicles, warehouses, buses, planes along with many other venues. Grumman uses a passive alert response, sitting quietly, at the site to indicate to his handler when an explosive is located.

ATF has been using a food reward based program since 1986 to train their dogs. This program requires that the dog be fed by hand whenever he finds explosives, either working in the field or during training. Officer Secord and Grumman train everyday using this method with the five basic explosive families, which are 1) Aliphatic Nitro Compound/ Nitromethane, 2) Aromatic Nitro Compound/ TNT, 3) Nitrate Esters/ Black Powder, 4) Nitramines/ C4, 5) Acid Salts/ Fireworks. The ATF believes in using the five explosive families for training, since these explosives are then used in over 19,000 different formulas. These formulas are used in a wide range of commercial and improvised explosives Grumman and Officer Secord may encounter when working in the field. In addition to the explosives, Grumman is able to detect guns and ammunition.



Grumman will be a valuable asset to the City of La Crosse, and is also able to assist surrounding communities, should the need arise for his specialized abilities.



La Crosse Police Department

HORSE PATROL

2008 marks the 10th year of operation for the Mounted Police Unit. Over the course of time the Mounted Unit has proved to be a valuable resource for the department. With slow patrol speed and high visibility, these officers and horses have been successfully incorporated in areas such as missing person searches, patrol for large family festivals and crowd control in the downtown area. Some of the highlighted events the Mounted Patrol worked this year were National Night Out, President Obama's campaign visit and of course the annual Oktoberfest.

The Mounted Unit since its inception has had all of the equipment, vet care and board paid for through private donations. The horses themselves are owned by each individual officer who agrees to lease the horse's use to the City of La Crosse for \$1.00 per year. City benefits by adding another valuable resource to its police force for minimal cost, the officers benefit by being able to get paid while working with an animal they love.

The Mounted Unit looks forward to continue service into 2009 with particular focus on its use for the department's community oriented policing efforts.



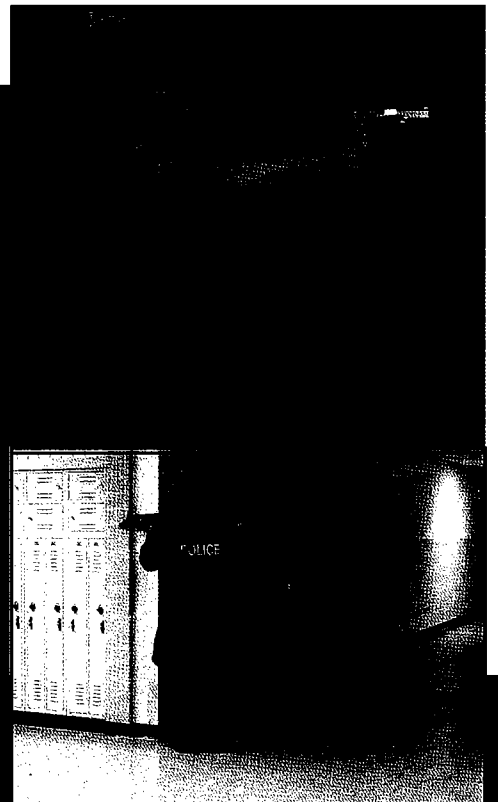
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a part-time team that consists of 3 commanders, 21 tactical members and 10 negotiators. The members have regular duty assignments within the Field Services, Investigative Services and Community Services Bureaus. ERT is assigned to respond to hostage and barricaded persons, high risk warrants and vehicle stops, civil disturbances, natural / man-made disasters and dignitary protection. ERT members are assigned pagers and are able to respond 24 / 7.

ERT members are required to maintain a higher level of physical fitness and must pass two different physical tests a year. ERT has regular monthly training to enhance their knowledge of specialty equipment, verbal skills, tactics and teamwork. Members show a high degree of dedication and commitment to their duties.

