



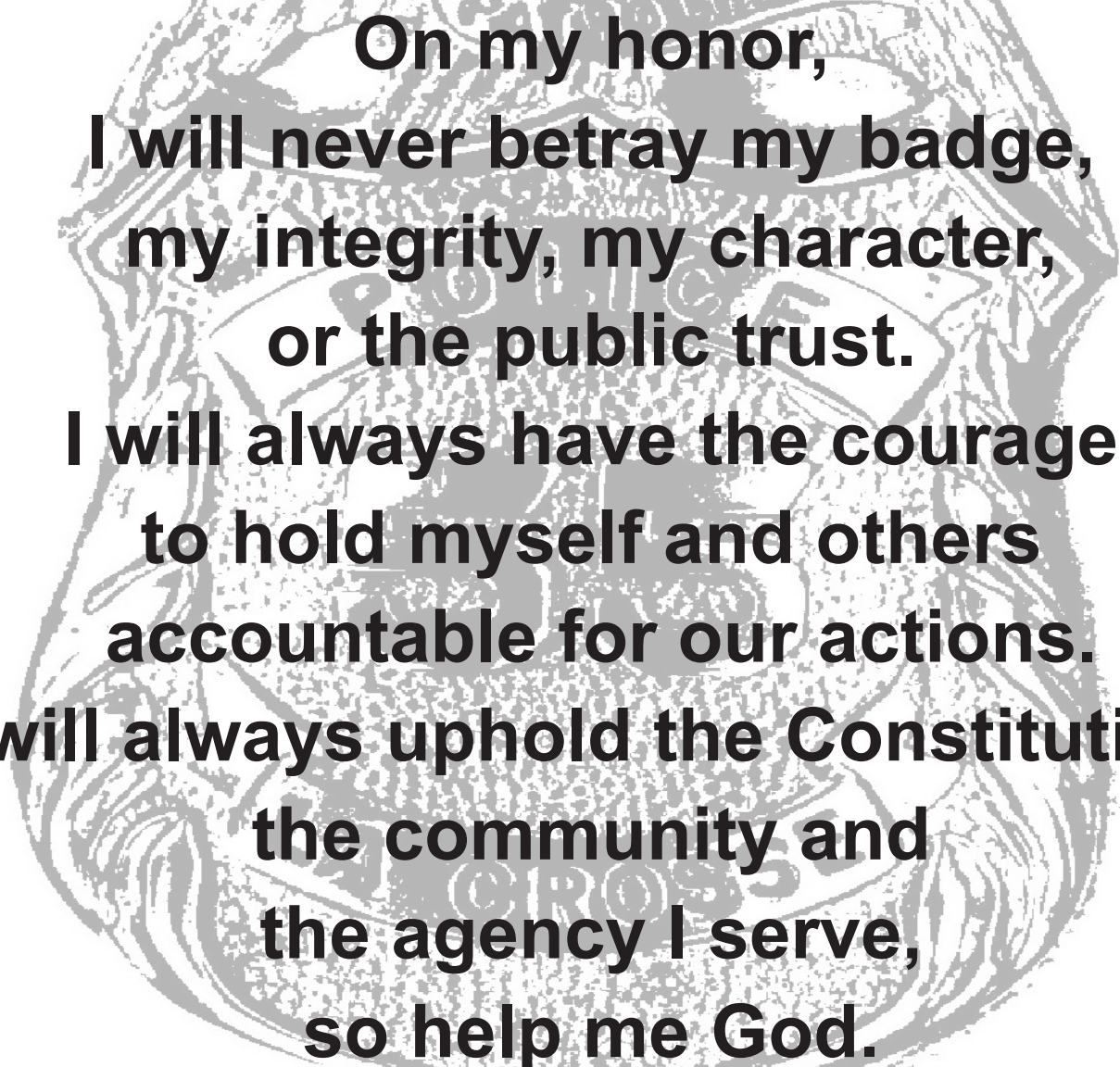
# LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



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## 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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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The 2011 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 2011 as compared to preceding years.

I'm pleased to report that the year 2011 ended with no significant increase in major crimes. Major crime in La Crosse remains at about a twenty year low.

The Police Department was the first police agency in the State of Wisconsin to achieve law enforcement accreditation in 1998. Accreditation provides objective evidence of an agency's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management and service delivery. Police agencies must demonstrate compliance to the 238 standards of professionalism applicable to their respective agency.

On October 26, 2011 our department successfully completed the fifth on-site assessment conducted by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. We were successful in achieving reaccreditation status and as such became one of only 18 police departments in the State of Wisconsin having successfully achieved this important benchmark in the profession.

The independent assessors noted that "throughout the on-site assessment, the staff of the La Crosse Police Department extended excellent cooperation to the assessor team in a manner consistent with the principles that guide their community and professional relationships." The assessors further noted that "members of the La Crosse Police Department give a positive impression by striving to provide the best service for the citizens of La Crosse, and to make the department a better and more efficient place to work." I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who comprise the La Crosse Police Department for their help in making this important effort a success.

The assessors further drew attention to what they referred to as noteworthy programs, policies, or practices within our agency. I believe that we can all be proud to know that they recognized the Police Reserves Program for having donated more volunteer hours than any other reserve unit in the state. The assessors noted that the La Crosse Chaplain Program provides a ministry of presence, supplying a source of strength to law enforcement officers and their families, department personnel and members of the community. The La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers Program was cited for being a community based effort having contributed to the arrest of over 1,100 criminals and has paid out over \$90,000 in



rewards since its inception. The Emergency Response Team was noted for the commitment of its members who go above and beyond what is required of most officers. The assessors were very much impressed by and praised the K-9 Program, Neighborhood Watch Program, 3rd Street Aid Station Program and the Domestic Abuse Reduction Program.

On Wednesday, December 21, 2011, I informed you of my intent to retire from the La Crosse Police Department effective April 27, 2012. I wanted every member of the department to be the first to know since I have an enormous respect and admiration for everyone in the department and for what they do.

I spent twenty-eight years with the City of Milwaukee Police Department and have been blessed to be your Chief for what will be nineteen years and three months. The department has a new five year plan, an approved budget and as already stated we have been recommended for re-accreditation by the on-site assessment team.

The men and women who police the streets of the City of La Crosse are the finest in the nation and it has been my honor to serve at their side!

**CHIEF EDWARD N. KONDRACKI**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**

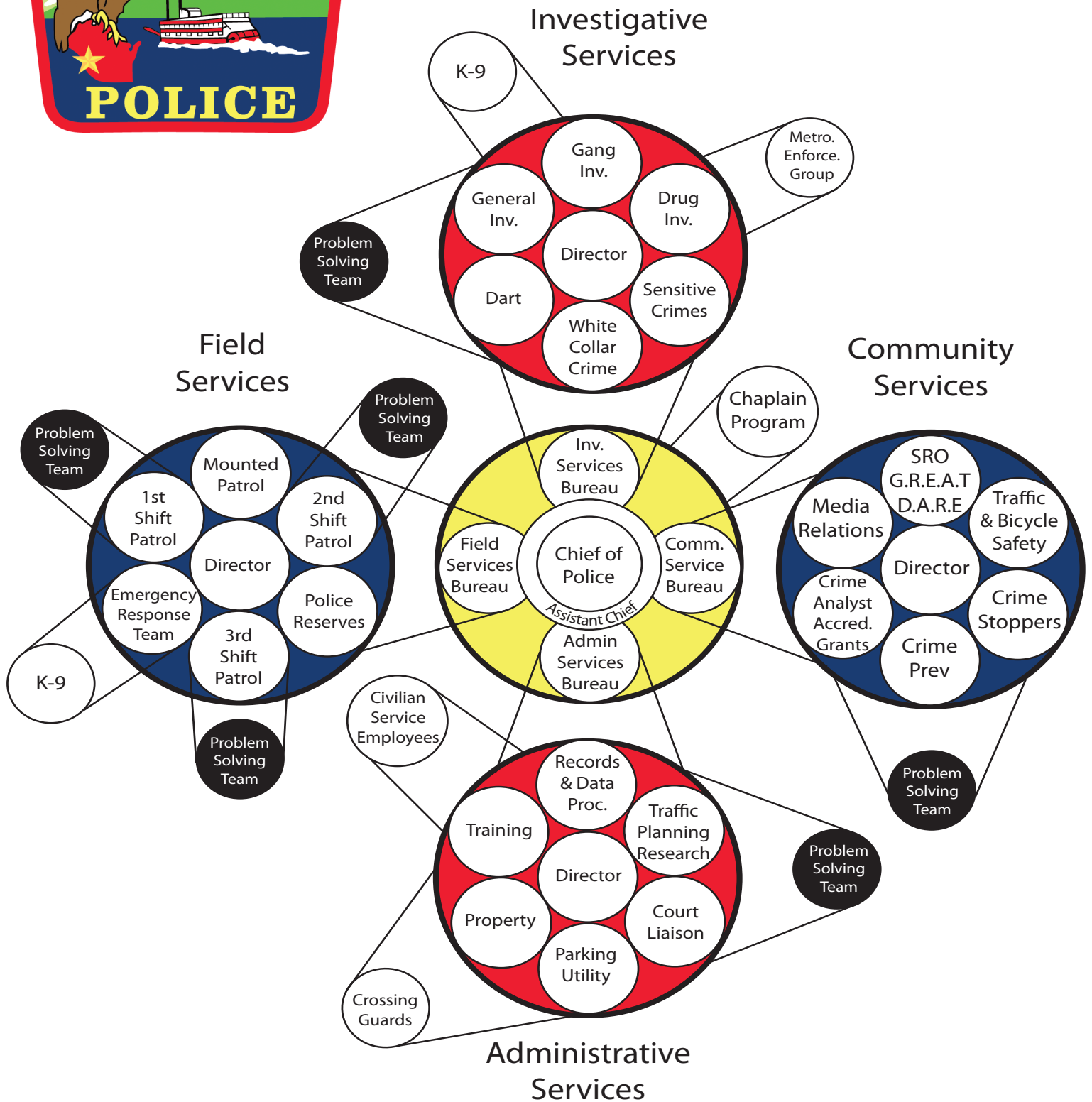
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**ANN WILLFORD**

