City of Lake Geneva Police Department

2018 Annual Report

LAKE GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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A message from Chief Rasmussen:

I am pleased to present the City of Lake Geneva Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. The men and women of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department have worked diligently and progressively to provide professional law enforcement services to our citizens and the many visitors who came to our city in 2018. We continue to provide outstanding service through the use of technology, training and education.

The City continues to grow and multiple organizations have worked tirelessly to attract additional tourists and host additional events throughout the year. This work, along with growth in the City, contributed to an increase in calls for service. The City of Lake Geneva Police Department handled 20,515 calls for service in 2018, a record number. There were 1,556 more calls for service in 2018 compared to 2017.

As calls for service increase, the demand on our personnel increases also. It has been extremely challenging to recruit additional part time officers due to the increased number of full time officer positions vacant throughout our recruiting demographic and Nation. As the part time officer position diminishes and will for the foreseeable future, our strategy to provide high quality police service will change to meet the needs of the City.

We have had continued success with the use of technology. Our automated license plate recognition system played an integral role in locating a missing infant who was a victim of a parental abduction from another jurisdiction. Our unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) located a suspect who fled from officers and fell unconscious in a wooded area, exposed to the elements. The use of the drone gave us the ability to limit the search to minutes as opposed to hours, cutting down on personnel costs and ultimately saving the suspect's life.

In an effort to reduce the intensity of a persons' physical, mental or emotional reaction to a crisis, we have continued to train our officers and telecommunicators in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. We trained three more department members in this technique in 2018. One of these officers received training in advanced crisis intervention techniques. Our Department now has 10 members trained in these techniques and we will continue to train department members in this discipline as trainings become available.

Our challenge remains to address an ongoing and nationwide opioid crisis. In 2018, our detectives took in 230 pounds of unused medication through our drug take back program. These efforts have kept the unused medications out of the hands of those who wish to consume or sell them illegally. In addition, these medications do not end up being dumped into our City water supply and lake.

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In 2018, we lost one experienced officer to retirement. Officer Jeffrey Nethery retired from our Department after 26 years of dedicated full time service. Officer Nethery served as a reserve officer, patrolman and a detective during his tenure. In addition to those duties, Officer Nethery served as a field training officer and firearms instructor. To fill the open position, we promoted Officer Michael McBride to full time. Officer McBride, a true home grown cop, is a lifelong Lake Geneva resident, a Badger High School graduate and completed his degree in Criminal Justice at Gateway Technical College. Mike began his law enforcement career at our Department as a booking officer in 2013 and then transitioned to a reserve officer in 2015, before his promotion to full time officer in April 2018. Officer McBride is the son of Mike "Mac" and Dawn McBride. Mac served the City of Lake Geneva Fire Department for several years.

In closing, I would like to thank the men and women of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department. Their dedication and commitment to public service and protection make the City of Lake Geneva a wonderful place to raise a family and visit. I would also like to thank the Police and Fire Commission, Mayor Hartz and members of the City Council for their support and commitment to providing the citizens of Lake Geneva a safe and secure environment to live in. We continue to grow by implementing new technologies, improving our efficiency, and meeting the needs of the community. Finally, I want to thank the citizens who supported our efforts and worked with us hand in hand to accomplish our Department mission.

Chief Michael S. Rasmussen

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION

Michael S. Rasmussen

Chief of Police

Edward J. Gritzner III

Administrative Lieutenant

Bridgett C. Way

Patrol Lieutenant

Cindy L. Papenfus

Administrative Assistant

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Joseph R. Ecklund

Detective

Seth M. Keller

Detective

PATROL DIVISION

Jason W. Hall

Sergeant

Daniel T. Derrick

Sergeant

Sean M. Hinzpeter

Sergeant

William D. Thornburgh

Officer

William W. Walser Jr.