ERT has partnered up with a number of local entities to assist with training needs; Gundersen Lutheran Hospital, WTC, New Horizons and the La Crosse School District. ERT is also a part of the Regional SWAT Team and is able to assist other departments throughout Wisconsin with high risk situations when needed. The primary goal of ERT is to solve matters in a safe and peaceful manner.



La Crosse Police Department

POLICE 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.

VISION STATEMENT

The La Crosse Police Department is committed to sharing the responsibility for a safe community and to creating partnerships that lead to this goal. The partnership created with the Police Reserve Unit is a fine example of the intent of our vision statement.

HELPING THE LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT "DOING MORE WITH LESS"

The Reserve Program worked a combined 4,470 hours for the year 2008. This is the highest numbers of hours worked in the history of the Reserve Program. The second highest year was 1995 with 4,056 hours. In contrast, the Reserve Program had 32 members in 1995 and in 2008 we only had 19 members. This is a direct reflection of the dedication that the Reserve have in selflessly serving the community.

EVENTS	HOURS	NUMBER OF EVENTS
Meetings	523	29
La Crosse Center	991	72
Riverside Park Patrol	1,801	156
Parades	140	10
Baseball	39	16
Peer Court	53	11
Bike Patrol	83	52
Training	180	17
Community Events	478	73
ERT Support	61	3
Alcohol Task Force	55	10
Emergency Callouts	43	10
Investigation Support	23	2
TOTAL	4,470	460





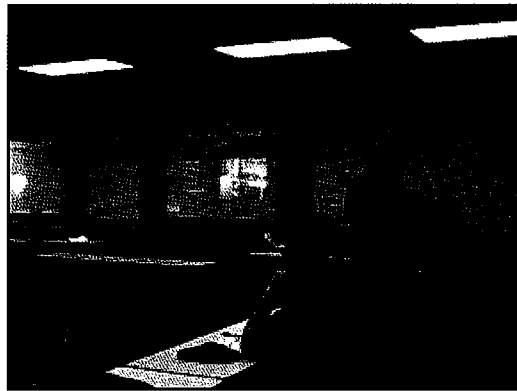
Liaison Sergeant Rank presents Roger Hackman with his promotion to Shift Leader.



Liaison Sergeant Rank congratulates Damian Kruse on his promotion to Lieutenant of Administrative Services.



LCPD Officer Dan Kloss demonstrates Defense and Arrest Tactics on Casey Pederson.



CPT Michael Brohmer teaches the Reserve how to preserve evidence at a crime scene.

Reserve Officers Rich Bendel and Ben Campbell were awarded the Superior Achievement Award by Chief of Police Ed Kondracki for saving the life of an inebriated man stumbling in Riverside Park.



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IN THE NEWS

READY FOR ANYTHING



DICK ZIMMER/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

La Crosse police officers participate in a crowd control training session Friday at the South Side fairgrounds in preparation for Oktoberfest, which kicks off Friday and runs through Dec. 4.

Police train for Oktoberfest



THE SUN/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

Moran and Michael Abramovics and it was possible to see high after the black Labrador retriever was a York in Friday at the La Crosse Police Department's first drug dog Officer Ryan Fitzgerald, Ralph Palmer and handler, Mike...