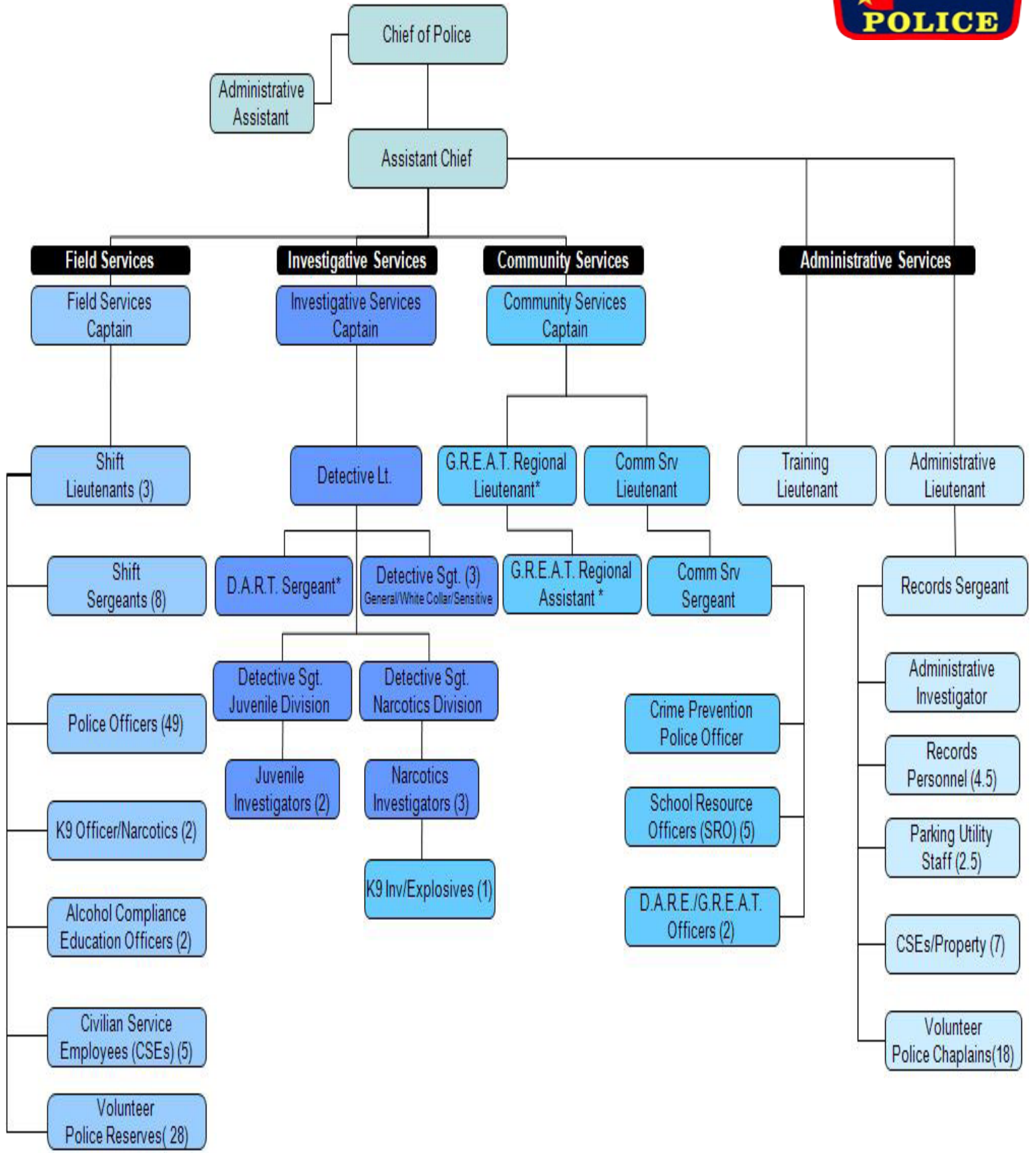


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## La Crosse Police Department Conceptual Organizational Chart





\* Federally Funded

## MISSION & VISION

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to the delivery of excellent police service to improve the quality of life within our community.

The La Crosse Police Department believes that excellent police service is achieved through the following:

- Problem Solving
- Professionalism
- Partnerships
- Ethical Practices

The La Crosse Police Department believes that our national recognition as a universal leader in policing has been achieved through the consistent excellent police service provided by our members.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to achieve excellence in policing.

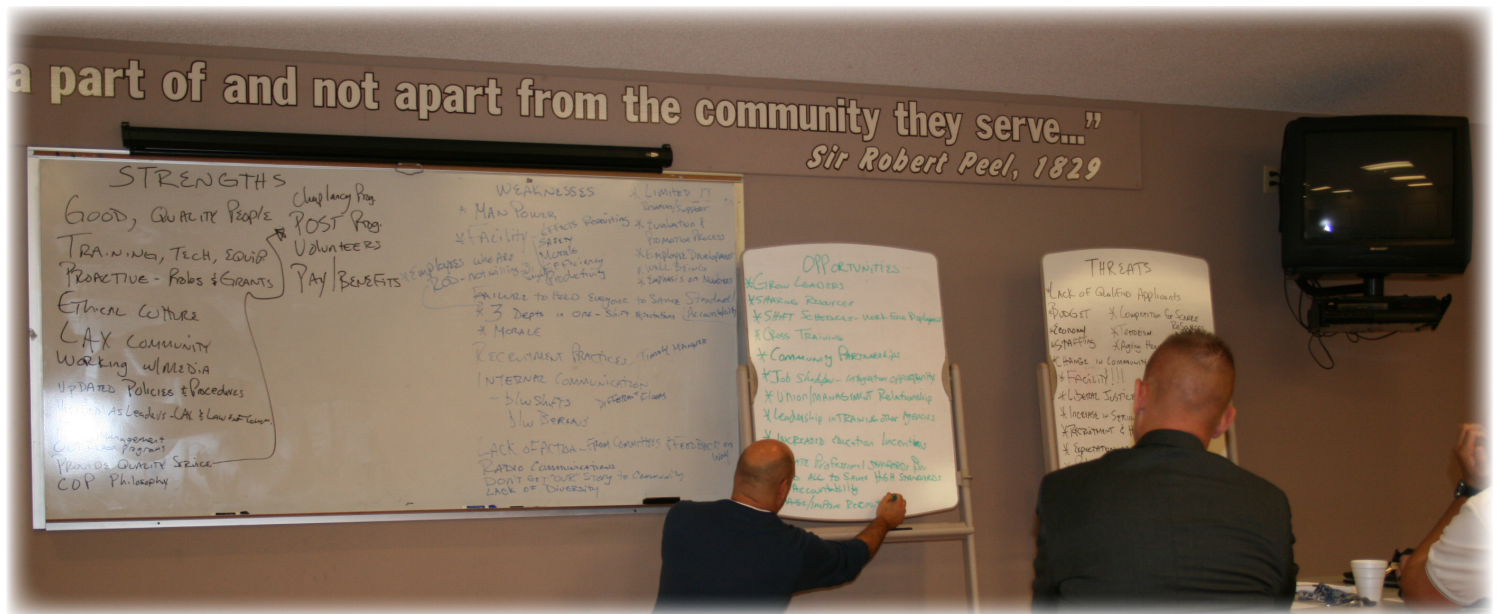
The following values guide how members of the La Crosse Police Department think, feel, and behave to improve the quality of life in La Crosse and thereby achieve our mission and vision:

- Excellence
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Integrity
- Accountability



# STRATEGIC PLANNING

In October 2010, 26 members of the La Crosse Police Department participated in a SWOT analysis. Members were charged to identify the current Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to the La Crosse Police Department.



In order to deliver excellent police service that improves the quality of life within our community, the La Crosse Police Department will pursue the following strategic outcomes over the next five years.

- Facilitate employee growth and professional development
- Develop a department-wide recruitment and development committee to ensure the hiring, growth, and development of high-quality employees.
- Implement systems that promote excellence and measure it through the evaluation, promotional, and disciplinary process.
- Enact plans designed to enhance communication, both external and internal, through the use of technology, problem solving, and partnership-building.
- Charge committees to research, evaluate, and monitor current and future external trends as well as community needs.
- Charge committees to work to address facility and radio communications needs.

