

2009 Annual Report



***Wausau
Police
Department***

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Wausau City Government



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Service To Our Citizens



The graphic above shows how the City is organized to carry out the Mission Statement and provide Service to Our Citizens. The Council is the foundation of city government and is responsible for setting policy and creating a positive atmosphere, enabling the City to move forward. The Council works with and supports the Mayor and the Department Heads in combined efforts to provide the Supervisors and Employees what is needed to ultimately serve our citizens. Key to this is living by the Core Values. The City's core values guide daily operations and employee decisions.

Mission Statement

The Wausau Police Department, in response to our citizens, will provide services in the most effective and efficient manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment within the city and to the citizens of the community. The Wausau Police Department plans and encourages positive growth. We promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.



The Wausau Police Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life, fostering peace, and identifying and resolving neighborhood problems within the City of Wausau by dedication to a continuing partnership with the community; to be accomplished through the empowerment of both police officers and citizens. The Wausau Police Department strives to deliver the police services the citizens want, rather than what we think they need.



The mission represents the department's commitment to the concepts of quality performance. All members are expected to work consistently in a quality manner in the daily performance of those duties, responsibilities, and work tasks associated with the department's mission. A quality manner signals that performance outcomes comply with the performance standards established for our agency and for each member. Each member of the department is required to accept the responsibility for the achievement of this mission and the concepts of quality service.

Core Values

Values embody our philosophy of policing and set forth our hopes for the future of our community, our profession, our department, and ourselves. We recognize that the following values, this philosophy of policing, will always be a yardstick against which we must measure ourselves, our efforts, our programs, our regulations, and our priorities. Whether appointed or civilian, full-time or part-time, paid or volunteer, we are proud to belong to this department and to adopt the following values.



Human Life - Above all else, the Wausau Police Department cherishes human life and dignity.

Excellence - The Wausau Police Department strives for personal and professional excellence, dedication to duty, and service to the public.

Responsiveness - The Wausau Police Department will be responsive to the needs of the community, working together to solve problems of mutual concern. We will be fair and decent, reflecting our professional ethics and values.

Compassion - The Wausau Police Department will show empathy and caring for victims, people who seek our help, and all people with whom we come in contact.

Law & Constitution - The Wausau Police Department believes in the principles embodied in the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. We recognize the authority of the federal, state, and local laws.

Pride - The Wausau Police Department takes pride in our Department and in our profession. We are proud of who we are and what we do. We are proud of the trust which the public places in us individually, as an agency, and in our profession.

Integrity - The Wausau Police Department believes that integrity is the basis for personal and public trust.

Cooperation - The Wausau Police Department believes that cooperation and respect among ourselves, members of the community, governmental entities, and other law enforcement agencies will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills, and styles to achieve common goals.

Enterprising - The Wausau Police Department will be diligent in keeping up with changing times, both in technological and human resource areas. We encourage officer creativity, while still maintaining fiscal responsibility to the community.

Chief of Police

Dear Citizens of Wausau, Mayor Tipple, Common Council of the City of Wausau, and the Wausau Police & Fire Commission:

It is with pleasure that we present you with the Wausau Police Department Annual Report for 2009. This document serves as a window to our department. We invite you to learn more about our department and our profession. Learn more about our purpose, philosophy, and operations. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the command officers for assistance.



2009 proved once again that our community is engaged and responsive to being a great law enforcement partner. The Wausau Police Department investigated two homicides in 2009. Robin Dunwoody was murdered outside of her work place. This murder was witnessed by co-workers. Even though this crime had numerous solvability factors, there was still a tremendous amount of work that was required to prepare for a successful prosecution. Breanna Schneller was also murdered in 2009, Breanna's homicide did not have the same solvability factors as the Dunwoody homicide and therefore many more resources and investigative hours were necessary to make an arrest in this incident.

In both of these cases, the police department had a tremendous amount of cooperation from witnesses, co-workers, area businesses that offered surveillance video, and local expertise that reached out to assist us as we sifted through the hundreds of leads that came in. I would like to personally thank all those individuals that helped our investigation in some way, shape or form. Our officers are dedicated to these difficult tasks and cases but we are much stronger and more effective when citizens of our community care and are engaged with law enforcement.

The above scenario is a good example of what makes our profession special, unique, and rewarding. Wausau is very fortunate to have outstanding men and women who comprise the Wausau Police Department. On a daily basis, the command staff witnesses the dedication, professionalism, and high standards that our officers exhibit. This reinforces the significance of hiring the best candidates who will carry out our mission and support our philosophy. Officers are committed to providing quality service and making a difference in their community.

I encourage all citizens to increase their level of involvement with us, to be our partners in policing. Whether that involvement means reporting crime, having keen eyes and ears as a good witness, being part of a neighborhood partnership or neighborhood watch, joining our Emergency Police volunteer services, attending neighborhood meetings, or being supportive in other areas that help your sector officers do the best job they can.

Other services that we provide that might be of interest to you are: Security Surveys, Citizen's Police Academy, Explorer Post, and car seat inspections. Find out more about these programs as you browse the Annual Report.

I am very honored to be the Chief of Police in this great community. We will continue to strive to provide the best service we can and improve the quality of life for all residents of the City of Wausau.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hardel

Jeff Hardel
Chief of Police
Wausau Police Department

Deputy Chief

For the first time in many years, we have managed to fill all of the vacancies in our ranks during 2009 and finished the year with all openings filled with officers who have completed training. We are currently authorized 68 sworn law enforcement positions. With the addition of three positions that are grant funded, we have a total of 71 officers. We also have six full time civilian positions and a part time evidence custodian. As we bring our officer staff up to full strength and with our service call volume, we see an increasing demand on our civilian staff which is significantly smaller than the civilian staff of other departments our size. We are trying to rely on technology to streamline our administrative process to allow our civilian staff to keep up with the increasing workload.



Organizationally we have made a few changes. Our traffic services lieutenant position has been expanded to include crime prevention functions as well. The new position is the Patrol Service Lieutenant and is staffed by Lt. Benjamin Bliven. We have converted the crime prevention lieutenant position into an administrative lieutenant position. This position is currently staffed by Lt. Lisa Rennie. As we continue to evaluate our structure and operation, we will attempt to identify areas to improve efficiencies and service to the community.

We, at the Wausau Police Department, focus our efforts on public service. We recognize that we are a service organization, entrusted to maintain order and enforce laws in our community. Along with this responsibility, we strive to maintain open channels of communications with our “customers” the citizens of Wausau and visitors to Wausau. We hold annual meetings to solicit public feedback and we welcome individual calls, e-mails and letters. During past annual meetings, we have heard numerous concerns regarding traffic problems. In response to these concerns, we have made efforts to increase our traffic enforcement including securing numerous grants that have allowed us to fund special enforcement details.

A traffic enforcement campaign is multi-faceted. We incorporate an educational component; trying to be sure the motorist is aware of the laws and for them to expect increased enforcement. We then increase enforcement. These enforcement details involved extra officers focusing directly on the issue. The grant funding helped offset the extra wage expense.

As a police department, we recognize the need for regular communications with the public. These communications can be formal or informal and they help us determine our priorities. Obviously, serious crimes or increases in minor crimes draw our attention. It’s the smaller, more localized issues that may be “under our radar” that we need to hear about from our citizens.

When we hear about a specific problem, we assign an officer who regularly works in the area of the City where the problem is occurring. That officer can work directly with the neighborhood to find solutions to the problem. Often times, the problem can be resolved by the officer by simply meeting with the people involved. Other times the officer can bring in other resources to help address the problem.