His nose knows

14 picked up in drug sweep

D.A.R.E. celebrates 18 years

TV show tip leads to drug arrest

Police, schools receive grant to improve safety

Police to crack down on DWIs

Wired for better policing



La Crosse Police Department gets award for community policing work

Three in custody after robberies

La Crosse police awarded grants

Police find gun possibly used in shooting

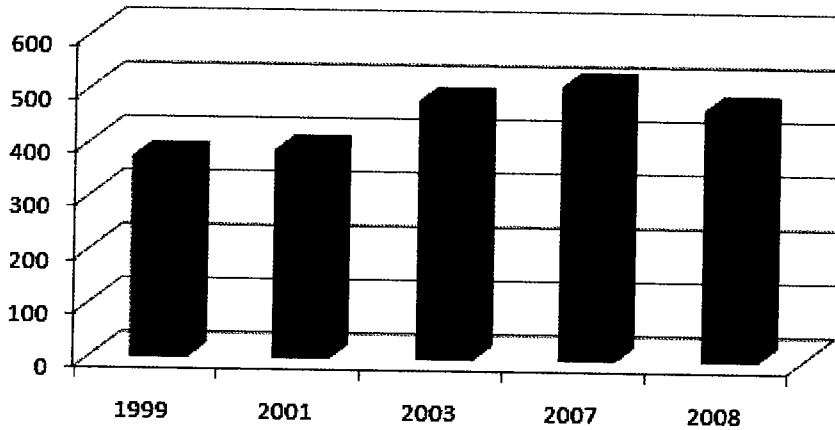


Police Officer Megan Humana, Society Officer Brandon Hill, impound a pit bull that attacked two men in the alley of the 800 block of South Seventh Street, 2/14/11. Photo by police officer Brandon Hill.

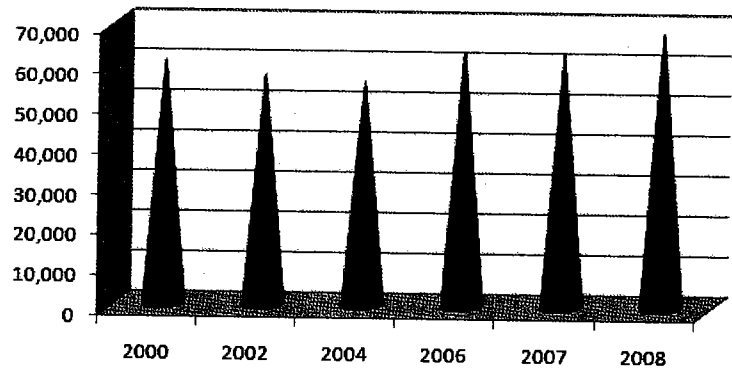
Dog impounded after attacks

2008 STATISTICS

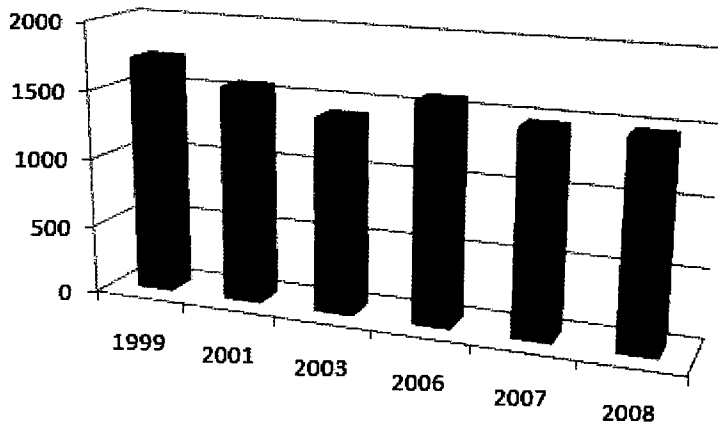
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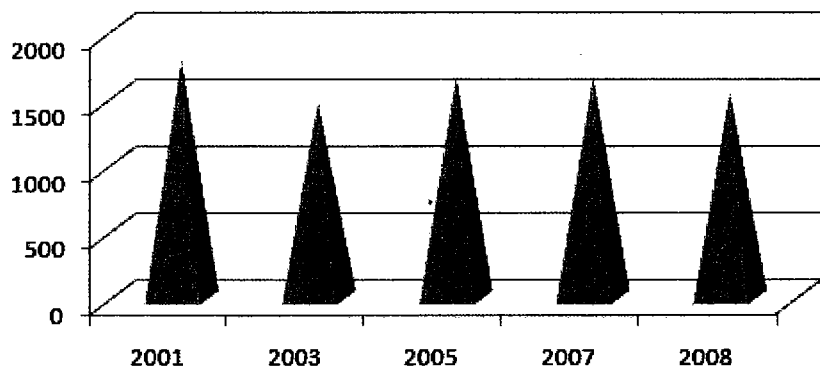
PARKING TICKETS