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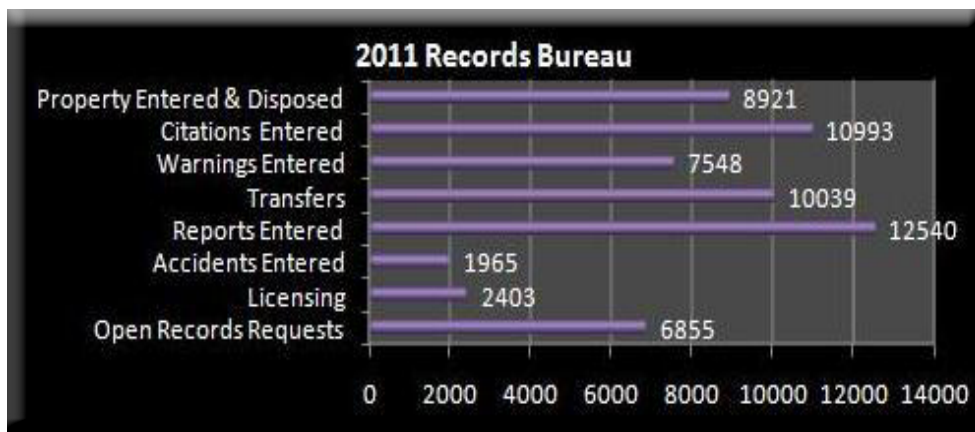
## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

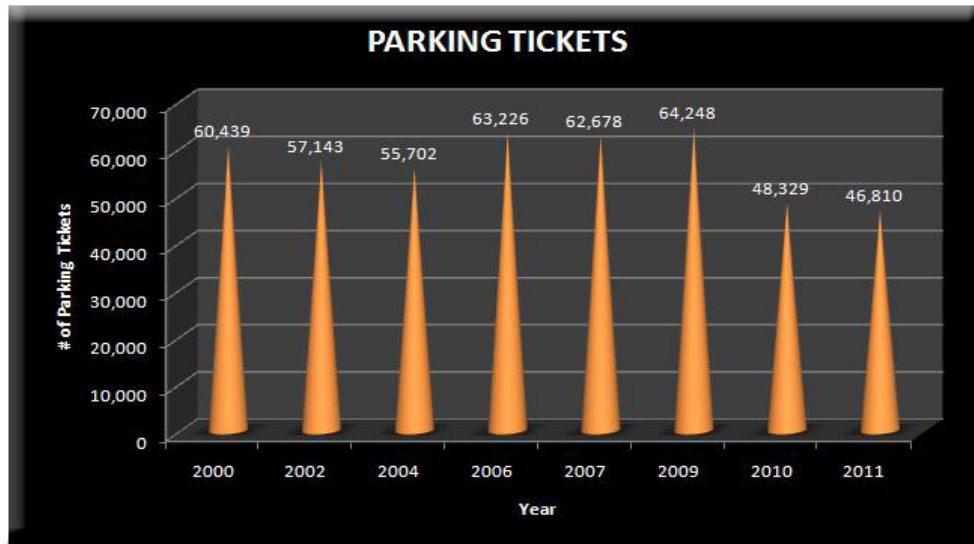
The Administrative Services Bureau includes the Records Division, Training Division, Court Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility, as well as the Property and Evidence Section. In addition, the Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budget development, 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.

The La Crosse Police Department prides itself providing quality training to our staff in order to ensure that our citizens receive the highest quality of service possible. In 2011, Training Director Lt. Troy Nedegaard, worked to coordinate 11,410 hours of training to both our sworn and civilian personnel. The following chart displays the total number of training hours attended by department personnel.



The La Crosse Police Records Division is charged with the responsibility to maintain all of our Department records, as well as communication hardware. In 2011, the Records Division assisted the agency in transition to officer dictation which assists in keeping officers on the street by eliminating the need for the officer to report to the police department to prepare reports. In 2011, Administrative Division personnel issued and processed over 46,800 parking citations. The Records Bureau processed over 20,000 police reports and 17,000 citations, warnings and crash reports. The Records Clerks handled over 6,800 open records request along with processing over 2,400 license applications. The Property section handled over 5,200 pieces of property/evidence.



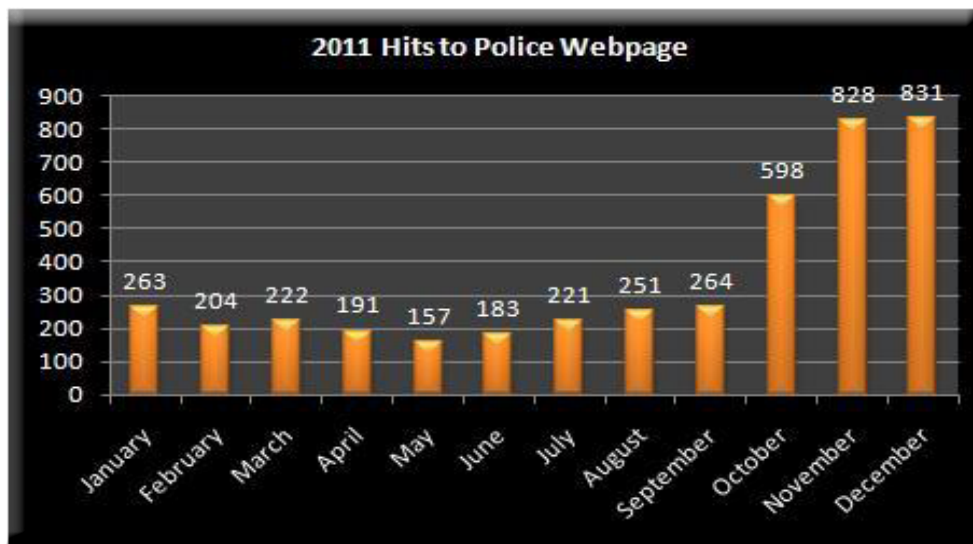


In 2011, Lt. Pat Hogan worked to develop a web based police reporting system which provides our citizens the ability to report certain crimes online. This time saving tool for both the citizens and the Department has gotten off to a great start with many compliments from citizens about the convenience.



Keeping our citizens informed about crimes and police activities in our city is important. This is accomplished through the use of our online crime mapping tool through the help of CrimeReports.com. This crime mapping tool offers a family of affordable, easy-to-use software tools for the La Crosse Police Department to understand current crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the information for free at [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com), letting them make informed decisions to help improve the safety of the neighborhood and community that they live in. The public can also access the crimewatch program through this crime mapping tool.

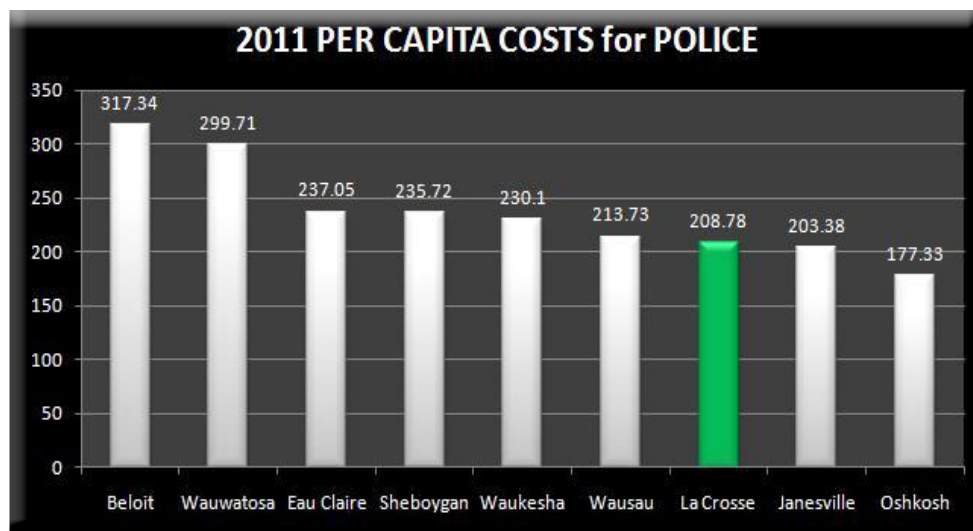
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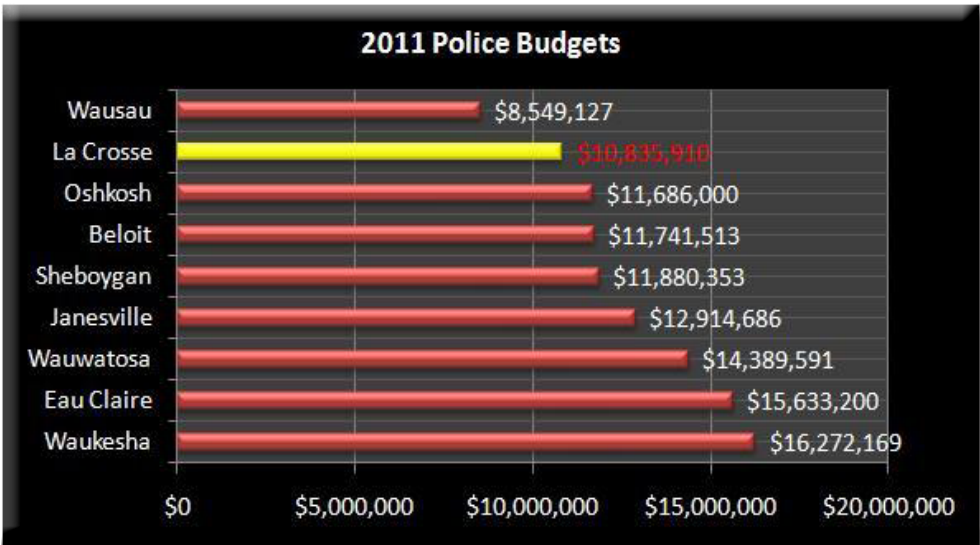
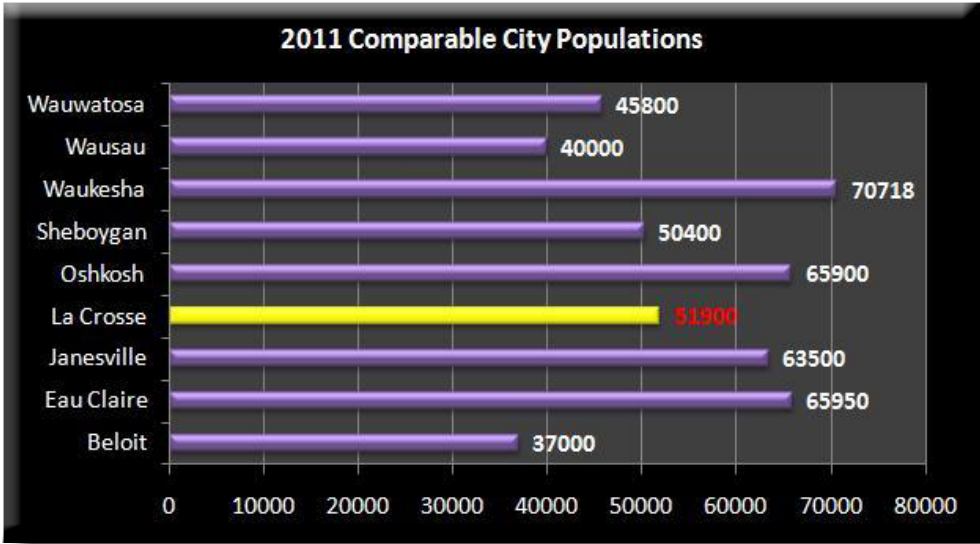
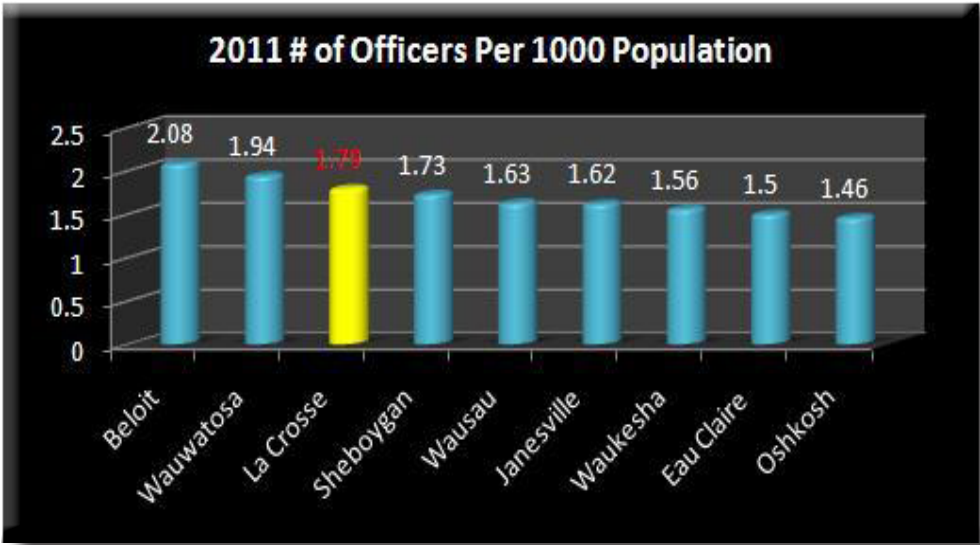