Officer

Theon N. Ward

Officer

Kara A. Richardson

Officer

Brent W. Spotz

Officer

Brandi J. Nelson

Officer

Lucas J. Hansen

Officer

Glen J. Nettesheim

Officer

Kaitlin M. Tietz

Officer

Caleb L. Tracy

Officer

Aaron R. Greetham

Officer

Shannon M. Gee

Officer

Brock C. Bouland

Officer

Kyle L. McNeil

Officer

Joseph A. Wisniewski

Officer

Michael E. McBride

Officer

COMMUNICATIONS

Jean A. Froggatt

Communications Supervisor

Brenda J. Barton

Telecommunicator

Patricia J. Holwick

Telecommunicator

Rebecca L. Kostman

Telecommunicator

Amanda K. Moeller

Telecommunicator

Tonia M. Wojtas

Telecommunicator

RECORDS

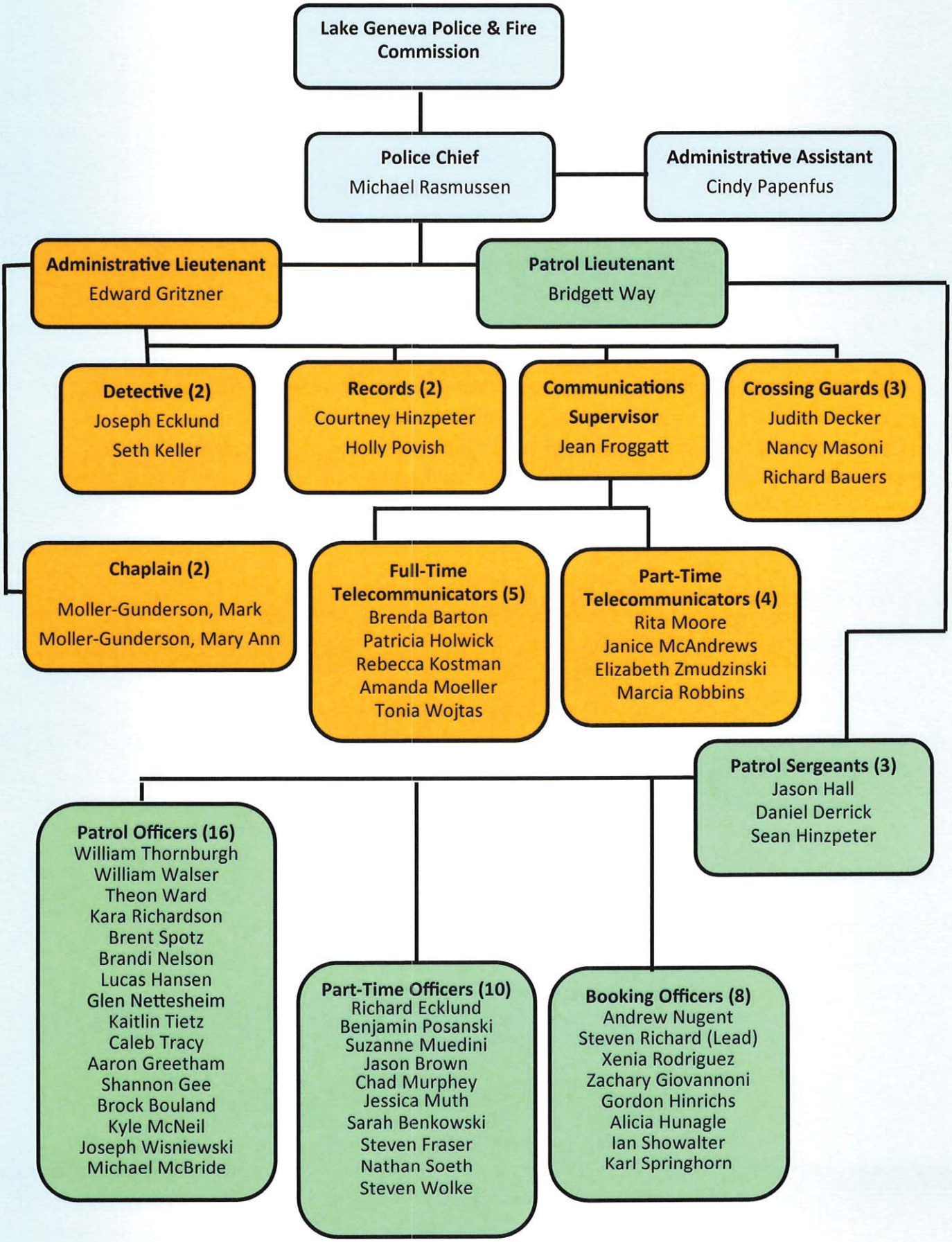
Courtney K. Hinzpeter

Data Systems Administrator

Holly M. Povish

Data Entry/Records Clerk

2018 Organizational Chart



MISSION & VISION

Mission Statement

Serving and protecting our community with honor by building community partnerships through professional and progressive policing.

Vision Statement

To be a progressive, innovative and technologically modern law enforcement agency to optimize customer service and the safety of our community.

CORE VALUES

We achieve our Mission and Vision through commitment to and demonstration of our core values:

Honor

Courage **Integrity**

Accountability **Character**

Progressive

Honor: We are committed to upholding the honor of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department by providing honest and faithful police service to all.

Integrity: We are morally and ethically aware, resolute, and above reproach at all times regardless of our duty status.

Character: We hire and promote persons of good character based on the belief that actions and decisions rooted in good character will always have positive results.

Progressive: We embrace innovative strategies while maintaining proven practices.

Accountability: We accept responsibility for our actions and are accountable to our community.

Courage: We stand firm in the face of danger and will confront all threats to the safety and security of our community with intelligence and vigor.

PROMOTIONS / HIRES

Officer Michael McBride was promoted to a full-time officer in April 2018. Officer McBride, a life-long Lake Geneva resident and Badger High School graduate, completed his degree at Gateway Technical College in Criminal Justice.

Officer McBride began his career as a booking officer in 2013 and then became a reserve officer in 2015 for our department.

Officer McBride is the son of Mike "Mac" McBride, who served with the Lake Geneva Fire Department for many years.

RETIREMENTS

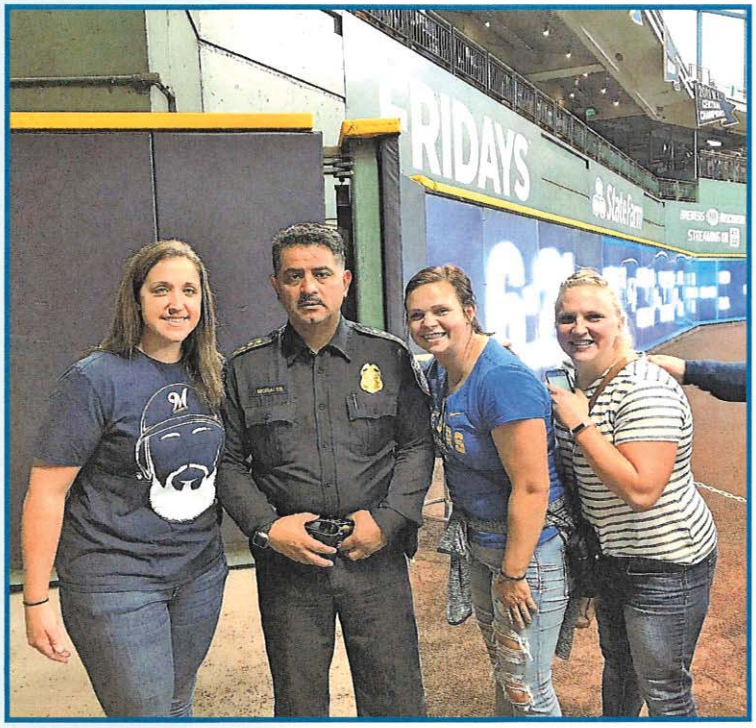
We would like to congratulate Officer Jeffrey Nethery on his retirement from our department after 26 years of dedicated full time service. Officer Nethery started with the City of Lake Geneva Police Department as a reserve police officer in 1991. Officer Nethery was promoted to Detective in 1999 and served as a Detective until 2013, at which time, he continued his work in the Patrol Division. In addition to his regular assigned duties , Officer Nethery served on the City of Lake Geneva/Walworth County SWAT team from 2001 to 2006. Officer Nethery also served his fellow officers as a Field Training Officer and Firearms Instructor. Officer Nethery will be missed and we wish him health and happiness in his well deserved retirement.

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY DEPARTMENT

The City of Lake Geneva Police Department has been recognized as a Dementia Friendly Department. The recognition was earned for the education and training of staff to recognize and understand the symptoms and signs of dementia as well as training staff on positive communication techniques and evaluating and adapting their environment to improve access to all people.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Hartz, Bernadette Russow, Eric Russow, Bonnie Beam-Stratz, Chief Rasmussen, Lieutenant Gritzner and Lieutenant Way.