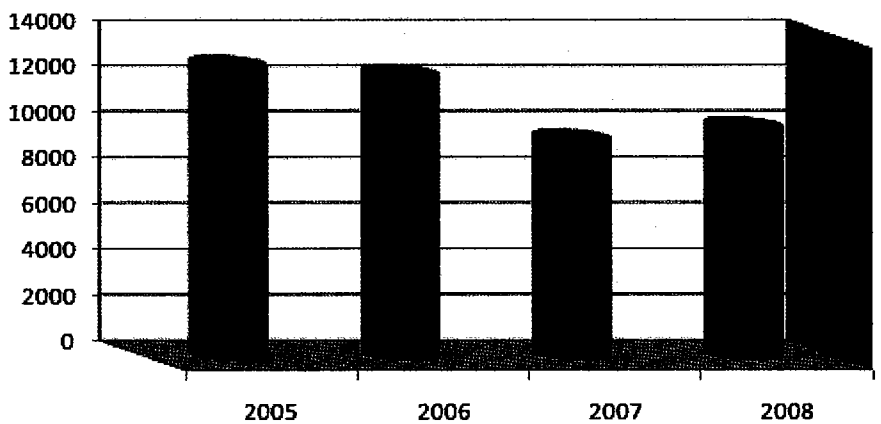
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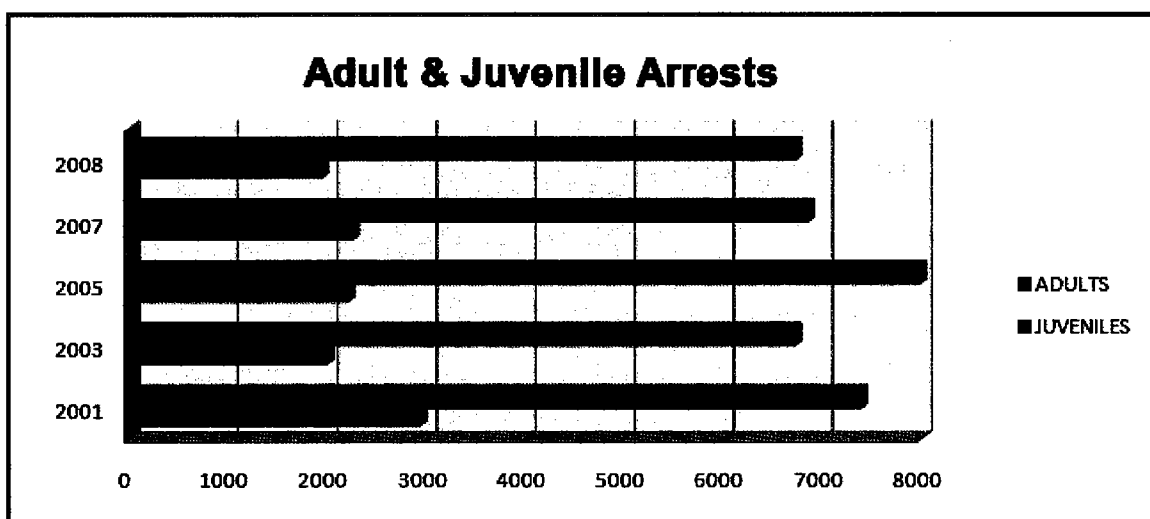
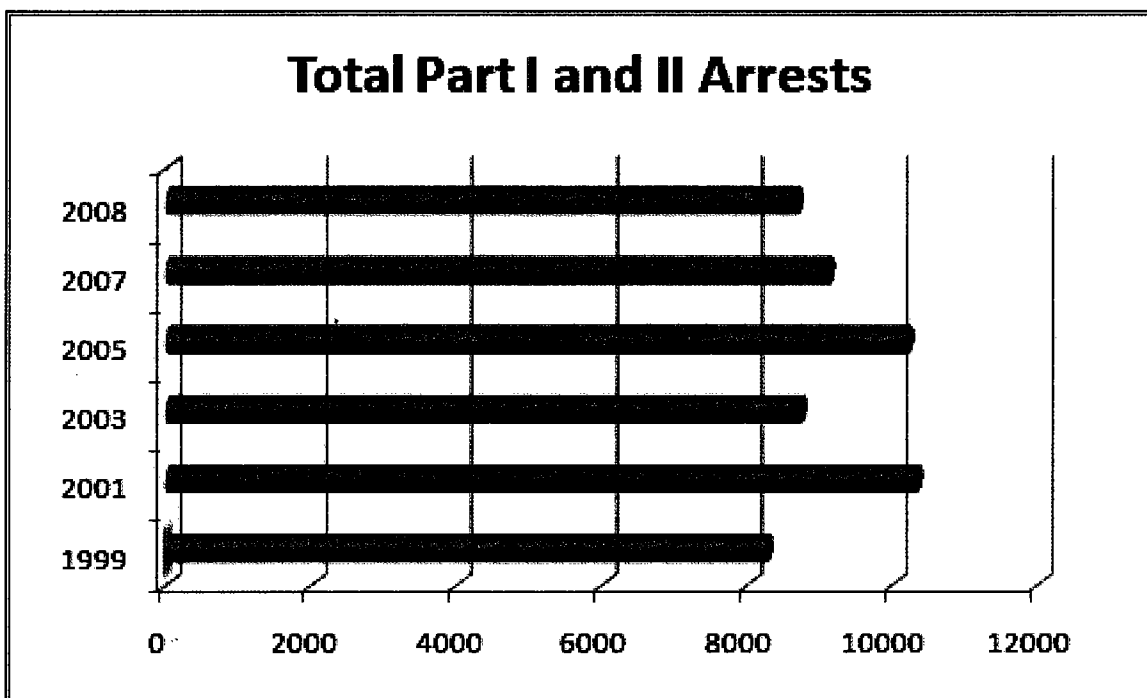