The Police Department has a more robust and powerful crime mapping tool that allows us to look at trendcasting maps to see what time of day, week and location that current crime trends are taking place. We can also look at current crime analysis to help predict crime trends and possible allocation of resources.

The Administrative Bureau is responsible for the department's budgeting as well as the staffing of personnel. Personnel costs represent over 90% of the Police Department budget. The La Crosse Police Department maintains one of the lowest cost per capita for police officers for comparable cities.

Members of the Administrative Bureau continue to work hard to support the officers 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 citizens of La Crosse.





## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Assistant Chief  
Robert Abraham

Administrative Lieutenant  
Patrick Hogan

Training Lieutenant  
Troy Nedegaard

Records Division Sergeant  
Randy Rank

Court Liaison / Traffic Investigator  
Evan Stone

Property Section CSE  
Kristine Gasch

### Civilian Service Employees (CSE)

Diane Skifton  
Kong Lor  
Ben Burrow

Kong Xiong  
Lacey Alton  
Robert Diersen

Michael Nagy  
Teng Thao  
Sonja Spensley



Records Division Civilian Employees  
Anne Heilman  
Lisa Putz

Joanne Ruegg  
Rebecca Smith

Parking Utility Civilian Employees  
Nicole Schneider  
Mary Sumeracki

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT ABRAHAM**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE BUREAU**



In 2011, the following officers retired from the La Crosse Police Department, taking with them a collective 199 years of service for the City of La Crosse. The Department would like to thank these officers for their dedication and service.



36 Years



24 Years



21 Years



25 Years



30 Years



31 Years



32 Years

## FIELD SERVICES BUREAU

The Field Services Bureau of the La Crosse Police Department is comprised of uniformed police officers and supervisors who are dedicated to serving the community with excellence.

Our primary mission is the protection of life and liberty, order maintenance and the personal security of our citizens and their property. We are committed to consistent enforcement, community policing, building partnerships with our community and problem solving.

Two thirds of the sworn officers of the La Crosse Police Department are assigned to the Field Services Bureau and they are whom the public is most likely to come in contact with. They respond to emergencies, alarms, reports of crimes, calls for service, traffic crashes and conduct traffic enforcement. The services provided range from preliminary investigations and documentation of major crimes, to problem solving complex quality of life issues.

The bureau consists of three shifts; each commanded by a Shift Lieutenant supported by Sergeants who directly supervise all activities on the street. Bureau members conduct day-to-day street-level operations in uniform being highly visible and accessible. The bureau provides command and control and most of the officers for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, community oriented problem solving, and special events.

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 forging a strong partnership with the community and our ability to conduct immediate problem solving by team effort working directly with all involved.

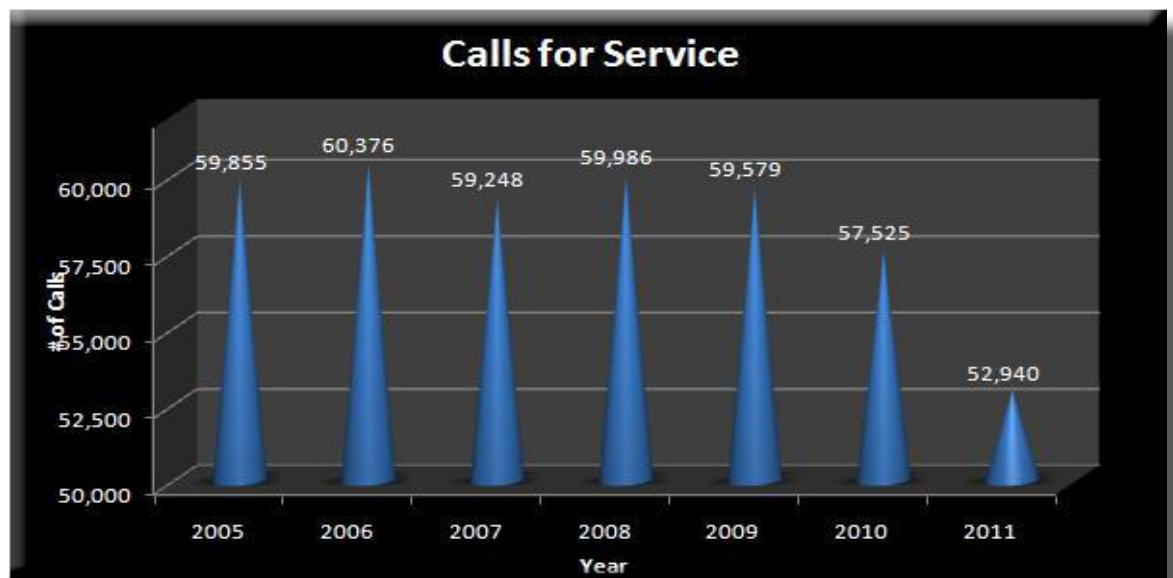
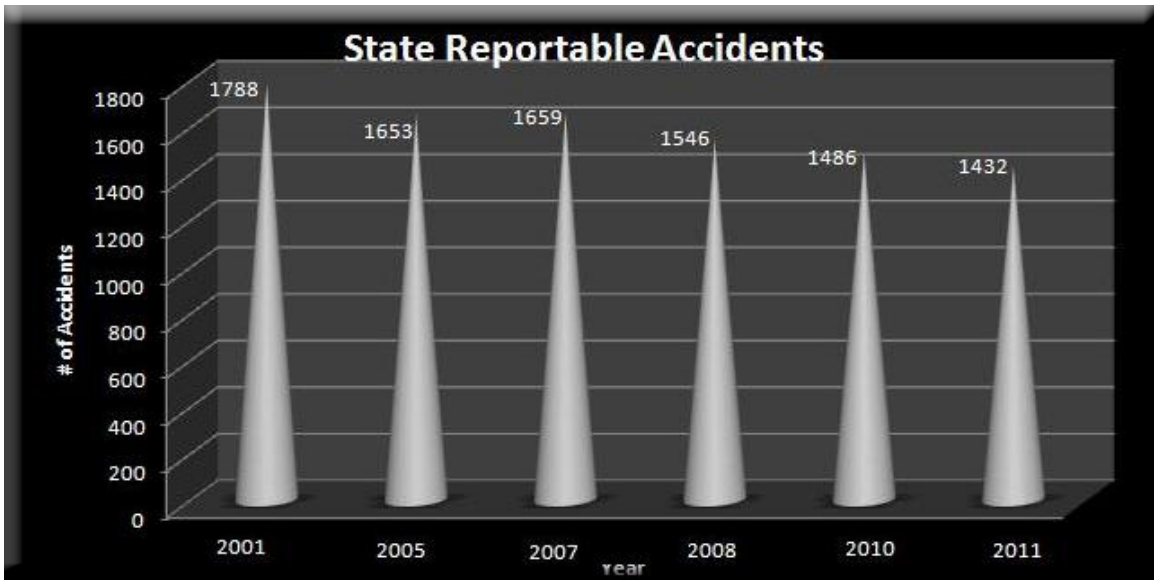
The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the State of Wisconsin with many bureau officers providing training to other officers throughout the state. Many of the bureau officers have attended Federal Homeland Security Training and State Emergency Management Training.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