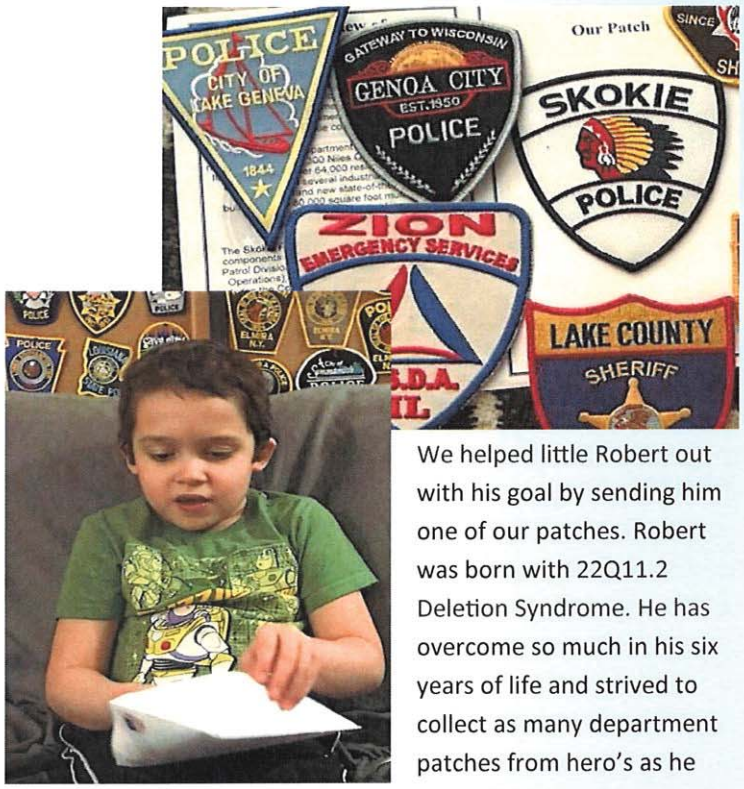


MILWAUKEE BREWERS LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

Members of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department attended the 5th annual Milwaukee Brewers Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. The event was held on August 24th and proceeds from tickets purchased were donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The mission of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is to tell the story of American law enforcement, honor the fallen and make it safer for those who serve.

(Left) Officer Katie Tietz, City of Milwaukee Police Chief Alfonso Morales, Officer Shannon Gee and Data Systems Administrator Courtney Hinzpeter.

Lt. Bridgett Way accepted a $1000 donation from a Walmart grant.



We helped little Robert out with his goal by sending him one of our patches. Robert was born with 22Q11.2 Deletion Syndrome. He has overcome so much in his six years of life and strived to collect as many department patches from hero's as he could. Stay Strong!

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The Community Outreach Committee took in over 100 coats and several other winter accessories, which were distributed to those in need. We would like to thank all who donated to the 2018 winter coat drive.

BIKE SAFETY

Officer Ward continues to serve as a School Resource Officer. In addition to his regular assigned duties, Officer Ward educates children about bike safety. Great work, Officer Ward!

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM (ALPRS) FINDS MISSING GIRL

Officers received information that a three month old girl was missing from Mount Pleasant and the 49 year old male suspect may be in the City of Lake Geneva. Mount Pleasant PD searched a shared database that stores Automated License Plate Recognition System (ALPRS) information and discovered two separate City of Lake Geneva PD patrol cars passed the vehicle owned by or in possession of the male. Photos of the male and the vehicle were shared with patrol officers. The vehicle was observed parked at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Officers searched the downtown business district and minutes later, observed the male and child on the Riviera Beach. The male was confronted and taken into custody without incident. Officers transported the child to the Police Department, where she was reunited with her mother.

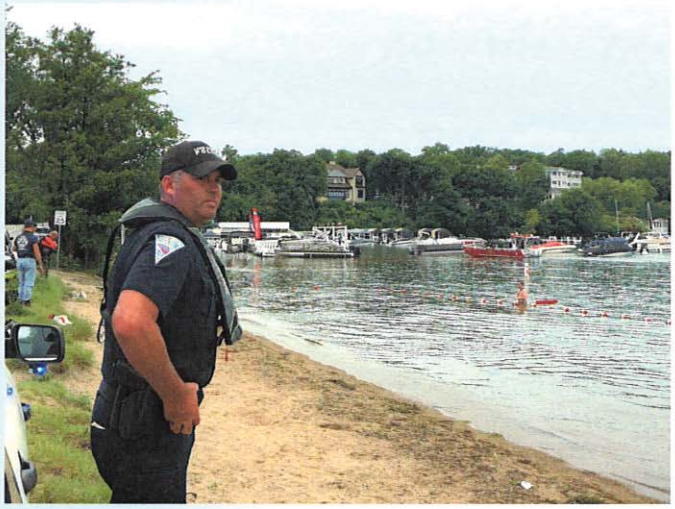
UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) SAVES SUSPECT'S LIFE

Officers were requested to assist Town of Geneva Police Dept with a large fight at the Sugar Shack. During the altercation, a 26 year old male fled the scene in a pickup truck. Officers gave pursuit, however, lost the male's location. The male subject was located in the Town of Linn, where deputies from the Walworth County Sheriff's Dept pursued him into the City of Lake Geneva. A City of Lake Geneva officer successfully deployed stop sticks and the male subject abandoned his disabled vehicle. Officers tracked the male from the location observing footprints in the snow and scent tracking by K-9 officers of the Walworth County Sheriff's Office. A City of Lake Geneva Detective and Sergeant deployed an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) and within minutes located the male subject's heat signature with the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR). The male subject was unconscious in a wooded area. Officers approached the male subject who was taken into custody without incident. The male subject was charged for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and fleeing/eluding an officer.

CONGRATS FF/EMT CARROLL !

The men and women of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department would like to congratulate Firefighter/ EMT Patrick Carroll, who retired after 33 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Lake Geneva. We will miss you and wish you health and happiness in retirement!

Pictured left to right: Lieutenant Gritzner, Sergeant Hall, Sergeant Hinzpeter, Carroll, Officer Hansen, Detective Ecklund and Data Systems Administrator Hinzpeter.



OFFICERS RESPOND TO DROWNING

Officers were dispatched to the beach area of Big Foot Beach State Park for a reported drowning. Witnesses observed a male approximately 110 feet off of shore struggling to stay above water. Witnesses attempted to reach the victim, who went under water before they could reach him. Multiple agencies responded and searched for the victim, who was located . Lifesaving efforts were started on the victim but were unsuccessful.