Our goal is to be responsive to your needs. If you have an issue that you think we could help resolve, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hilts

Bryan Hilts
Deputy Chief of Police
Wausau Police Department

Detective Captain

The Wausau Police Department Investigative Bureau consists of six general detectives, three school resource officers (two detectives and one officer), two drug investigators who work with the Marathon County Special Investigative Unit, one lieutenant, and one captain. Members of the investigative services bureau respond directly to crime scenes, and assist the patrol division with investigations whenever specialized follow-up is needed. A detective and a detective supervisor are on-call 24/7.

In 2009, the Investigative Services Bureau conducted a number of major investigations. Some of these cases included:

Robin Dunwoody being shot to death in front of several co-workers after her ex-boyfriend, Walter Lassa, tried to force her into the trunk of his vehicle at her work place. He was arrested for 1st degree intentional homicide, had pled guilty, and in August of 2009, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

James Emerson being convicted of the 1st degree intentional homicide of Rhonda Mertes, an investigation the Wausau Police Department Investigative Service Bureau worked on for nearly ten years, was sentenced to life in prison without parole in April, 2009.

Breanna Schneller being found beaten and stabbed to death in her Westside apartment. The Wausau Police Department with the assistance of the State Department of Criminal Investigations was able to arrest Raul Ponce-Rocha within days of the incident. Raul Ponce-Rocha was charged with 1st degree intentional homicide and is currently awaiting a court trial. Electronic surveillance devices, and electronic cell phone tracking played a large role in the arrest of Ponce-Rocha.

In addition, the Investigative Services Bureau had investigated numerous robberies, both armed and unarmed, several aggravated assaults, including two where juveniles were hospitalized after being beaten with a wooden table leg and a baseball bat. The bureau also investigated seventy sexual assaults (juvenile & adult), a few embezzlement cases, and numerous burglaries and property crimes.

Identity theft, Internet crimes, and computer fraud are still on the rise. Just several years ago, the department had to rely on the Wisconsin State Crime Lab to process all evidence related to computers. In some cases, this process would take up to a year to analyze the evidence. Today, because of the highly specialized training and equipment Wausau Police Detectives have received, the department can process almost any type of computer related crimes in a matter of days.

We continue to focus on an entirely paperless system by sharing all of the department's reports daily by e-mail to numerous agencies. This information sharing provides the opportunity for local, state, and federal agencies to receive timely updates about arrests and incidents that are happening in the City of Wausau on a daily basis. The timely sharing of this information has led to the arrests of many individuals who were committing similar offenses in other jurisdictions.

Investigators continue to attend specialized training in the areas of arson, homicide, sexual assault, financial crimes, computer crimes, and Internet fraud. The Investigative Services Bureau is committed to providing the best quality service to the public in an effort to solve crimes that need specialized follow-up.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hagenbucher

Gregory Hagenbucher
Detective Captain
Wausau Police Department



Patrol Captain

The Patrol Bureau is the uniformed division of the police department consisting of three community service officers, seventeen school crossing guards, two parking enforcement specialists, forty eight patrol officers, eight lieutenants and one captain. The officers in the patrol bureau respond to all calls for service made to the Wausau Police Department which include traffic, criminal investigations, and civil complaints. The majority of the calls for service are handled completely by the patrol officers with only major criminal cases needing special investigation being transferred to the detective bureau.



The patrol bureau is the core of the police department and is at the heart of Community Oriented Policing for the department. Officers interact with the citizens on a day to day basis and also hold many positions on community boards and citizen groups to help cement our bond with the community. Through these partnerships the patrol bureau and the department assist the citizens in making the community a better place to live.

Many patrol officers have additional duty assignments that augment their patrol activities including Field Training Officer (training the new officers to become Wausau's Finest), bicycle patrol, Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team, Dive team, advisor to the Wausau Police Department Explorer Post, coordinating Citizen's Academy, Drug Recognition Experts, canine officers, D.A.R.E. Instructor, Honor Guard member and more. The officers enhance the department's mission by eagerly taking on additional special assignments. Without officers voluntarily taking on these extra duties, the Wausau Police Department would not be able to provide the high level of service that the community deserves.

The Wausau Police Department Patrol Bureau is augmented by the Wausau Emergency Police. The Emergency Police are volunteers who assist the department, sometimes at a moment's notice, to provide security, traffic control during parades and other special events. During 2009, they worked in excess of one thousand hours for the community.

The department also has one Police Chaplain, Duane Hamilton, who is an invaluable asset to the department. In times of crisis, the ability to have someone available who has the expertise in dealing with the emotional side of a situation, benefits the department and the community as well.

The dedication shown by each of these individuals makes me proud to serve with them.

Sincerely,

Dwayne J. Dachel

Dwayne J. Dachel
Patrol Captain
Wausau Police Department

Police Chaplain

It has been my privilege to serve as a volunteer Chaplain for the Wausau Police Department for the past 15 years. The first priority of the Chaplain is to be at the disposal of the officer, to aid in any way possible. The Chaplain seeks to lighten the burden of officers by performing a variety of needed pastoral services so that officers can be free to attend to their primary work at the scene of an incident.



Throughout the year I have been called upon to serve our department personnel in many ways. The most common service I am called upon to provide is making notification to family members and loved-ones of the death of a loved one. Whether the death was the result of a tragic accident or other causes it is a difficult time for those left behind.

My responsibility as Chaplain is to assist with needs as well as attempt to provide a measure of comfort at this most crucial time.

In addition, the following is a partial list of other areas where a Chaplain may be available:

- Assist with family members at suicide incidents
- Assist in looking for lost/missing children and assisting the family members
- Assist the hostage negotiation team
- Give direction in responding to line-of-duty deaths and assist in organizing memorial services
- Help with residential or commercial disasters such as flood, tornado, fire, etc.
- Respond to the scene of major traffic accidents involving serious injury or death
- Be a mediator in major family disturbances

If the Chaplain is trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), they may participate in debriefings, if requested
Act as a department representative in funerals of active or retired law enforcement personnel
Participate in in-service trainings, especially in areas of stress management, ethics, family life, etc.
Be available to counsel law enforcement officers or their families.

Having served in the pastoral ministry for many years has provided experience in dealing with some of these issues. In addition, I have attempted to attend various conferences of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) to gain a better knowledge, training and understanding unique to the responsibilities of Chaplain.

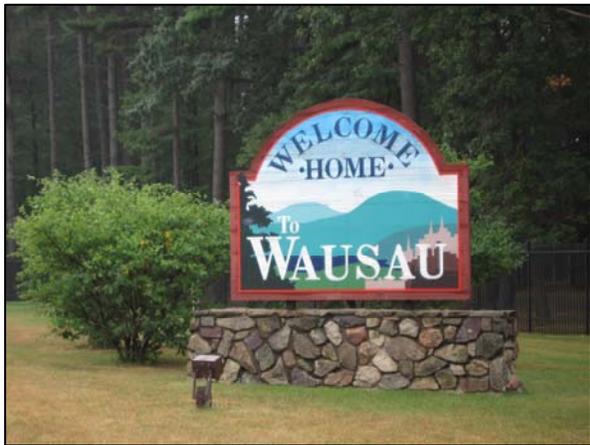
I am pleased to be able to serve our department as well as our community in this capacity. I have found it to be very rewarding and I hope, helpful to those I have had the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Hamilton

Duane Hamilton, Chaplain
Wausau Police Department

2009 Photo Review

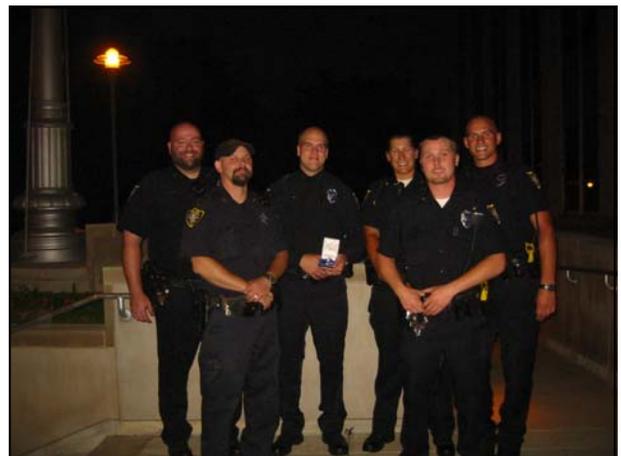


Ofc Peterson checking a driver's license



Left to right: Chief Hardel, Mayor Tipple, Ofc Phillips, Ofc Pettigrew, Ofc Lemirand, Deputy Chief Hilts.