**CAPTAIN ROBERT LAWRENCE**  
**FIELD SERVICES BUREAU**

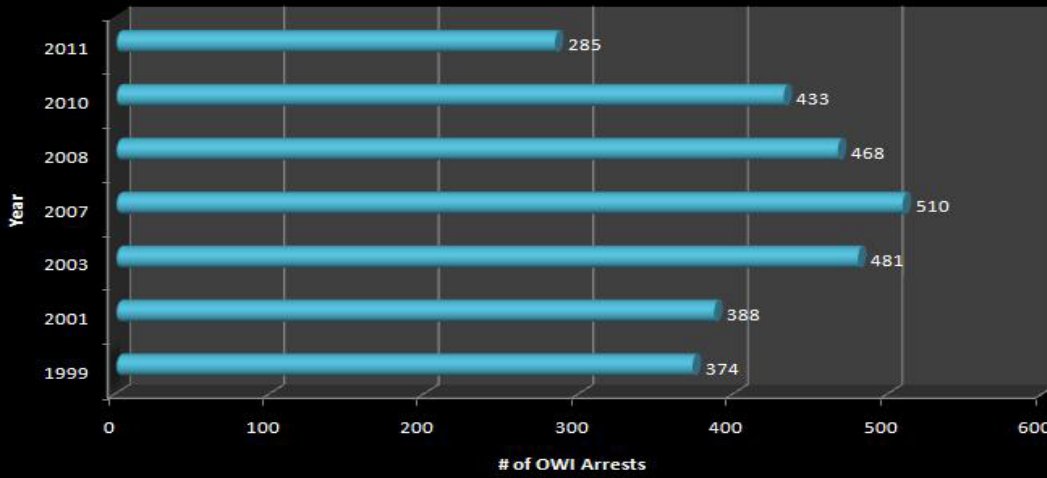


In 2011, members of the bureau were involved in 52,940 calls for service, issued 8,257 traffic citations, 7,125 warnings and investigated 1,432 reportable traffic crashes. Field Services Bureau members were instrumental in achieving a 50 percent clearance rate of Part I Uniform Crime Report Offenses in 2011.

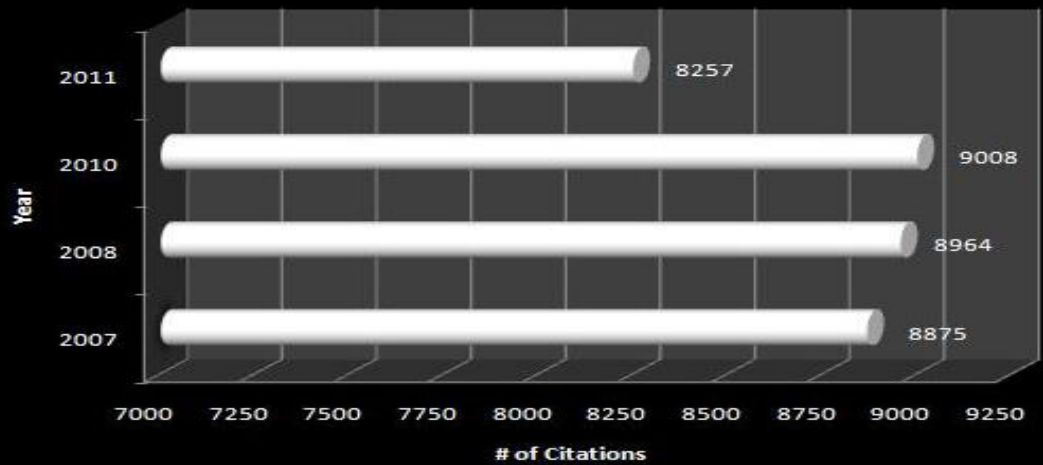


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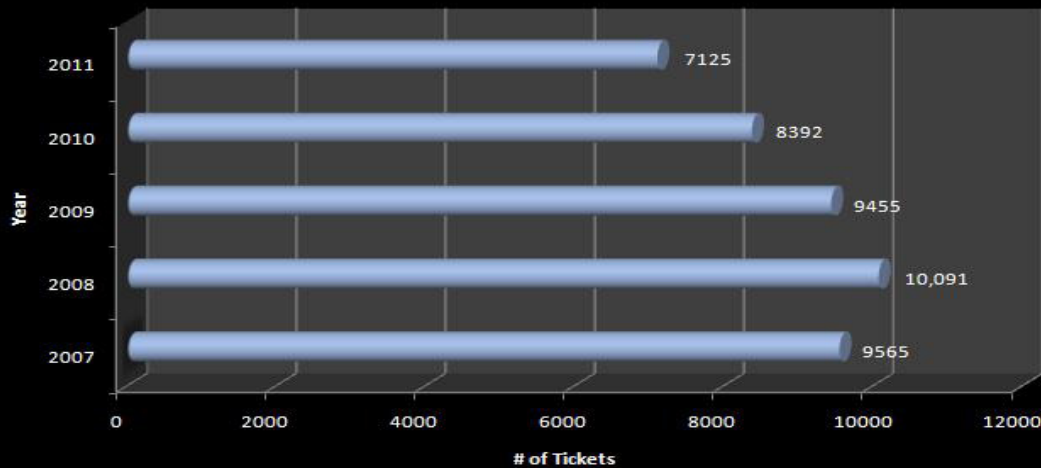
### OWI Arrests



### Traffic Citations



### Warning Tickets





## FIELD SERVICES STAFF

Bureau Director—Captain  
Robert Lawrence

Shift Lieutenants  
Robert Berndt  
Joe Smith  
Charles Frandsen

Shift Sergeants  
Andrew Gavrilos  
Gary Hauser  
Kirk Flatten

Jerome Korger  
Grant Gyllander  
Thomas Walsh

Brian Thomson  
Craig Oleson

Gary Clements  
Scott Delaney  
Mark Rosenmeier  
Scott Harmel  
Alan Iverson  
Corrie Korn  
Alan Hagen  
Casey Rossman  
Tony Leque  
James Mancuso  
Steven Pataska  
Andy Rosenow  
Brad Schomberg  
Dan Ulrich  
Matthew Geenen  
Cory Brandl  
Anthony Clark  
Nathan Poke  
Jason Nesbit

Officers  
Alan Baldwin  
Steven Thornton  
James Kirby  
Gregory Fitzsimmons  
Lisa Barrix  
Dale Gerbig  
Jovanna Nedland  
Teri Roden  
Frank Racich  
Ryan Fitzgerald  
Joel Miller  
Jeremy Rindfleisch  
Timothy O'Neill  
Aaron Erdmann  
Phillip Martin  
Wade Blazejak  
Andrew Tolvstad  
Brooke Privet  
Trenton Bowe

Brian Olson  
Andrew Angst  
Richard Rank  
Robert Wiezcorek  
Todd Fischer  
Faling Yang  
James Gegenfurtner  
Eric Christianson  
Craig Teff  
Ryan Stenslien  
Brian Deyo  
Tom Hansen  
Quintin Schaitel  
Andrew Dittman  
Joseph Wiegrefe  
Heath Parshall  
Christopher Oates  
Adam Bembnister

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

The Community Service Bureau was directed by Captain Jason Melby. The Community Services Bureau is primarily responsible for community crime prevention, education, news media relations, and school safety programming. The Community Services Bureau also provides staff and logistical support to the Patrol and Investigation Bureaus.

One of the hallmark accomplishments from 2011 was being accredited for the 4th consecutive time by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Accreditation is a voluntary process and WILEAG is the independent body that evaluates police departments from around the state that choose to participate. WILEAG has over 230 standards that police departments are evaluated on; all of which focus on professional practices within the law enforcement field. As of 2011 there were 18 other police agencies in the state that were accredited. Of these 18 agencies, only two had accomplished accreditation four consecutive times. Sergeant Kirk Flatten served as the Department's Accreditation Manager and worked extremely hard to prove our professionalism.

Several of the major crime prevention programs fall under the responsibility of the Community Services Bureau including the delivery of both the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the elementary schools and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) curricula in our elementary and middle schools. These two programs alone reached over 2000 students in the La Crosse's public and private schools. In 2011 Lincoln Middle School hosted the G.R.E.A.T. Families Program. Every week for 6 weeks, families came together for dinner and a program presented by the G.R.E.A.T. Officers. It should also be noted that in 2012 the new evidence based D.A.R.E. curriculum will be implemented.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is another crime prevention program and also under the direction of the Community Services Bureau. The SRO program has an officer assigned to each middle and high school within the city and they also will assist the elementary schools when needed. The School Resource Officers along with their responsibilities provide specialized classes tailored to the needs of the school or community. Some of the topics these classes include are internet safety, constitutional law, over the counter and prescription drug abuse, driver's education, bicycle safety, bullying prevention, and school safety.

The Community Service Bureau also spearheads the G.R.E.A.T. Summer Programming which allows Officers to work hand and hand with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse and Camp Send A Kid. These collaborations provide prevention programs for the youth of our community and work to engage them in becoming productive citizens in the community during the summer months. During our summer programming we partnered with the Onalaska Police Department and La Crosse County Sheriff's Office to reach over 2000 kids.