City of Lake Geneva PD was assisted by many agencies: Town of Linn PD, Walworth County Sheriff's Dept, Geneva Lakes Law Enforcement Agency, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Fire/Dive Teams: City of Delavan, Village of Fontana, Town of Linn, Town of Delavan, City of Whitewater, City of Burlington, Village of Darien, City of Elkhorn, Village of Williams Bay, Village of Walworth; Water Safety Patrol, Paratech, Racine Fire Bells, and Walworth County Emergency Management, MD-1.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

The City of Lake Geneva reports crime statistics to the state Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR), which forwards the data to FBI's national UCR Program. This reporting system is summary based and we submit summarized reports for eight Part I offenses. The Part I Offenses include criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. UCR also collects adult and juvenile arrest data for Part II crimes, which encompass all other reportable offenses. The FBI compiles the UCR data and publishes various different crime statistics available to anyone interested in the Nation's crime statistics. *It should be noted that clearances (cleared) are subject to change as the case may not be resolved either through investigation or the judicial process upon the publication of this report.*

Code	Classification of Offense	Actual	Total Cleared
11	Manslaughter	0	0
12	Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0
20	Rape Total	7	1
21	Rape Completed	7	1
22	Attempts to Commit Rape	0	0
30	Robbery Total	1	1
31	Robbery - Knife or Cutting Instrument	1	1
32	Robbery - Firearm	0	0
33	Robbery - Other Dangerous Weapon	0	0
34	Robbery - Strong-arm	0	0
40	Assault Total	39	31
41	Aggravated Assault - Firearm	0	0
42	Aggravated Assault - Knife	2	2
43	Aggravated Assault - Other Dangerous Weapon	0	0
44	Aggravated Assault - Hands, Fists, Feet	3	2
45	Assault - Other (simple)	34	27
50	Burglary Total	5	1
51	Burglary - Forcible Entry	3	1
52	Burglary - Unlawful Entry - No Force	2	0
53	Burglary - Attempted Forcible Entry	0	0
60	Larceny Theft Total	172	68
60	Motor Vehicle Theft Total	0	0
71	MV Theft - Auto	0	0
72	MV Theft - Trucks & Buses	0	0
73	MV Theft - Other Vehicles	0	0

In 2017, a significant change was made by the FBI where the UCR Rape category was expanded to include male victims. Also starting in 2017, the UCR Rape category includes rape, sodomy/oral sex and sexual assault with an object.

ADULT/JUVENILE ARRESTS

Classification of Offense	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
Aggravated Assault	6	0
All Other Offenses	57	84
Arson	0	0
Burglary	0	0
Curfew/Loitering Violations	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	71	14
Driving Under the Influence	60	0
Drug - Unknown	0	0
Drug Possession - Marijuana	44	13
Drug Possession - Opium/Cocaine	7	1
Drug Possession - Other Dangerous	0	1
Drug Possession - Synthetic	0	0
Drug Sale - Marijuana	2	0
Drug Sale - Opium/Cocaine	1	0
Drug Sale - Other Dangerous	0	1
Drug Sale - Synthetic	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	0	0
Fraud	2	0
Gambling	0	0
Larceny Theft	65	9
Liquor Laws	43	8
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Offenses Against Family and Children	1	0
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	0	0
Rape	0	1
Robbery	1	0
Runaways	0	5
Sex Offenses	0	0
Simple Assault	20	5
Stolen Property	1	0
Vagrancy Violations	1	0
Vandalism	5	5
Weapons	2	3
Total Arrests	389	151

2018 ARREST HIGHLIGHTS

January—

- Officers responded to the 700 block of North Street for a reported landlord/tenant dispute involving a shot fired. Through investigation it was discovered that the landlord checked on his tenant as he thought he smelled something burning. The two had a physical confrontation resulting in the landlord being thrown down a flight of stairs. The landlord fled to his apartment, while being pursued by the tenant. The landlord obtained a handgun and fired one shot towards tenant, who was not struck. Officers took the tenant into custody without incident and booked in the Walworth County Jail on charges of battery, criminal trespass to dwelling, disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer.

February—

- Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Garrison Drive for a reported drug overdose. Upon arrival, the suspect, a 25 year old male, became physically resistive towards officers. Officers deployed a taser on the suspect, who was taken into custody and booked into the Walworth County Jail. Charges of possession of heroin, felony bail jumping, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting/ obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office on the suspect.
- Officers received a complaint of a dog living in a snow covered vehicle in the 100 block of West Main Street. Upon contact, officers found there to be a large amount of feces in the vehicle. The dog was removed and taken into custody. The dog's owner, a 44 year old male, was booked and released on charges of cruelty to animals, failure to provide sufficient water for animal, improper shelter-ventilation and misdemeanor bail jumping. The dog was taken to the Lakeland Animal Shelter.

March —

- An officer conducted a traffic stop on South Lakeshore Drive at Maytag Road. The driver, a 50 year old female, Pingree Grove, Illinois, was issued citations for operating while under the influence-2nd offense, exceeding zones and posted limits for traveling 60 mph in a 25 mph zone and operating left of center. She was later released to a responsible party.
- Officers responded to the 700 block of West Main Street for a complaint of a person who had brandished a firearm in the 200 block of Broad Street. Officers made contact with the suspect, a 21 year old male, Kansasville, and took him into custody. Charges were referred up to the Walworth County DA's Office for endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon-firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a handgun where alcohol is sold, felony bail jumping and disorderly conduct while armed. He was subsequently confined in the Walworth County Jail on the above listed charges.

April—

- An officer conducted a traffic stop on Center Street at Wrigley Drive. It was determined the driver was falsely representing his identity to avoid the charges and a warrant from another police department. The suspect was positively identified by one of his tattoos. The driver, a 25 year old male, was issued citations for operating while under the influence-2nd offense, operating while revoked, failure to install IID, obstructing an officer and possession of a controlled substance-THC. Subsequently he was confined in the Walworth County Jail on those charges.
- Officers investigated a report of disorderly conduct in the 500 block of Broad Street for a report of a male shoving a female out of a vehicle. Upon investigation, it was also discovered there was an altercation earlier in the night that occurred within the City. Charges were referred to the Walworth County DA's Office on a 26 year old male, Lake Geneva, for disorderly conduct, battery and bail jumping. The male was on conditions of bond not to contact the victim, but after being released from the jail the next day contacted and threatened the

female victim. The male showed up at the Walworth County Courthouse for his hearing where an officer was waiting to take him into custody. The male attempted to flee the scene but was detained by officers. Charges were also referred to the Walworth County DA's Office on the male for bail jumping and resisting an officer. He was confined in the Walworth County Jail.