Officer Graham receives Life Saving Award. Left to right, Ofc Krembs, Ofc Jaeger, Ofc Graham, Ofc Hunt,



2009 Photo Review



Detective Peter Weckworth, President of the WPBA making an announcement



Ofc Hartwig, Det. Barnes, Lt Kolb, Ofc VanLieshout, Ofc J. Kurtzhals, Ofc Pettigrew, CSO Stetzer, Ofc Chilar, Ofc Graham

Wausau Police Officers take on Wisconsin Badger Football players to raise money for the charitable organizations in our community.

The event put on by Wausau Police Benefit Association (WPBA), which donate the proceeds several local charities.



14 Together for the community



Ofc Chilar with one of Big Wisconsin Badger Football players



Left: Lt Pankow at Shot Gun Training

Below: Several Officers training at the Range



Above Left: K-9 alert to possible drug money.

Above Center: Ofc Hunt and neighborhood kids

Above Right: Deputy Chief Hilts

Right: Det. Strobach taking a Polar Plunge

Left: Administrative Assistant Susan Lang



Wausau Police Department New Officers

Officer John Phillips graduated from UW Stout and attended the Police Academy at Northcentral Technical College. Some of Officer Phillips' family members worked as law enforcement officers in various agencies throughout the United States.



Officer Patrice Pettigrew moved to the Wausau Area from Madison, WI. Officer Pettigrew is a graduate from Lakeland College and attended the City of Madison's Police academy.

Officer Eric Lemirand graduated from St Cloud State University in Minnesota. He worked for several years in Minneapolis before being hired by the Wausau Police Department. After being hired by the Police Department, Officer Eric Lemirand attended Fox Valley Police Academy where he was elected class president.



Wausau Police Department Retired



Dennis Saager

Dennis retired after more than 29 years on the police department. Dennis started his policing career with the Wausau Police Department in June 1979. In 1990 he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and helped develop the department's initial Field Training and Evaluation Program. In 1998, he was promoted to Lieutenant of Traffic Services. As the Traffic Services Coordinator, Dennis was responsible for parking control and crossing guard personnel.



Kathy Brietzke

Kathy joined the Wausau Police Department in 1985 as cross guard. She continued her employee with the department eventually moving to parking control. Kathy then took a position in the front office working as a clerical employee, greeting citizens of the community. Kathy retired from the Wausau Police Department in January 2009.

Officer Recognition

Wisconsin's 2009 D.A.R.E. Officer Of The Year



Maureen Pilsner Awarded, D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year

The Wisconsin D.A.R.E. Officers Association presented the D.A.R.E. Officer of the year award at their annual conference. We are very pleased to announce Officer Maureen Pilsner was the 2009 recipient. Officer Pilsner has been with the Wausau Police Department since 1991. She is currently assigned as Safety Officer and has been teaching D.A.R.E. for 11 years. The Wausau community is fortunate to have such a dedicated person to coordinate the D.A.R.E. program and to guide our youth in making healthy decisions. Maureen is well deserving of this award.

Officer Graham -Life Saving Award



Officer Graham received a life saving award for his actions on 06/10/2009. Officer Graham responded to a report of a suicidal male on the Thomas St. Bridge. While maintaining verbal contact, Officer Graham approached the male slowly and pulled him off the bridge railing to safety. Officer Graham's actions in this incident showed his ability to gain the subject's confidence, build a rapport with the subject, and maintain a calm and professional demeanor during a fragile situation.

Officer Recognition

2009 Optimist Respect for Law Award

On May 11, 2009, Officer Thomas Hines was recognized by the noon optimists club during "Respect for Law Week." Each year the Optimists take pride in honoring those who go beyond their routine duties and commit extra effort in their law enforcement roll. Officer Hines received this award for his quick and decisive actions when a subject pulled a knife and attacked Officer Timken and him. Officer Hines drew his weapon and shot the subject as the subject was approaching Officer Timken in a threatening manner with the knife. Officer Hines received the Award of Valor from the Wisconsin Professional Police Association . Officer Hines also received the city's Medal of Valor, VFW Americanism Award. To top it off, the National Association of Police Organizations notified us that Officer Hines has been selected as Honorable Mention for the Sixteenth Annual TOP COPS Awards held in Washington D.C. NAPO has selected 33 TOP COPS cases, representing the top cases in the Nation, Officers Hines is one of the TOP COP cases.



Narcotics K9 Challenge Champion

K-9 Team of Officer Landretti and Foster came in first place during a K-9 competition at the 2009 Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler's Association (WLECHA) conference. The K-9 Team found the most number of finds out of the more than 45 teams that entered the competition, accurately identifying ten hides in a three minute period of time. Of equal importance, the K-9 Team had no false alerts, scoring ten for ten on their finds. K-9 Foster and Officer Landretti won the competition with their ten finds.



Community



Services and Programs

For more information phone 715-261-7800

National Police Week / Honor Guard

National Police Week, May 10-16, 2009 was dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement community. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, which was amended by the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day.



Sheriff Randall Hoenisch of the Marathon County Sheriff's Department, hosted the 2009 Marathon County Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday, May 14, at the Marathon County Court House along with Wausau Police Departments Honor Guard.



Officer Olson Salutes as Officer Pauls and Officer St Amand raise the United States Flag in honor of fellow police officers



Honor Guard Members Officer Pauls, Officer Olson, and Officer St Amand

"Law Enforcement is not about badges and uniforms.

It's about taking a stand to preserve the rights of our neighbors and to shield them from danger."

Michael Mukasey former US Attorney General

Community Service

Neighbor-2-Neighbor (N2N) is a community driven group working to unite neighborhoods to improve safety and enhance quality of life for residents of the City of Wausau. Officer Max LaPorte is the department's liaison to the N2N program. As part of the program, Officer LaPorte works with neighborhood groups within the city in an attempt to reduce crime. This is done through proactive enforcement, crime prevention education, and encouraging citizens to report crime when they see it occurring.

Community Service Officers

Throughout 2009 the Community Service Officers (CSO) worked approximately 1500 hours. CSOs are uniformed, non-sworn, officers who focus their enforcement efforts in Wausau's Downtown area and city parks. CSOs utilize foot and bicycle patrols to enforce various municipal ordinances and parking violations.



Motorcycle Patrol

Our fleet of patrol vehicles includes two specially equipped Harley Davidson motorcycles. The motorcycles were utilized on patrol approximately 100 days last year. Using the motorcycles allowed the officers a great opportunity to interact with the community.



D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. has been the most popular substance abuse education and prevention program for our school kids over the last 20+ years.

D.A.R.E. traditionally targets fifth graders and has been shown to be a positive connection between students and law enforcement. D.A.R.E. is taught by a law enforcement officer who visits classrooms for about one hour each week for 12 weeks. The main focus is on good decision making, drugs, peer pressure, positive alternatives, safety and bullying. Officers also visit lower grades (Kindergarten through fourth grade). It is a great way for the children to understand the job of law enforcement officers and how important it is to follow rules and laws for their safety.