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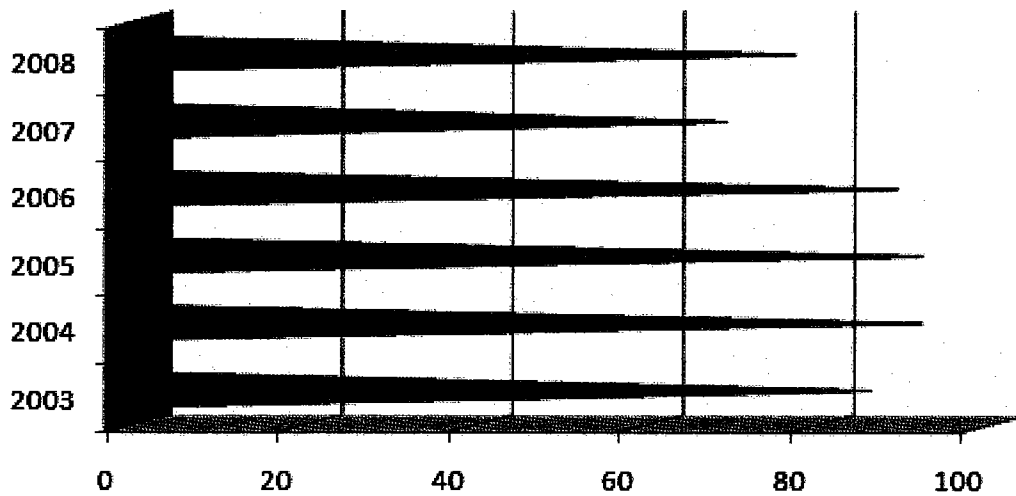
WARNING TICKETS



2008 STATISTICS



Sexual Assaults



PART 1 CRIME & CLEARANCE RATE

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