May—

- The School Resource Officer at Badger High School was contacted by Badger staff regarding a juvenile who was believed to be selling psilocybin (commonly referred to as "shrooms") to Badger students. The School Resource Officer investigated and subsequently confiscated a bag of psilocybin mushrooms. Two juveniles were taken into custody and turned over to their parents. Charges for possession of psilocybin and possession with intent to deliver psilocybin were referred to Walworth County Juvenile Intake.
- Officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart for a report of a male acting suspiciously. Upon contact with the suspect, officers smelled an odor of marijuana emitting from his person. After questioning, the suspect, an 18 year old Elkhorn man, admitted that his backpack contained a large amount of marijuana, 51 Xanax pills and 300 tabs of LSD. The suspect was booked into the Walworth County Jail and charges have been referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office for possession of those narcotics with intent to deliver.

June—

- Officers received information that a three month old girl was missing from Mount Pleasant and the 49 year old male suspect may be in the City of Lake Geneva. Mount Pleasant PD searched a shared database that stored automated license plate recognition system (ALPRS) information and discovered two separate City of Lake Geneva PD patrol cars passed the vehicle of the male. Photos of the male and the vehicle were shared with patrol officers. The vehicle was observed parked at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Officers searched the downtown business district and minutes later, observed the male and child on the Riviera Beach. The male was confronted and taken into custody without incident. Officers transported the child to the Police Department where she was reunited with her mother.
- Officers responded to 1000 block of Wells Street for a report of two gun shots. Officers made contact with two persons occupying a vehicle matching the vehicle that fled from the scene. As one of the occupants, a 23 year old male, was speaking with officers , the officers observed he appeared intoxicated and had a handgun in his pocket. An officer quickly engaged the male subject and was able to trap and remove the handgun. The male subject was placed under arrest. Officers were able to recover the evidence at the scene indicating the firearm was fired into the floorboard of the vehicle. The male subject was booked into the Walworth County Jail and charged with possession of a firearm while intoxicated, 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety, obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to 100 block of West Street for a report of a male being held hostage with a knife to his throat. As officers were setting up a perimeter, the suspect, a 23 year old male, exited the residence with a knife in his hand. When officers announced, the male subject dropped the knife, fled on foot, jumped a fence and fell down an embankment. The male subject was placed under arrest and booked into the Walworth County Jail. He was charged with armed robbery with use of force, false imprisonment, burglary and resisting an officer.

July—

- Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Center Street for a report of a crash. It was also reported the driver of the offending vehicle attempted to flee but was being restrained by witnesses. Upon arrival, officers observed that the suspect, a 22 year old Lake Geneva man was physically subdued by an off duty police officer from Antioch, IL. The suspect, who was resistive to officers, was placed under arrest and booked into the Walworth County Jail. Charges for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, bail jumping, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's office.
- Officers were dispatched to Main Street at Peller Road for a crash involving three vehicles and multiple

Injuries, including an infant. Upon arrival, officers observed three vehicles that sustained severe damage. In addition, there were multiple victims that suffered serious injuries. Witnesses reported that the operator of one of the vehicles was operating westbound in the eastbound lane of traffic and struck another vehicle head on, causing a chain reaction crash to a third vehicle. The operator of the offending vehicle, a 31 year old woman, Richmond, IL, was placed under arrest and booked into the Walworth County Jail. Charges for injury by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle (4 counts) and causing injury while operating under the influence were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office.

- Officers were dispatched to 830 Wrigley Drive, Riviera Beach, for a report of a suspect who grabbed a victim's backpack and took off running. Officers met with the victim, who provided a photo of the suspect taken on a cellular phone. The suspect, a 20 year old male, Spring Grove, Illinois was located a short time later by foot patrol officers and placed under arrest. The suspect was transported to the Walworth County Jail and charges for theft were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office.

August—

- Officers were dispatched to a new construction site adjacent to 610 Harmony Drive for a report of a construction worker that fell 30 feet from a crane. Upon arrival, officers observed that the victim, a 30 year old man, Cherry Valley, Illinois, fell approximately 15 feet from a concrete cross beam when the concrete gave way underneath him. The victim suffered serious injuries and was flown from the scene by Flight for Life. Officers prepared reports and the information was turned over to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Officers obtained photos of a male suspect who appeared to wear a disguise to steal some credit cards at the YMCA. Officers shared the suspect's photo on the Wisconsin Crime Alert network. The photo was shared with approximately 20 departments from across Wisconsin and Illinois. This suspect was identified as the person who had committed similar crimes at health clubs in their respective jurisdictions. The suspect, a 49 year old Milwaukee man, was identified through the combined effort of these departments and has since been confined. The case is still under investigation but due to the thoroughness of the officer's investigation, numerous cases will be closed in Wisconsin and Illinois.

September—

- Officers were dispatched to 600 block Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva Middle School for a report of a "shooting threat made by a student". A school resource officer reviewed a video posted on snapchat by a 12 year old female student. The video footage showed the student shooting a firearm and a caption stating "me prepping for school tomorrow" over the video. Officers took the 12 year old female student into custody. The student lied to officers initially and stated someone else took the video and made the caption. After further questioning, the student admitted that she posted the video and made the caption. The student was released to her parents and has been referred to Juvenile Intake for disorderly conduct.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Cook Street. The officer made contact with the driver, a 29 year old female from Clinton. The officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest. A search incident to arrest revealed a small amount of marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Charges for possession of cocaine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia were referred to the Walworth County DA's Office.

October—

- Detectives executed a search warrant at the 1100 block of Pleasant Street. The search warrant was issued as a result of an investigation conducted by the Lake Geneva Police Dept and Carroll County Sheriff's Office in the State of Maryland. The results of the investigation revealed that a 35 year old male was a registered sex offender and made multiple attempts to solicit three juveniles in the State of Maryland. The male subject was placed under arrest and booked in the Walworth County Jail. He was charged with solicitation of child pornography (3 counts), possession of child pornography (10 counts) and violation of sex offender registry.
- Officers responded to the 300 block of Peller Road for a reported kidnapping. The complainant walked into the business at that location and told the clerk to call the police as he

had been kidnapped at gunpoint. Upon arrival, officers located the caller, who was a passenger in a vehicle exiting the parking lot. After a brief investigation, officers determined that the caller, a 26 year old man and the female driver of the vehicle, a 26 year old woman, admitted to smoking methamphetamine before the call and the kidnapping did not occur. The male was arrested and charges of possession of cocaine and possession of methamphetamine were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office. The female was arrested and a charge for operating a motor vehicle under the influence with a minor passenger in the vehicle (2 year old) was referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office. Both were booked into the Walworth County Jail.