Safety City

The Safety City program is targeted for children who are 5 years old, and are beginning kindergarten. It is operated jointly by the Wausau School District and the Wausau Police

Department, and trains youngsters in areas of bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, safety around strangers, safety from poisons, and bus safety. Safety City is a one week program that is offered every summer for three weeks. There is a minimal fee for enrollment in the program, for any child that resides within the Wausau School District.

Child Safety Seat Inspection

Our department is dedicated to the safety of the children in our community. That is why we offer free child safety seat inspections. In 2009 inspections were offered at the police department by appointment, and at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Saturn of Wausau and Ballweg Toyota during monthly scheduled inspections.

Specially trained officers inspect for correct use and installation. Safety seats are also checked for any safety recalls. The Wausau Police Department will continue child safety seat inspections in 2010 here at the department and will continue our partnership with Wausau Area Safe Kids to provide monthly events in the community.

Explorer Post

The end of 2009 marked the fifth year the Wausau Police Department Explorer Post has been active. We had approximately 20 young adults participate in the program during the entire year.

There was no shortage of training topics for the Explorers during 2009. The explorers received training in firearms, crash investigations, defense and arrest tactics, CPR, traffics stops, and many other law enforcement related topics.

Explorer post members attended Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. The training was made possible through a FEMA grant and was provided free of charge. The explorers who attended were trained on how to respond to a major disaster, provide first aid, locate and resolve several safety hazards, and how to properly use a fire extinguisher. Each participant in the training received a basic kit to carry with them incase of a major disaster.

The Explores volunteered at the Balloon Rally and the Women's Community 5K run by assisting with traffic control and parking and assisted the Wausau Emergency Police with traffic control at the Balloon Rally. They also picked up garbage at 3M Park after citizens had complained about the amount of trash which people had been leaving in the park.



Special Olympics

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Officer Hartwig received a \$500 check from the Wausau Noon Optimists Club on behalf of Wisconsin Special Olympics. Officer Hartwig coordinates Special Olympics activities for the Wausau Police Department and volunteers his time to work with the athletes. One of the major events for Special Olympics is the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. This event occurred on June 4. Wisconsin has seven legs that all converge in Stevens Point for the kick off of the Special Olympics State Games held at UWSP.



Left: The flag raising ceremony with an awe inspiring US flag. Below: Officer Hartwig with an athlete at the games.



Above: Officer Hartwig with Therese Pries the Regional Director of Development. Right are members of North Central Area 2 , including Officers from other agencies.



Citizen Academy

2009



The Wausau Police Department embraces a style of policing that involves a close working relationship with our community. In an effort to strengthen and enhance this relationship, our agency embarked on a creative venture to develop an increased partnership with our citizens.

Our department designed an eight week police course for citizens of Wausau, called "Citizen's Police Academy." Our Citizen's Police Academy has three goals: provide citizens with better understanding and knowledge of the Wausau Police Department's operations, practices and function; strengthen community support and involvement; and create better communication and working relationships between the citizens of Wausau and the Wausau Police Department.

Citizens learned about drug identification, OWI investigations and interview & statement analysis. Citizens also had an opportunity to participate in simulated firearms training and a demonstration of the Taser X26. Citizens also toured the Wausau Police Department, Marathon County Jail and Marathon County Dispatch Center.

Our department plans to continue the Citizen's Police Academy in 2010.



D.A.R.T.
Domestic Abuse Response Team

The Wausau Police Department was awarded a grant through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) to help implement a Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). Domestic violence is an issue that erodes the fabric of our society. Domestic violence continues to be one of the leading issues facing law enforcement in the City of Wausau and Marathon County. The Domestic Abuse Response Team is a collaboration of members from the Marathon County District Attorney's Office, Marathon County Victim Witness Program, the Women's Community, the Everest Metro Police Department and the Wausau Police Department. The primary goal of this program is to reduce and eliminate acts of domestic violence in our community. Other goals of the program include, educating children on building positive and equitable relationships; increasing public awareness and reporting of domestic abuse, especially in the Hmong Community; and improving domestic abuse investigations which should result in a higher conviction rate. The DART program increases interagency cooperation while working toward a shared goal.

Rx Drop Off Box
Located at Wausau Police Department

With the help of Marathon County Health Department, Wausau PD has a new drop off box for prescription medication. The receptacle is located in the eastern part of the lobby against the north wall. We are pleased to be more environmentally protective since pharmaceutical drugs have been detected in drinking water supplies in other metropolitan areas, although not in Wausau. However, law enforcement has seen a significant increase in prescription abuse over the last few years. With the demand for prescription meds at an all time high, we have experienced other crimes related to this abuse. Law enforcement has seen an increase in burglaries, robberies, thefts, prescription fraud and the like as abusers try to obtain their prescription meds for themselves or for sale on the street. This is another reason for the Rx drop off box.

Thanks to Meleesa Johnson from the Health Department and Officer Nathan Cihlar for working out all the details for the drop off box. Thanks to Brian Bartkowiak for coordinating the installation and signage.



Joint Partnerships

The Wausau Police Department recently joined forces with the Marathon County Sheriff's Department on the Crash Reconstruction Team or CRT. The Crash Reconstruction Team is called when there is a serious injury or fatality crash. The team is responsible for measuring the scene, collecting evidence, and interviewing witnesses. Members of the CRT team from the Wausau Police Department will receive advance training in crash investigation and reconstruction.

The Wausau Police Department and Marathon County Sheriff's Department have collaborated on various initiatives as we both strive to become more efficient and effective in the service we provide to the community.

The following is a list of teams the Wausau Police Department partners on with the Marathon County Sheriff's Department as well as other organizations.

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)

Dive Team

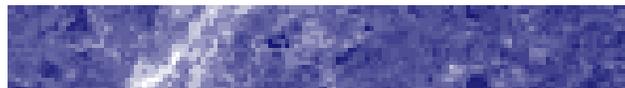
Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)

Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART)



Dive Team Members
Deputy Shope and Officer Felder



Partners in Policing

Policing a community can be difficult at times. It makes it a much easier task having the extra eyes and ears out there that are the citizens of community. Neighborhood watch programs work. In 2009, four citizens were recognized for their efforts in helping keep our community safe place to live. Yong Yang video taped a crime in progress. Shane Jorgenson observed a suspect crawl through a window of a closed business. Patrick Adams saw two suspects enter through a window and obtained the license plate number from the vehicle they were using. Tamera Frinak, while jogging, heard someone call for help and pulled a person from the Wisconsin River. The Wausau Police Department strives to provide the best service to the community by incorporating community policing strategies. The above citizens demonstrate how effective we can be, when we are partners in policing.