Other major programs include:

- La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers Program, which received over 330 tips in 2011 helping to clear numerous cases within the La Crosse area.
- La Crosse School District Safety Patrol annual trip to Washington D.C. had 75 area 5th graders attend the trip in 2011.
- The Community Services Bureau is also responsible for administering the G.R.E.A.T. Midwest-Atlantic Regional Training Center which provides certification training for police officers in 16 states on the topic of Gang Resistance, Education and Training, a violence prevention program which has components directed towards elementary school, middle school, summer and family programming.

Additional duties performed within the Community Services Bureau includes overseeing the internship program, finger printing, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Community Policing, the School Crossing Guards, new media outreach programs like Facebook and Twitter and maintaining accreditation status.

A last significant task the Community Services Bureau does is the application for and the administration of the Police Department's grants. In 2011, the Community Services Bureau administered federal and state grants totaling over \$500,000. These grants are alternative sources of funds, which are vital in maintaining the level of police service being provided, despite diminishing budgets.

Looking forward to 2012, one of the Department's initiatives is the change of the Community Services Bureau to the Professional Standards/Community Service Bureau. This change is not just in name but will expand the existing duties to include training, nuisance property tracking, crime analysis, policy development, crossing guards, background investigations, and internal affairs. The Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau, together with the community support, will continue to provide quality community based prevention programming designed to prevent crime; maintaining La Crosse as one of the safest communities in the nation.



**CAPTAIN JASON MELBY**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU**

## COMMUNTY SERVICES STAFF

Bureau Director—Captain  
Jason Melby

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

Bureau Sergeant  
Avrie Schott

DARE / GREAT Officers  
Kurt Weaver                      Jon Wenger

School Liaison Officers  
Heath Graves                      Bradley Stoner  
Andrew Dittman                      Christopher Schuster  
Rick Pfennig

G.R.E.A.T. Civilian  
Chelsea Koster  
Roger Barnes



## INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Investigative Services Bureau is primarily responsible for the investigation of all criminal cases within the City of La Crosse. The Investigative Bureau has a staff of 11 members which is divided into three areas of expertise: general investigations, narcotic/vice investigations and sensitive crimes which includes domestic violence, juveniles, sex crimes, and elderly victims incidents.

The Investigative Bureau is dedicated to the mission of community policing by providing expertise in all areas of criminal investigation. In 2011, the Investigative Bureau investigated over 2,200 criminal cases and sized over 5,400 grams of narcotics.

All Investigative Bureau members are trained in a variety of disciplines and therefore are capable of performing a wide variety of specialized tasks outside their normal assignments. This provides greater flexibility in their work assignments when the need arises. Personnel not only provide expertise in crime investigations, they 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, the National Association of Gang Investigators and Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators.

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, Downtown Business Association, Citizen Police Academy and the area public schools at all levels.

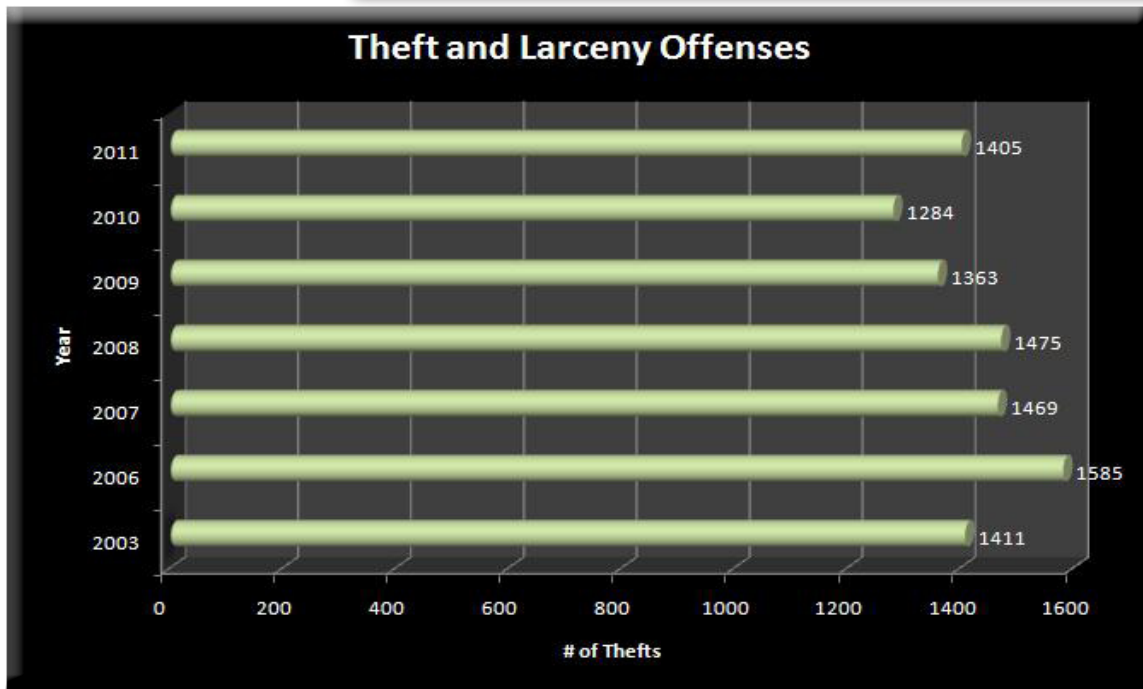
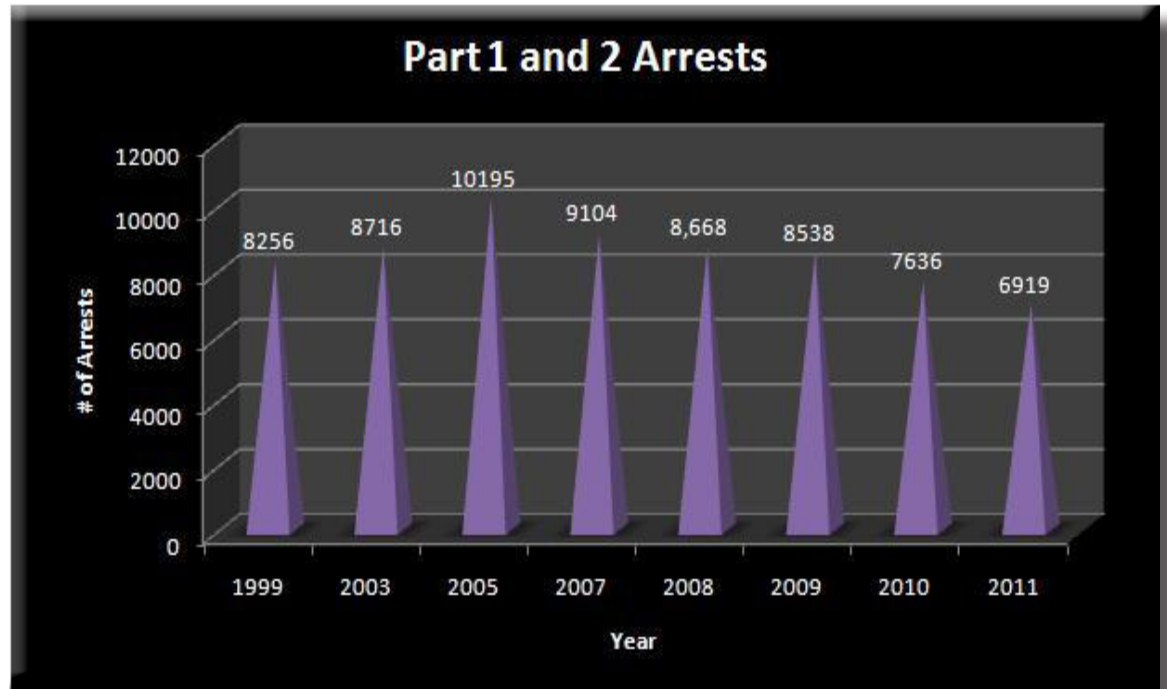


The Department's Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) is assigned to the Investigative Bureau and plays a key role in the La Crosse community by investigating cases of domestic violence. The D.A.R.T. team works diligently to reduce the incidents of domestic violence and provides a variety of services to aid those in need within the community.