November—

- An officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way on Baker Street. The officer conducted a traffic stop and observed the driver of the vehicle continue driving over a sidewalk then onto a grassy area, where it came to a stop. The officer made contact with the driver, a 30 year old Williams Bay man, who appeared under the influence of narcotics. The driver was subsequently arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance. In addition, a passenger in the vehicle appeared to be suffering from a medical condition that officers believed to be drug induced. The passenger, a 21 year old Lake Geneva man, was transported by EMS to Lakeland Medical Center for treatment. The driver was cited and released to a responsible party.
- The School Resource Officer at Badger High School took a report of a threat inscribed on a men's bathroom stall door. This threat prompted school administration to dismiss classes early and release students from Badger High School and Lake Geneva Middle School. A detective interviewed a 15 year old student, who admitted to inscribing the threat. The student also admitted his intent was to cause the early dismissal of school. The student was taken into custody, booked and released to his parents. The matter of a terrorist threat was referred to juvenile intake for review.

December—

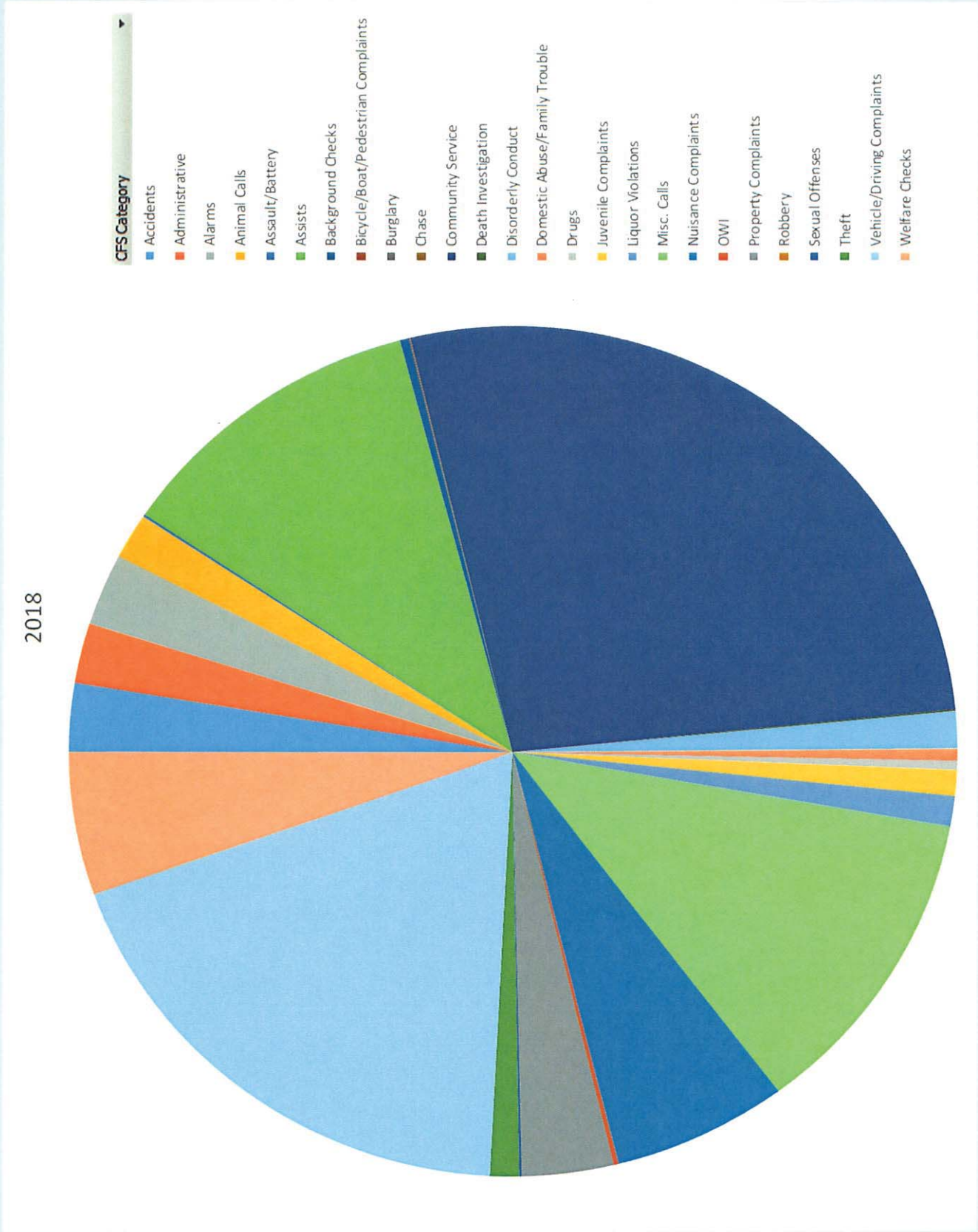
- Officers responded to the 100 block of Broad Street for a large fight. Upon arrival, officers broke up the fight and arrested five female suspects. All five suspects, (age range 23-39) were transported to LGPD, booked and cited for disorderly conduct-involved in a fight. Multiple suspects received minor injuries from hair pulling, biting and punching during the altercation. All of the suspects were released after they were cited.
- Officers responded to the 100 block of Main Street for a report of a two year old that fell on a four month old. The four month old was transported to Lakeland Medical Center and later to Children's Hospital. Detectives conducted an investigation and it was determined the injuries to the four month old were consistent with child abuse. In addition, detectives gathered evidence and reasonably believed a 33 year old Lake Geneva man caused the injuries to the four month old. The 33 year old male was booked into the Walworth County Jail. Charges for child abuse, obstructing an officer and bail jumping were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office.
- While on routine patrol in the Wal-Mart parking lot, a sergeant observed a 40 year old male placing items into a vehicle. When the male observed the sergeant, he fled the parking lot in a vehicle, leaving numerous items in a cart that rolled away. The sergeant believed a theft had occurred and pursued the male who fled in a vehicle at an accelerated speed with no headlights on. Officers pursued the male, who operated recklessly and disregarded traffic lights and officer's signals to stop. An officer successfully conducted a pursuit intervention technique (PIT) on the fleeing vehicle. The male stopped and surrendered to officers on scene. The male and a female passenger were taken into custody and transported to the Walworth County Jail and charged felony retail theft, reckless driving and knowingly flee an officer.
- Officers responded to the 100 block of Broad Street for a fight. Upon arrival, an officer was reading an identification card of one of the suspects involved. At this time, the suspect attempted to grab the I.D. card from the officer's hand and take off running. The officer immediately gained physical control of the suspect, who was placed under arrest. The suspect, a 22 year old Elkhorn man, was booked into the Walworth County Jail. Charges for disorderly conduct and resisting/ obstructing an officer were referred to the Walworth County District Attorney's Office.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