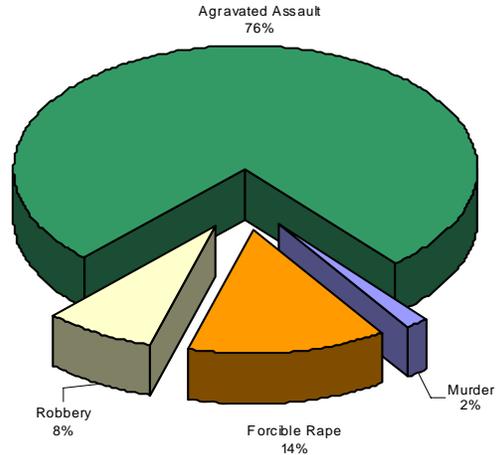
Crime & Traffic Statistics for 2009



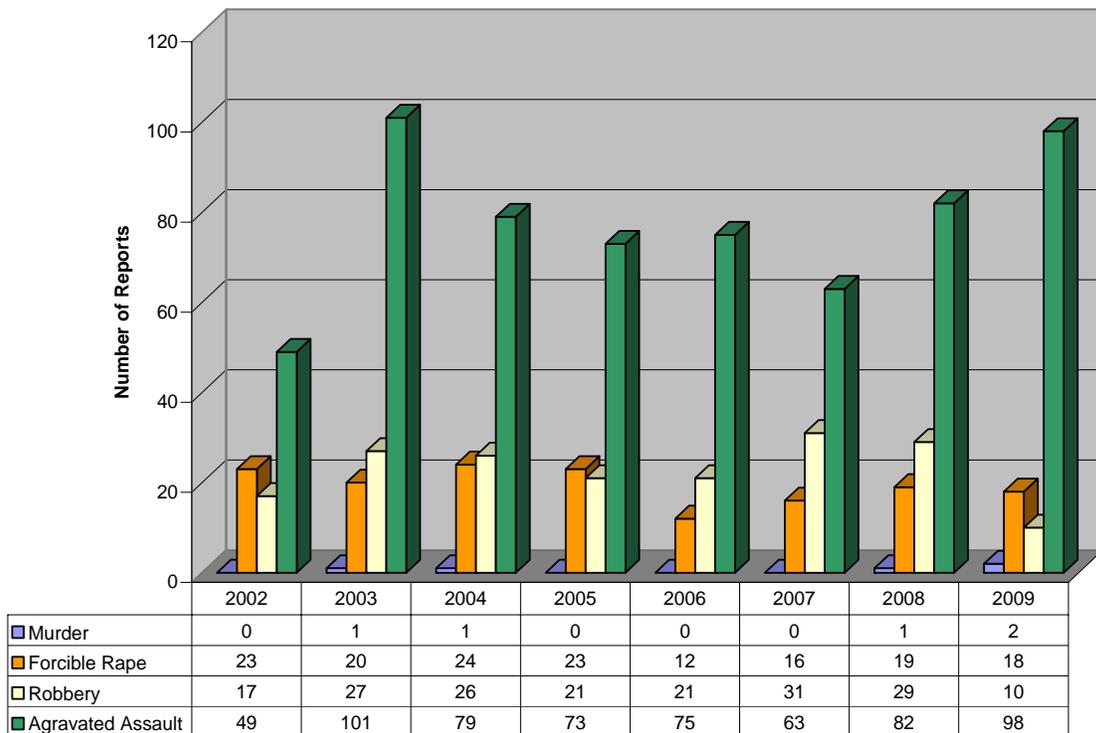
Violent Crime Index

Violent Crime Definition:
 Offenses involving face-to-face confrontation between victim and perpetrator, and are referred to as violent offenses. These are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

2009 Violent Crimes



Violent Crimes

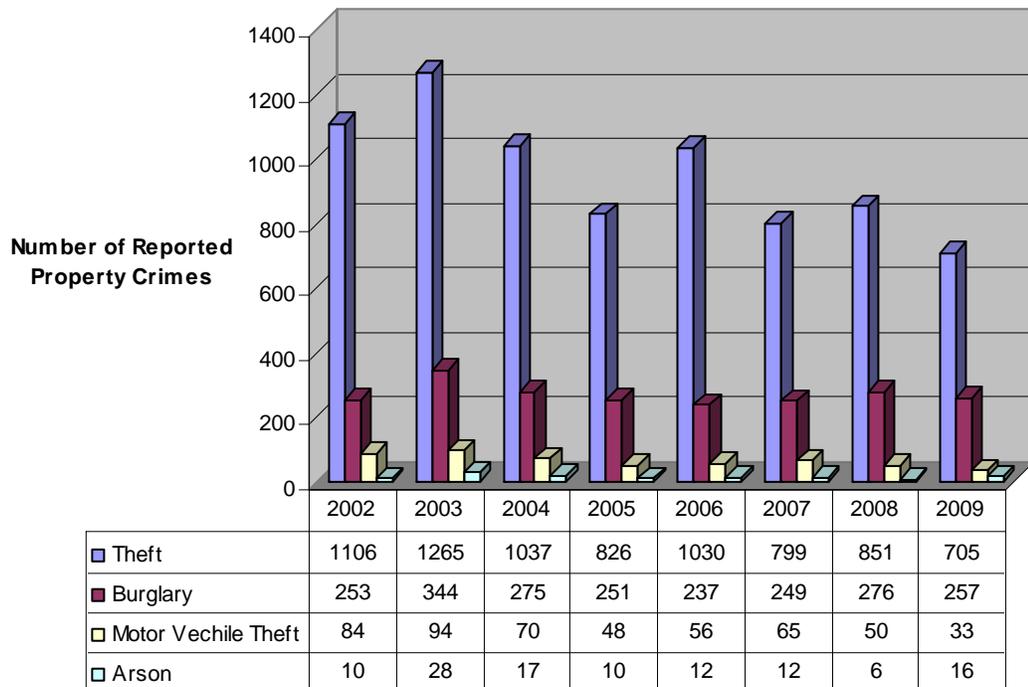


8 Year Trend Line

In 2009, the Wausau Police Department investigated a total of 128 reported violent crimes. The overall percentage of change from 2008 was a two percent decline in reported violent crimes within the city.