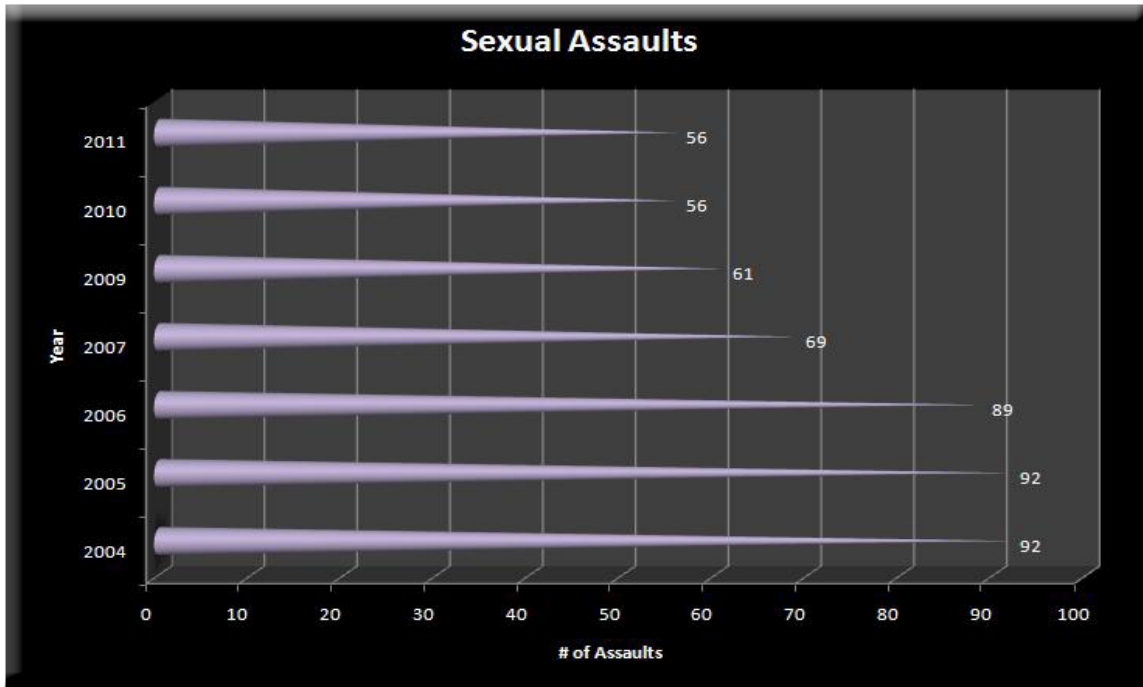
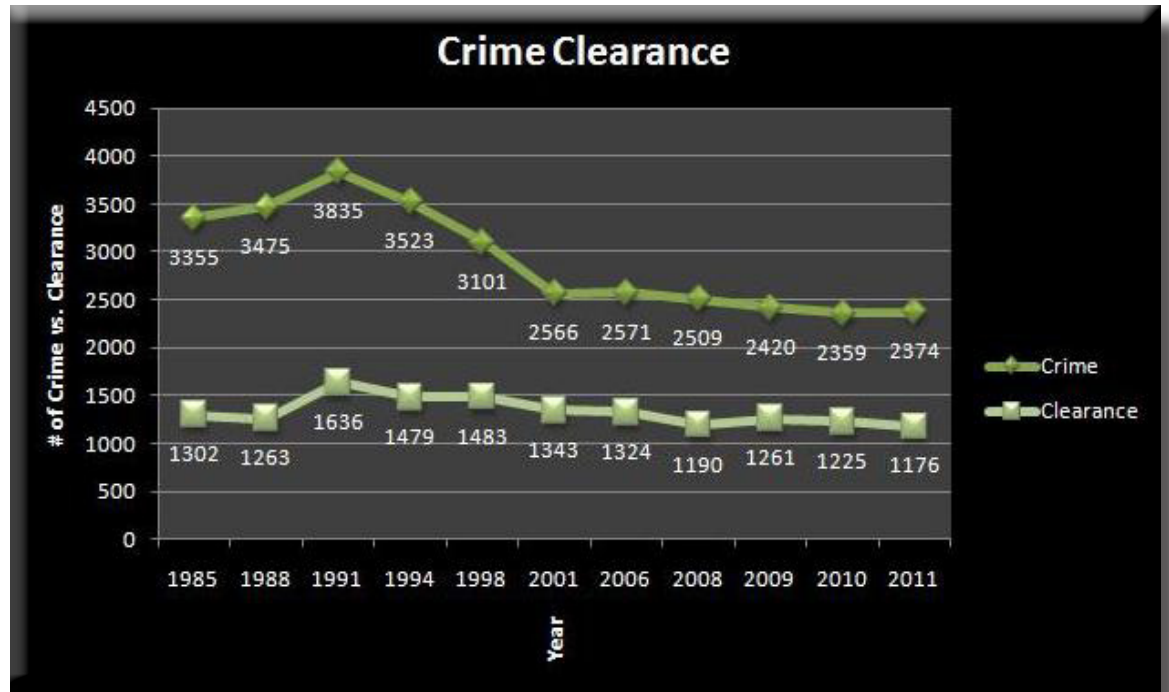
**CAPTAIN SHAWN KUDRON**  
**INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**



The Investigative Bureau draws from a wide variety of resources to respond to criminal activity in La Crosse. The Investigative Bureau strives to provide excellence in the area of criminal investigation and to respond to the needs of the La Crosse community. Through community policing efforts and improvements in law enforcement technology the Investigative Bureau will continue to actively work to keep the La Crosse community safe.



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## INVESTIGATIVE STAFF

Bureau Director—Captain  
Shawn Kudron

Bureau Lieutenant  
Matthew Malott

Sensitive Crimes Detective Sergeant  
Linnea Moren

D.A.R.T. Sergeant  
Sally Newman

Detective Sergeants  
Michael Blokhuis                      Patrick Marco

Bureau Investigators  
Jason Mahairas                      Ron Secord  
Dan Kloss

Juvenile Division Investigators  
Tony Delap                      Jake Jansky

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a part-time team that consists of 2 commanders, 17 tactical members and 8 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 commit themselves above and beyond that of a standard officer. They train a minimum of 96 hours a year for ERT duties and are required to pass two physical agility tests per year.

ERT continues to enhance its training efforts so it can enhance its ability to provide a safe environment for the La Crosse Community. Members of ERT have been able to expand their levels of training by becoming instructors in the following tactics: Mechanical Breaching, Explosive Breaching and MAC TAC. The Wisconsin Regional ALERT program has assisted ERT in reaching out to other agencies within our region to build better working relationships through joint training and sharing of equipment needs.

A special thanks goes to partnering agencies that have taken part in training with ERT throughout the year: Gundersen Lutheran, WTC, Volk Field, Ft. McCoy, La Crosse School District, La Crosse MTU and Viterbo University, to name a few.

The primary goal of ERT has and continues to be to solve matters in a safe and peaceful manner.





# ERT MEMBERS

## OIC

Lt. Troy Nedegaard

## Assistant OIC

Lt. Joseph Smith

## Team Leaders

Officer Corrie Korn

Officer Faling Yang

Sergeant Jason Mahairas

Officer Robert Wieczorek

## Tactical Members

Lieutenant Chuck Frandsen

Lieutenant Matthew Malott

Sergeant Grant Gyllander

Sergeant Daniel Kloss

Investigator Jacob Jansky

Officer Rick Pfennig

Officer Alan Iverson

Officer Tony LeQue

Officer Joel Miller

Officer Andy Rosenow

Officer Christopher Schuster

Officer James Mancuso

Officer Casey Rossman

Officer Bradley Schomberg

## Negotiators

Sergeant Andrew Gavrilos

Sergeant Avrie Schott

Sergeant Linnea Moren

Officer Eric Christianson

Officer Steven Pataska

Officer Andrew Dittman

Officer Teri Roden



## RESERVE PROGRAM



### 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.

The Reserve Program set the highest number of hours worked this year at 5,227 hours. No other Reserve or Auxiliary Police in the state has this many hours in a single year. The Reserve Program continues to build their ranks now that we have 30 members. The largest event for the Reserve Program continues to be the Riverside Park Patrol, where Reserves dedicated 1,794 hours of their time. The Reserves are working longer at the events even though the numbers of events are only slightly increased.

EVENTS	HOURS	PERCENT	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT
Meetings	1,020	+36%	69	+51%
La Crosse Center	714	+5%	49	-22%
Riverside Park Patrol	1,794	-7%	156	-1%
Parades	99	-41%	12	+33%
Baseball	107	+53%	14	+21%
Bike Patrol	18	-1%	9	+11%
Training	162	4%	40	-13%
Community Events	1,084	+26%	93	+6%
ERT Support	29	-62%	1	-300%
Alcohol Task Force	27	+100%	5	+100%
Emergency Callouts	173	-26%	11	-64%
Investigation Support	0	0%	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,227</b>	<b>+5%</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>+5%</b>



## CHAPLAIN PROGRAM



The La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy provides a ministry of presence, supplying a source of strength to law enforcement officers and their families, department personnel, and members of the community. Additionally, our chaplains are trained to serve the needs of others without religious, racial, social, or gender bias, providing care and compassion for those impacted by crisis and traumatic incidents.

This year 2011 marked the 11th anniversary of the La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Since 2000, our team of trained law enforcement chaplains have responded to over 427 emergency calls including a jet crash, river drownings, homicides, infant deaths, car fatalities, death notifications, missing persons, suicides, and officer involved shootings. Our chaplains responded to every call assisting the victims of tragedy but also in service to our members of law enforcement. In the last 11 years we have also assisted 13 law enforcement agencies and one fire department in starting a Chaplaincy program within their departments.

We consider it a tremendous honor to serve our faithful men and women in law enforcement and look forward to continue serving next year, expanding our team and assisting more law enforcement agencies in starting chaplaincy programs all the while looking for ways to show the men and women of law enforcement they are appreciated!

The La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplain team of 18 chaplains provided on-call chaplain coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year in 2011 for a total of 8,760 hours of chaplain coverage. The Chaplains also attend bi-monthly training and received 98 hours of training during 2011 ensuring our team is equipped and prepared to effectively serve law enforcement personnel and the members of our community. Chaplains also provided a range of other services both to the community and law enforcement as detailed below.