CFS Category	2017	2018	% Change
Accidents	478	532	11.30%
Administrative	435	464	6.67%
Alarms	535	560	4.67%
Animal Calls	354	353	-0.28%
Assault/Battery	17	22	29.41%
Assists	2,320	2,351	1.34%
Background Checks	76	67	-11.84%
Bicycle/Boat/Pedestrian Complaints	14	6	-57.14%
Burglary	14	4	-71.43%
Chase	0	2	200.00%
Community Service	4,668	5,572	19.37%
Death Investigation	18	15	-16.67%
Disorderly Conduct	297	288	-3.03%
Domestic Abuse/Family Trouble	84	93	10.71%
Drugs	57	73	28.07%
Juvenile Complaints	208	199	-4.33%
Liquor Violations	152	238	56.58%
Miscellaneous Calls	2,504	2,447	-2.28%
Nuisance Complaints	1,408	1,307	-7.17%
OWI	52	59	13.46%
Property Complaints	852	681	-20.07%
Robbery	2	2	0.00%
Sexual Offenses	21	20	-4.76%
Vehicle/Driving Complaints	3,139	3,829	21.98%
Theft	210	216	2.86%
Welfare Checks	1,044	1,115	6.80%
Total Calls	18,959	20,515	8.21%

CFS by Date

2017	# Calls	2018	# Calls	% Change
01/01/17 - 5/15/17	5,599	01/01/18 - 5/15/18	6,345	13.32%
5/16/17 - 9/7/17	7,367	5/16/18 - 9/7/18	7,869	6.81%
9/8/17 - 12/31/17	5,993	9/8/18 - 12/31/18	6,301	5.14%
Total Calls 2017	18,959	Total Calls 2018	20,515	8.21%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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Above) Officers responded to the area of Highway 12 for a reported reckless driver operating a dump truck. Prior to the officers' arrival, the dump truck was involved in a roll over crash that resulted in the death of a 58 year old male.

Traffic accidents and calls for service are broken down in the following manner to highlight the timeframe in which there is an influx of visitors to the City of Lake Geneva, which results in increased calls for service, traffic and the higher probability for traffic accidents.

Accident Date Range	2017	2018	% Change
01/01 - 05/15	145	153	5.52%
05/16 - 09/07	187	219	17.11%
09/08 - 12/31	146	160	9.59%
Total Accidents	478	532	11.30%

(Right) Officers responded to the intersection of State Highway 50 (Main Street) and Edwards Boulevard for a tractor separated from its trailer . The investigation into this crash revealed the cause was faulty welding. There were no injuries.

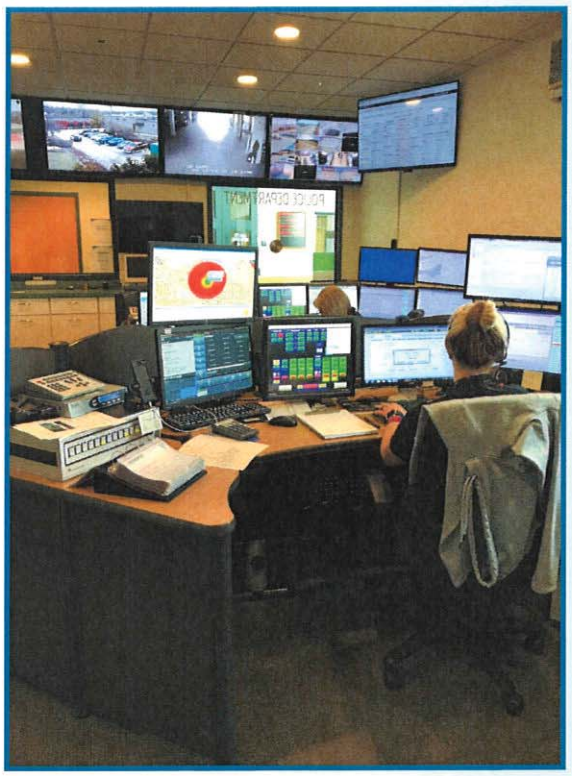
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(Above) Telecommunicators Tonia Wojtas and Marcia Robbins working hard in the telecommunications center.

Dispatch Assists 2018	
Admin Phone	34,505
911	2,676
Window	11,503

The Communications Center of the Police Department handles all 911 and non-emergency calls for the Police, Fire and EMS Departments in the City of Lake Geneva. This team of highly skilled, dedicated and professional individuals provides optimal staffing coverage in the Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All telecommunicators received Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training and are certified by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). The telecommunicator offers a caller pre-arrival instructions to help them remain calm and assist in lifesaving measures.

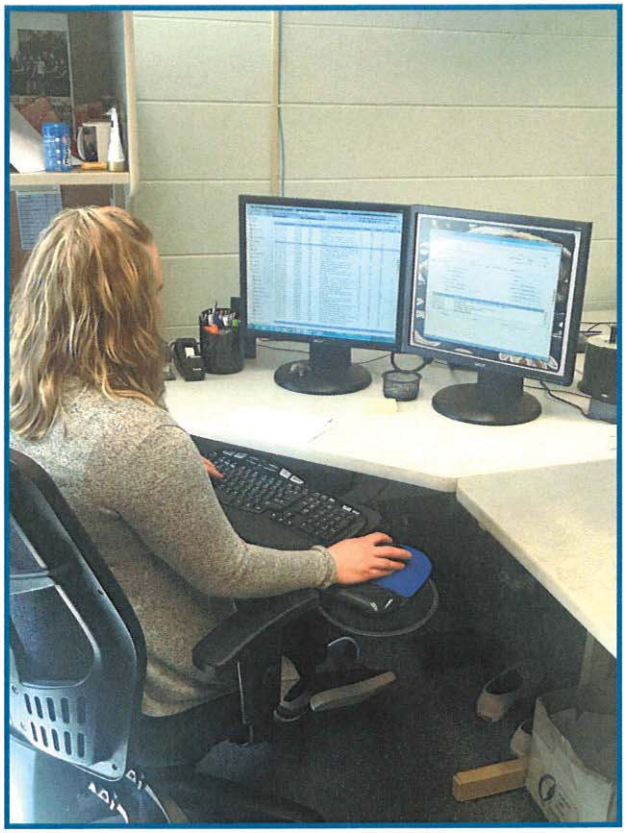


Above: Telecommunicator Amanda Moeller is dispatching while Telecommunicator Brenda Barton assists with taking calls.