Property Crime Index

Property Crimes

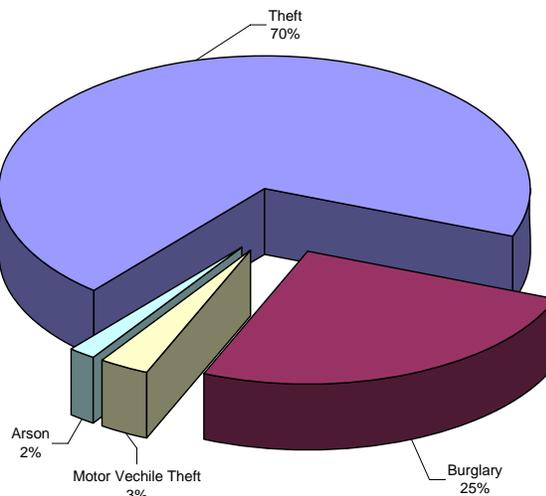


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Property Offense Definition

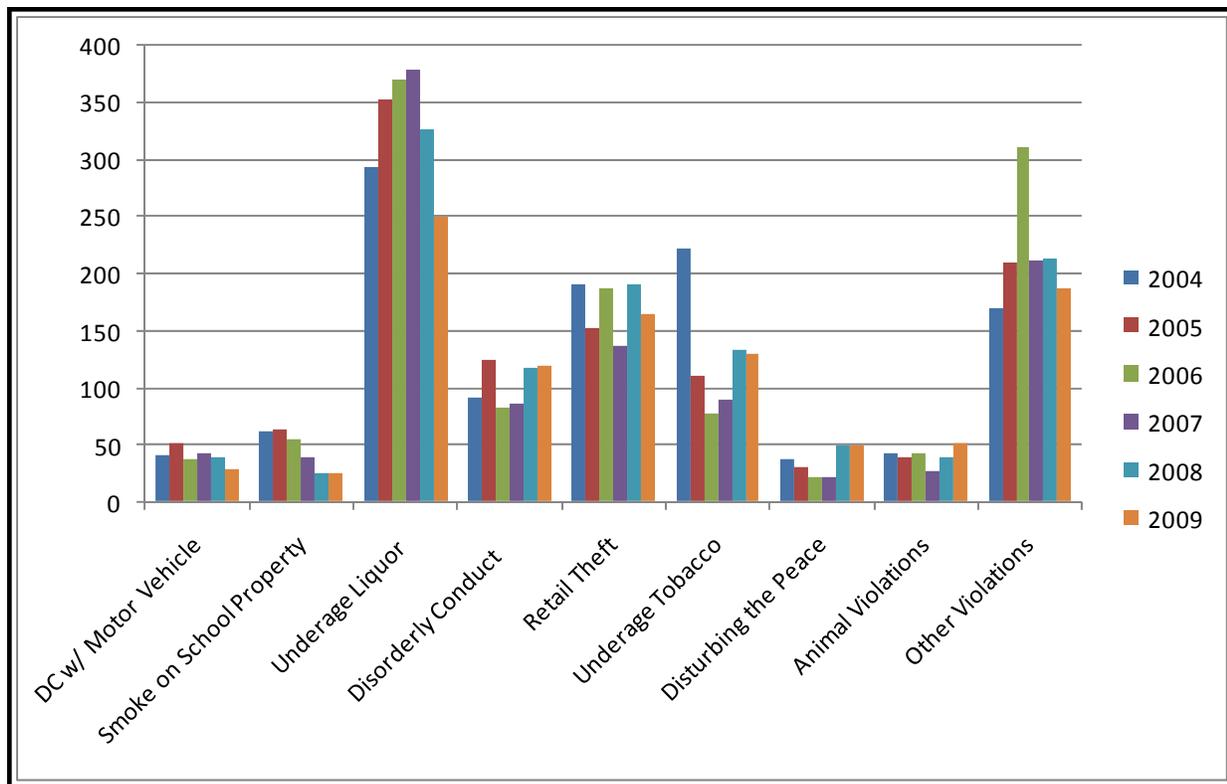
Offenses do not involve face-to-face confrontation between victim and perpetrator, and are referred to as property offenses. These are burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson

2009 Property Crimes



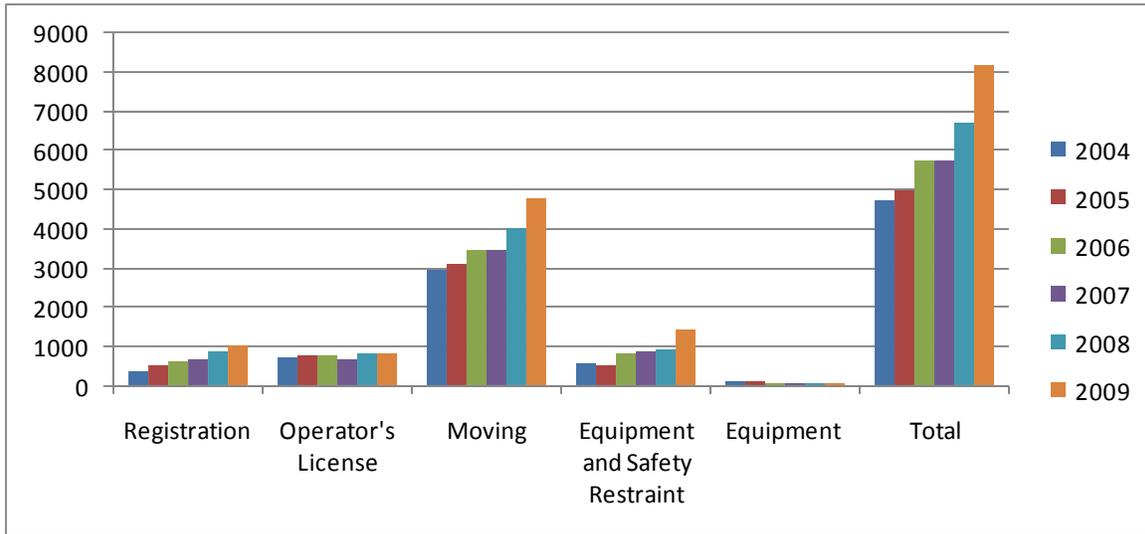
Municipal Citations

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>DC w/ Motor Vehicle</i>	40	52	38	42	39	28
<i>Smoke on School Property</i>	62	63	55	39	25	26
<i>Underage Liquor</i>	294	353	370	379	327	249
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	92	124	83	87	117	119
<i>Retail Theft</i>	191	152	187	137	191	164
<i>Underage Tobacco</i>	222	110	78	89	133	129
<i>Disturbing the Peace</i>	38	30	22	21	50	50
<i>Animal Violations</i>	43	39	42	27	39	51
<i>Other Violations</i>	170	209	311	211	214	187
Total	1152	1132	1186	1032	1135	1003



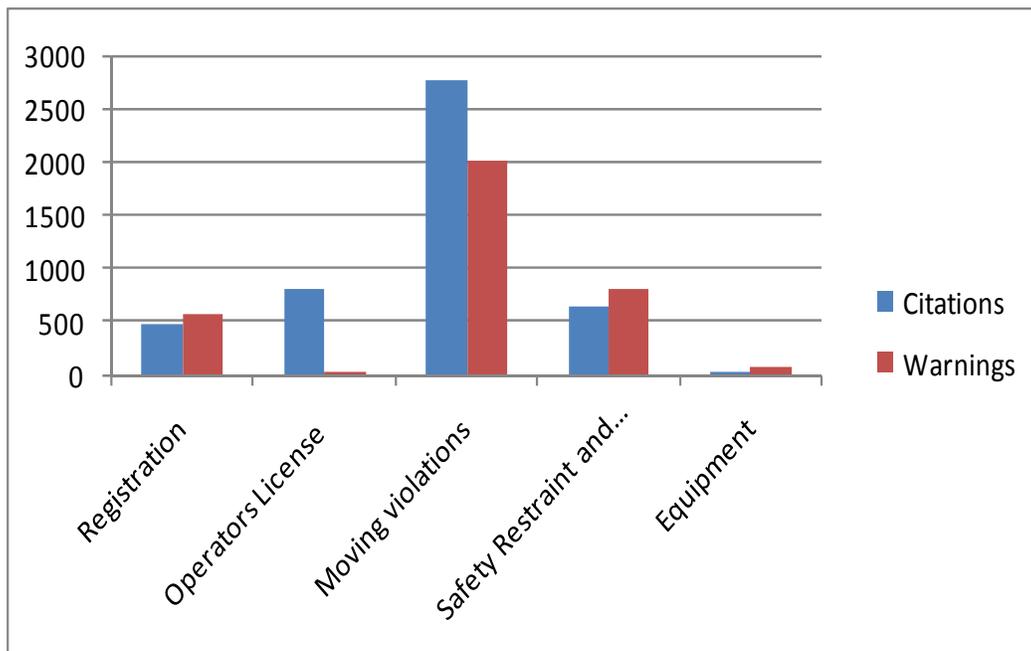
2009 Traffic Citations and Warnings

Violation Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Registration	354	492	604	689	870	1030
Operator's License	724	747	781	685	844	828
Moving	2950	3089	3478	3451	4027	4780
Equipment and Safety Restraint	581	527	798	881	919	1451
Equipment	93	101	57	56	45	73
<i>Total</i>	4702	4956	5718	5762	6705	8162



Citations Versus Warnings

	Registration	Operators License	Moving violations	Safety Restraint and Equipment	Equipment
Citations	469	816	2764	639	1
Warnings	561	12	2016	812	72



Traffic Crashes

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>Non-Reportable Accident</i>	639	540	551	439	505	357
<i>Reportable Accident</i>	994	975	1002	894	1052	871
Total Number of Accidents	1633	1515	1553	1333	1557	1228

Reportable Accident Vs. Non-Reportable Accident

The difference between the two types of accidents is the estimated cost to repair damage sustained by a vehicle in the accident and whether a person is injured. An accident is considered reportable if the damage sustained by one vehicle is greater than \$1000 or a person is injured

Calls for Service

In 2009, there were a total of 31,120 calls for service. Numerous calls required more than one officer to respond for a total of 51,758 officer responses. In 2008 there were 50,756 officer responses.