**REV. MARK D. CLEMENTS  
COULEE REGION LAW  
ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINCY**



## 2011 CHAPLAIN MEMBERS

Jenny Arneson (Methodist)  
 Mark Boyd (Apostolic)  
 Art Brown (Evangelical Free)  
 Mark Clements (Non-Denominational)  
 Jen Clemmerson (Assembly of God)  
 Chad Cummings (Souther Baptist)  
 Leon Frank (Non-Denominational)  
 Phil Gaddis (Baptist)  
 Matthew Ludick (Catholic)

Bryan McGrath (Non-Denominational)  
 Diana McGrath (Non-Denominational)  
 Houa Moua (Lutheran)  
 Frank O’Laughlin (Non-Denominational)  
 Larry Olson (Presbyterian)  
 Charles Robinson (Church of Christ)  
 Tom Skemp (Catholic)  
 Phil Stein (Nazarene)  
 Jeff Thomson (Assembly of God)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Rabbi Saul PromBaum (Jewish)

Houa Moua (Hmong)



## CITY COUNCIL

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



### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Becker  
John Satory  
Jai Johnson  
Eric Schmidt  
Jim Bloedorn  
Francis Formanek

Douglas Farmer  
Bob Seaquist  
Chris Olson  
Richard Swantz  
Douglas Happel  
Sara Sullivan

Audray Kader  
Marilyn Wigdahl  
Andrea Richmond  
Al Wagner  
Paul Medinger

## POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

The Police and Fire Commission is a non-political board of citizens appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation 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 Thornton  
Bruce Jentz  
Roger Plesha  
Mary Lund  
Doug Happel

**MAYOR MATHIAS HARTER**  
**CITY OF LA CROSSE**





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 28th year of National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2011.

The main goals of National Night Out are 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.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.



## IN THE NEWS

### Family & Children's Center gives awards

By Tribune staff

Det. Sgt. Linnea Moren has won the first True Blue Champion of the Year Award from the Family and Children's Center.



Moren

As head of the sensitive crimes unit at the La Crosse Police Department, Moren investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect.

She also serves on the advisory board for Stepping Stones, Family & Children's Center child advocacy center, and par-

ticipates in multiple review committees and task forces aimed at improving the community's response to child abuse.

"I just look at all this as part of my job," Moren said.

"Sometimes I wonder if it's worth it because it is stressful," she said, "but then I see the victims who come back and they're succeeding and I know it's worth it."

Family & Children's Center, which also operates the Healthy Families child abuse/neglect prevention program, developed the True Blue Champion award to recognize individuals in the

community who work quietly and tirelessly to prevent or address child abuse.

Moren received the award at a ceremony Tuesday evening.

"Det. Sgt. Moren is a constant advocate for the safety of children, and her ability to engage and support families throughout the criminal justice process is inspiring," Family & Children's Center President and CEO John Burgess said. "She not only supports the children and families she serves, but her coworkers and multidisciplinary team members as well."

Also honored were:

■ Children's Miracle Network Hospitals received a Springtime of Hope Award for its assistance in operating the center's Healthy Families and Stepping Stones programs.

■ Diane Holmay, vice president of nursing at Franciscan Skemp, received a Springtime of Hope Award for setting best practices for responding to at-risk children and families.

■ Great Rivers United Way received the Stepping Stones Outstanding Advocate Award for providing unmatched funding for Healthy Families and Stepping Stones to eradicate child abuse.

### Police honor staff, civilians

By Tribune staff

La Crosse police honored staff and civilians Tuesday during its annual awards ceremony.

They included:

■ Lifesaving Award to officer Andrew Rosenow for giving CPR to an unconscious man Dec. 18 until emergency staff arrived. The man was taken to a local hospital.

■ Award of Excellence to Chee Yang and Mong Yang, who detained a serial burglar inside their South Side home Nov. 15.

■ Award of Excellence to Troy Strittmater and Jon Stahnke for preventing a drunken driver from fleeing a crash at Rose and Palace streets Dec. 6

■ Chief's Special Achievement Award to Diane McGrath for her work in the La Crosse Area Chaplaincy program and on the La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Picnic and the department's awards ceremony.

■ Chief's Special Achievement Award to Lt. Bob Berndt for organizing the department's Awards

Recognition Committee since 2000.

■ Employee Award of Excellence to CSE Teng Thao, who kept surveillance on three suspicious men Oct. 8 as they set a couch on fire at 11th and Pine streets. The men were arrested.

■ Department Superior Achievement Award to Sgt. Matt Malott and Sgt. Michael Blokhuis for their work on an eight-week investigation into a La Crosse woman's May 21 fatal heroin overdose. Two men later were charged with homicide

■ Department Superior Achievement Award to officer Avrie Schott, who negotiated with a man for five hours after he fired a gun inside his South Side home July 10. The man surrendered and no one was hurt.

■ Department Superior Achievement Award to officer Timothy O'Neil, who chased after a man running from the Walgreens on West Avenue Jan. 10 shortly after an armed robbery. The suspect was arrested.



**THANK YOU**

The La Crosse Police K-9 Unit would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations towards our Golf Tournament on June 9th. Their generosity helped make our Golf Tournament a success and helped raise enough money to equip, feed and train our K-9 Unit.

**A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the owners and staff at Brothers Bar for providing the food and the use of their facility.**

- Backgrounds Online
- Weisbrod and Associates
- Ed and Cheryl Kondracki
- Central Animal Hospital (2 signs)
- Jandt – Fredrickson Funeral Homes and Crematory
- Schumacher – Kish Funeral Homes
- Poellinger Electric Inc.
- Bennett O'Riley's
- Kwik Trip
- Kramer's Bar and Grill
- Maureen "Moe" Dray
- Tom and Deb Walsh
- WKTY Lead Balloon Show / Mike Kearns
- Chapter II Bar and Grill
- Recovery Room
- Alpine Inn
- Schneider Heating and Air Conditioning
- Kish and Son's Electric
- M. Scott Ott – U.S. Junior Tours
- Bachbett Kennels Police K-9 Services
- Midwest Family Radio
- Snap Fitness – Bluffside
- Sloopy's Alma Mater
- T.D. Padesky Electric
- Reconyx Inc. – TJ Stenger
- Hungry Peddler
- Wettstein's
- Smith Cycling & Fitness
- CKY Outfitters
- B.A. Burrito
- Thompson Animal Medical Center
- Wisconsin Insurance Center
- Rudy's Drive-In
- Firefighter's Credit Union
- Radisson Hotel – LaCrosse
- Brother's Bar & Grill
- LaCrosse Professional Police Non-Supervisory Association
- Beef, Etc.
- Bluffside Tavern
- Billy's Lantern
- Howes Diamond Jewelers
- Coulee Bank
- Neaue's Varsity Club
- Wiebke Fur Co., Inc.
- Rose Jewelers
- The Monogram Co.
- Cedar Creek Golf Club
- LaCrosse Professional Police Supervisory Association
- Disciascio's Coon Creek Inn
- Main St. Law Office – Dan Dunn
- Washa Chiropractic
- Wine Guyz
- Curtis Printing Company

# Police announce new website to report crime

By Tribune staff

La Crosse police have rolled out a new website that allows the public to report minor crimes online.

The self-reporting system available at [www.cityoflacrosse.org/PoliceReport](http://www.cityoflacrosse.org/PoliceReport) should be used for non-emergency crimes without suspects. The new format will save money and resources and

allows officers to focus on more serious crimes, La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki said.

Community members should use the website to report thefts when stolen items are valued at less than \$2,500. Property damage where losses are less than \$2,500 also can be reported on the site, along with nuisance and suspicious complaints.

Photos can be attached to the report.

Once submitted, the reports are considered official and will be processed by police. Citizens can also still come to the police station to file a report.

Officers still are available by calling (608) 785-5962. Police remind the public to call 911 if a crime is in progress.

## MONDAY PROFILE: ADAM WOHLWEND



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Adam Wohlwend, the commander of the La Crosse Police Reserves, runs a meeting of the reserves Wednesday. He has been a reserve for 10 years and works at Trane Co., all while pursuing a master's degree at UW-La Crosse.

# Plenty in reserve

## Business analyst, student spends spare time with police unit

By **JESSICA LARSEN**  
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Adam Wohlwend wasn't born in La Crosse. He doesn't have relatives here or many deep community ties.

But for a decade, Wohlwend has dedicated his free time to protecting the city through the La Crosse Police Reserves.

That, on top of his job as a full-time business planning analyst at Trane Co., volunteering on the Community Emergency Response Team, and working toward his master's degree in business administration.

The crazy schedule is worth it, he says.

"There's always stuff going on that makes this community so great," Wohlwend said. "I'd like to be part of it."

In his decade on the police reserves, Wohlwend has formed a more standardized orientation and testing structure, created recognition programs for members, started a better record of who volunteers and for how long, and helped increase events the reserves help out with from four to up to 65 a month.

"The program was struggling when I joined," he said.

Now, he leads a pack of 26 reservists.

"The sense of morale, the leadership that Adam carries is amazing," said Marshall Quackenboss, who served on the police reserves for five years. "Other people have to tell you that they in charge. Then there's those that people already respect. Adam is one of those people."

Wohlwend grew up in Montana and joined the Army right out of high school. In his early 20s, he switched to the National Guard while he went to college in Moorhead, Minn. While there, he was an instructor at Fort McCoy, teaching on-the-field techniques.

When he graduated and got his job at Trane Co., he stayed at Fort McCoy until he retired from the military base last year as a sergeant first class.

He joined the police reserves one week after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I felt so compelled to do something for the community," he said.

I can try this, Wohlwend

thought to himself. I got these skills.

Still, Wohlwend wasn't very confident he would be accepted. He didn't know police procedure, and he wasn't planning to become an officer, like a majority of the volunteers who go through the reserves.

But he soon worked his way up to sergeant in 2002 and deputy commander six months later.

Quackenboss said since Wohlwend started in the reserves, there's a much higher respect for the group among the police department.

"The program has enjoyed greater success and respectability," he said. "At one time, it was not held in highest regard. It was the 'wannabes' or 'hobby cops.'"

At a decade of service, Wohlwend is the fourth longest-serving person to go through the police reserves. Most last just a couple of years.

Going in, he didn't think he'd serve this long. Still, he doesn't see stopping any time soon.

"I just wanted to help," he said. "It's easy to complain about problems, but it's different to be part of the solution."



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