OPEN RECORDS

Records requested from the Lake Geneva Police Department include: accident reports, citations, officer reports/ narratives, photos, audio/video recordings, audio recordings and squad video recordings.

Open Records Requests 2018	
Accident Report Requests	618
Incident Report Requests	346
Multimedia Requests	98
Miscellaneous Requests	173
Total Requests	1,235

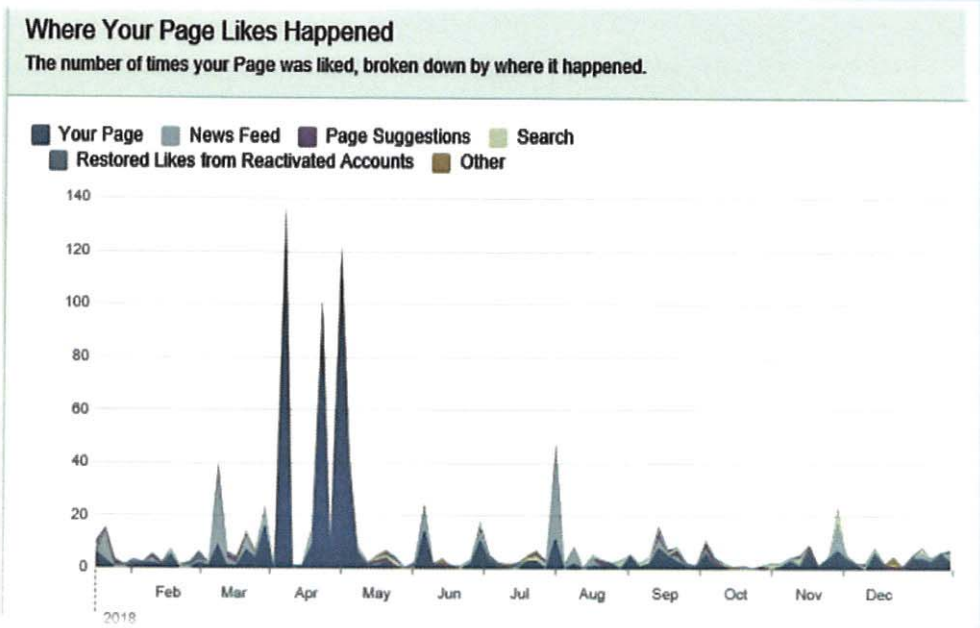


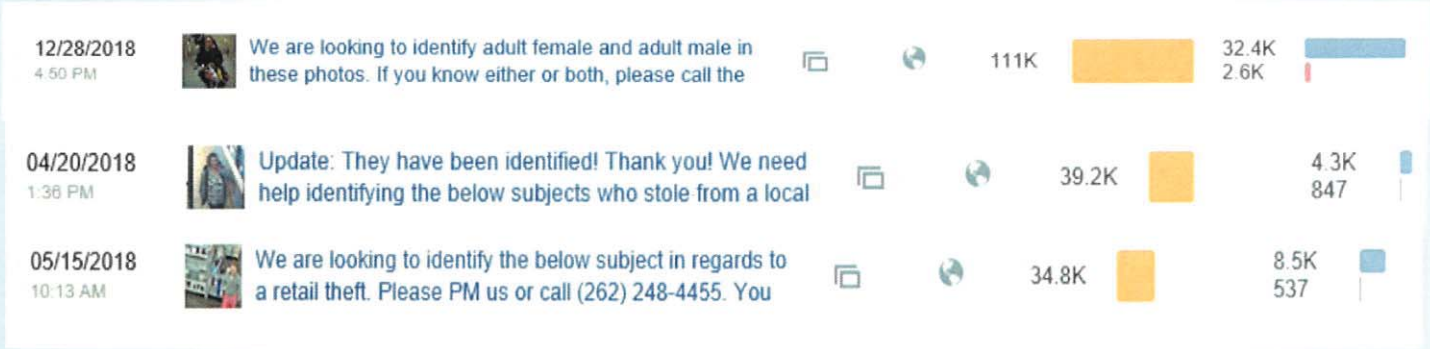
Above: Data Systems Administrator Courtney Hinzpeter working on records requests.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The City of Lake Geneva Police Department utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Citizen Services and Nixle to communicate in a variety of methods with a diverse population, in an attempt to reach our residents and visitors in real time relaying our crime prevention, crime investigation and safety messages, as well as alerts during emergency situations.

The LGPD's Facebook page has more than 9,000 likes. We received almost 2,500 likes in 2018.





Twitter allows registered users to view tweets or messages sent by the City of Lake Geneva Police Department in real time. Twitter also allows users to send tweets and messages to the City of Lake Geneva Police Department through this social networking site at www.twitter.com. Lake Geneva Police Department's Twitter account has 172 tweets and 263 followers.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Albert C. Exner Employee of the Year Award

2018 Recipient

Officer Kaitlin Tietz had been selected as the Albert C. Exner Employee of the Year. The selection process for this distinguished award began with all police department personnel being asked to complete a nomination form describing the reasons they feel the employee is deserving of the honor. When the nomination forms were read, it was clear that Officer Kaitlin Tietz was well respected by her peers and deserving of such an honor.

Officer Tietz, assigned to the Patrol Division, has been serving the citizens of the City of Lake Geneva since 2013. In addition to her patrol duties, Officer Tietz served as a field training officer, an emergency medical technician, a vehicle contacts instructor, a standardized field sobriety test instructor and a member of the Special Events Team.

When reading the nomination papers, Officer Tietz was repeatedly described as a hard worker and an employee that maintains the highest level of performance during her day-to-day assignments. Officer Tietz was also described as a leader, a go-to officer and role model to young officers. Officer Tietz is willing to take on all tasks assigned to her and continuously goes above and beyond to ensure these tasks are completed in exemplary fashion. Based on the nominations, it is clear Officer Tietz is revered by fellow co-workers and supervisors alike.

On behalf of the City of Lake Geneva Police Department and the Lake Geneva Police and Fire Commission, Chief Rasmussen would like to honor Officer Kaitlin Tietz as the Albert C. Exner Employee of the Year.

Above: Chief Rasmussen, Donald Exner Jr., Officer Kaitlin Tietz, and Commissioner Ted Horne.