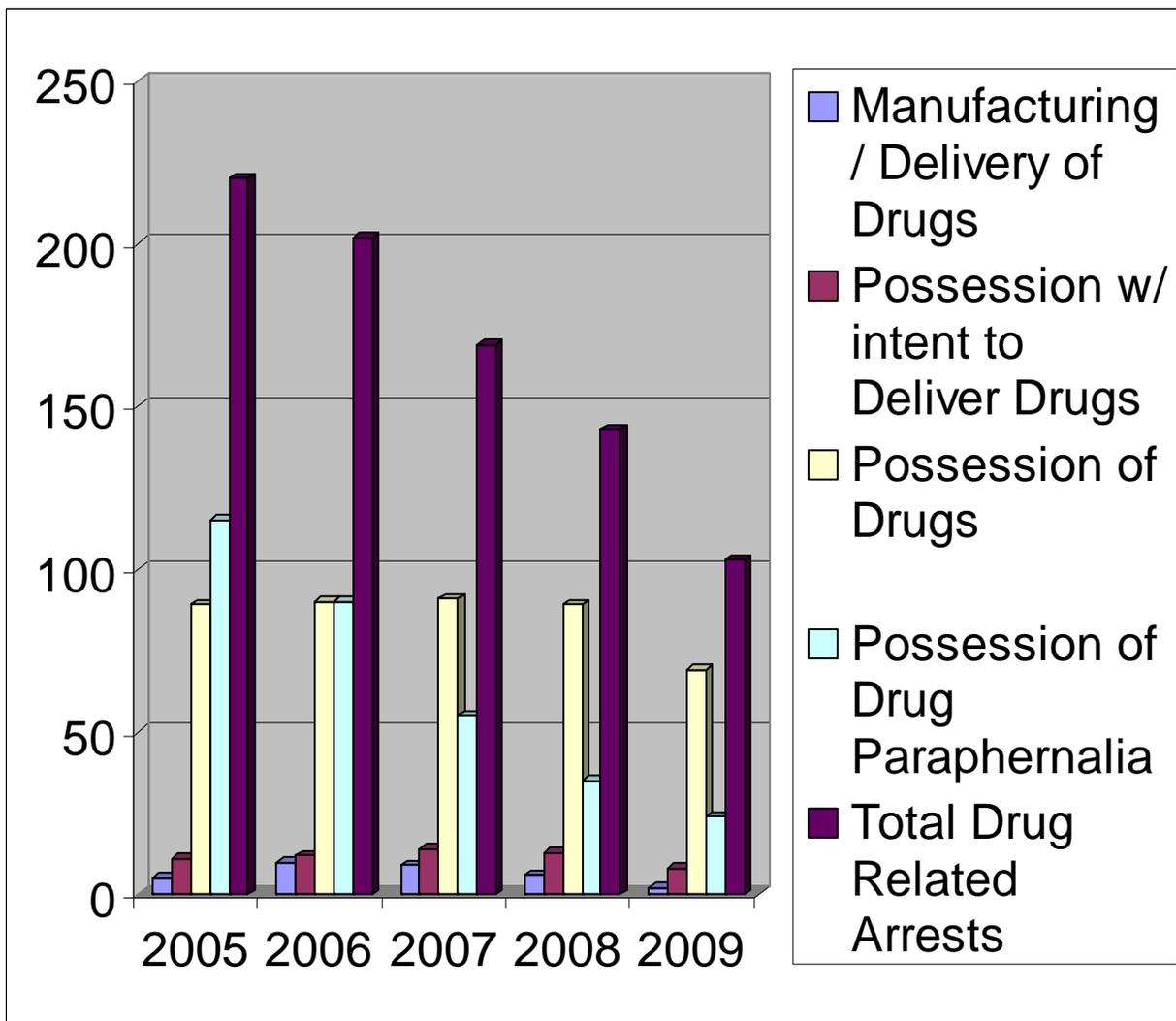
Below is a sampling of some of the calls for service in 2008 compared with 2009.

2008	Type of Call for Service	2009	2008	Type of Call for Service	2009
8060	Criminal Misc	3412	744	Probation/Parole Checks	792
7422	Traffic Stops	7079	725	Telephone Messages	104
4235	Service Misc	2434	686	Civil Complaints	432
3151	Follow-up Investigation Stops	1801	577	Lost & Found	472
2437	Traffic Misc	971	534	Hit & Run Accidents	230
2328	Traffic Accidents	1188	523	Traffic Hazards	254
2077	Family Disturbances	815	406	Traffic Accidents with Injuries	137
1892	Suspicious Activity	1062	389	Attempt to Locate Vehicle	89
1391	Emotionally Disturbed Person	596	378	Vehicle Lock Outs	159
1360	911 Hang-up Calls	590	340	Attempt to Locate	57
1355	Alarms	462	310	Bar Checks	154
1330	Warrant Service	422	290	Threats with Weapon	50
1233	Noise Complaints	619	271	Information	18
1147	Medical Emergencies	519	242	Juvenile Disturbances	112
1036	Extra Patrol	779	241	Prisoner Transports	115
1019	Investigative Stops	42	207	Process Service	206
1014	Fights	254	189	Structure Fires	38
974	Disabled Vehicles	586	174	Funeral Escorts	71
826	Dog Complaints	616	170	Overnight Parking Complaints	6
773	Attempt to Locate Juvenile	349	167	Gas Skip	116

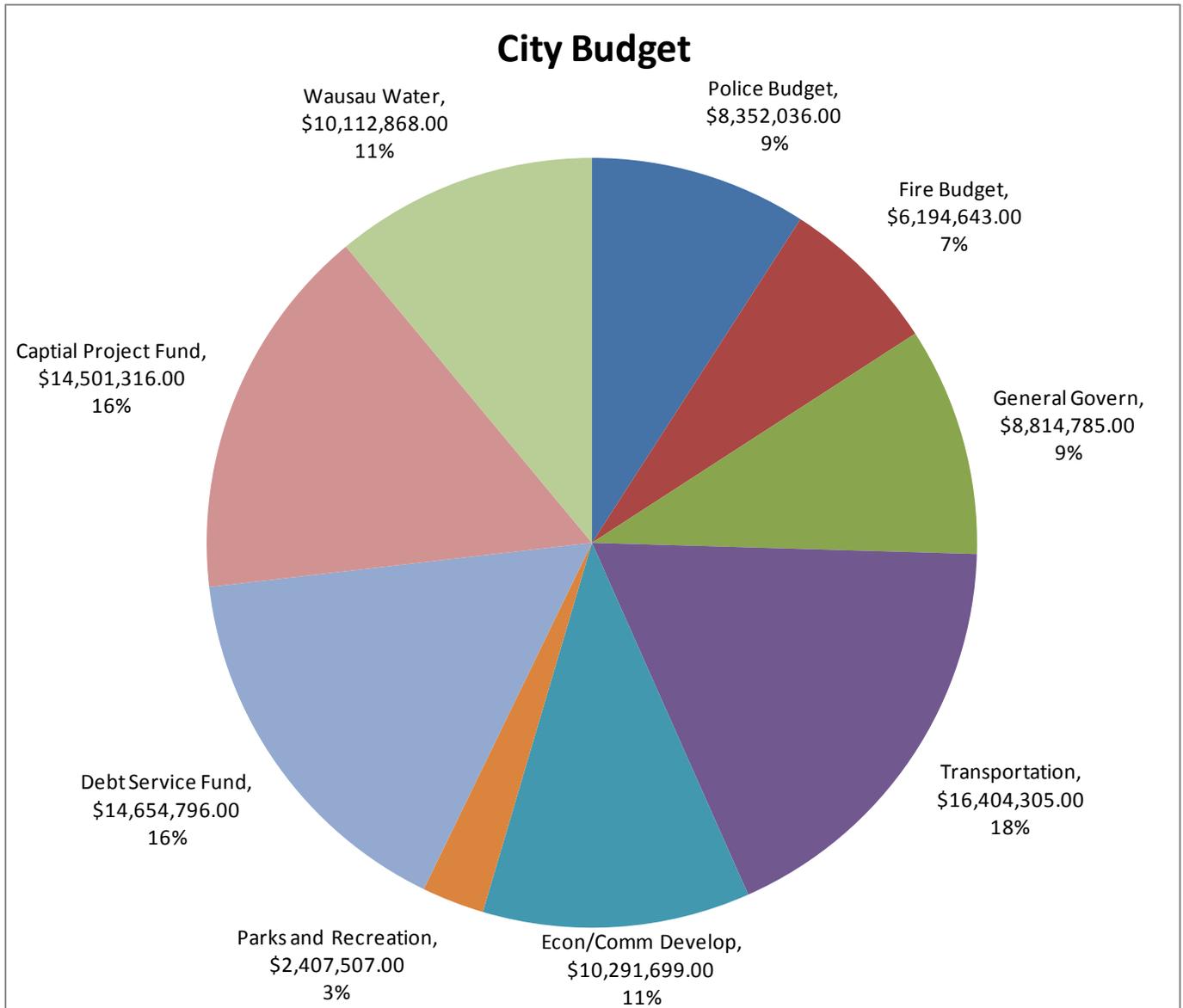
Drug Enforcement

In 2009, drug use continued to be a problem in the City of Wausau. While the number of drug arrests decreased overall, our department continues to dedicate itself to fighting t drugs and drug related crimes.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Manufacturing / Delivery of Drugs	5	10	9	6	2
Possession w/ intent to Deliver Drugs	11	12	14	13	8
Possession of Drugs	89	90	91	89	69
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	115	90	55	35	24
Total Drug Related Arrests	220	202	169	143	103

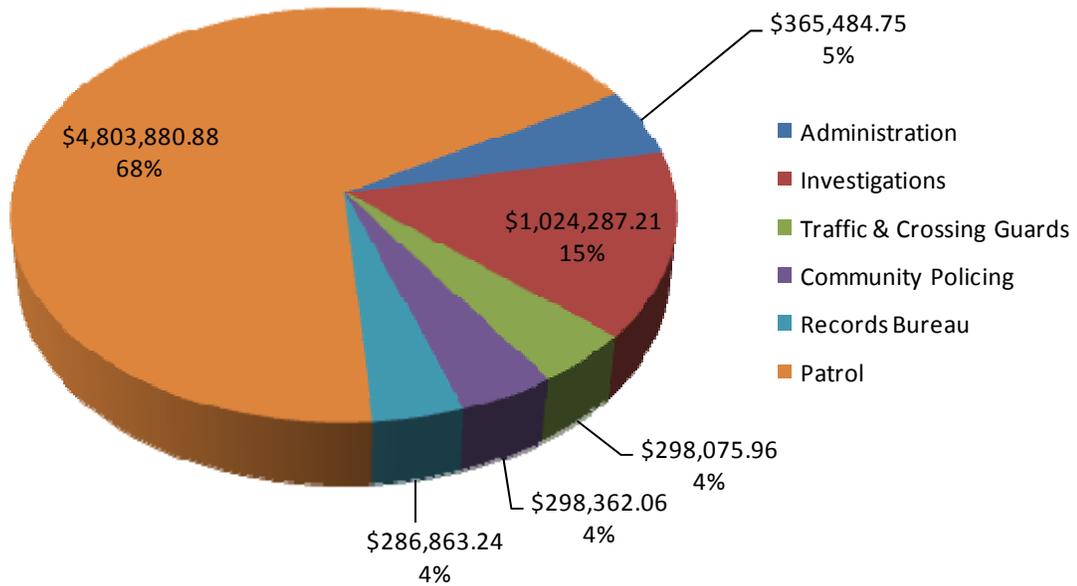


2009 City Budget

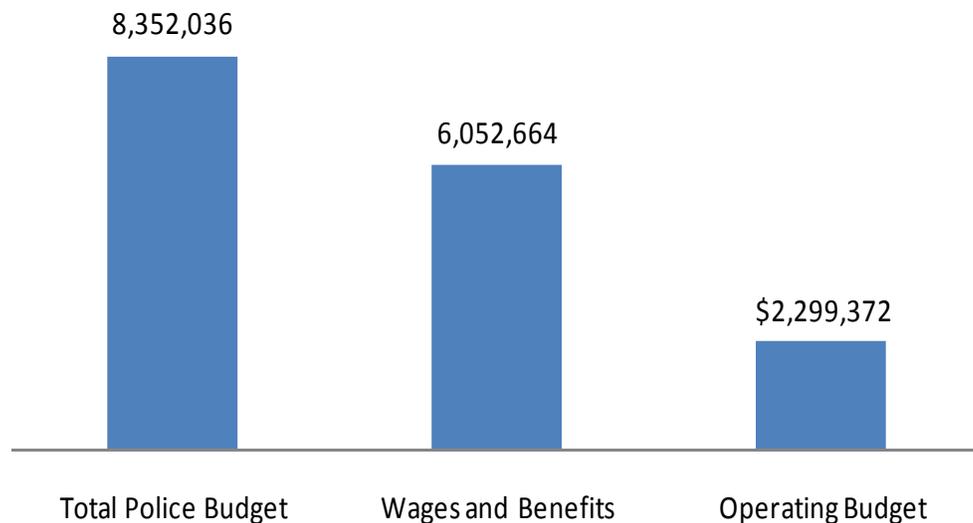


2009 Police Budget

2009 Police Wages and Benefits



Police Budget Breakdown



2009 WAUSAU POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND SUPPORT STAFF



Jeff
Hardel



Bryan
Hilts



Gregory
Hagenbucher



Dwayne
Dachel



Edward
Gault



Craig
Dunbar



James
Wadinski



Mark
Pankow



Lisa
Rennie



Michael
Juedes



William
Kolb



Luke
Heindel



Benjamin
Bliven



Mary
Wogernese



Peter
Weckwerth



Charles
Knapp



Terence
Morris



Jeffrey
Strobach



Cord
Buckner



Kay
Hansen



Matthew
Barnes



Thomas
Williams



Mark
Klein



Steven
Kickhaver



Mark
Timken



Roy
Umlauf



Robert
Wilcox



David
Jordan



Maureen
Pilsner



Thomas
Hines

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Mark
Jaeger



Brent
Tidquist



Michael
Felder



Paul
Piskoty



Kevin
Cornell



Dean
Talg



Pao
Yang



Mark
Kurtzhals



Joseph
St. Amand



Thomas
Peterson



David
Landretti



John
Jurasin



Todd
Baeten



Bill
Taylor



Melinda
Pauls



David
Prokop



Dale
Zander



Max
LaPorte



Jillian
Kurtzhals



Sandra
Hunt



Nathan
Porath



Anthony
Reince



Shawn
Fritsch



Brent
Olson



Nathan
Cihlar



Nathan
Pekarske



Andrew
Hartwig



Jeffrey
Schremp



Matthew
VanLieshout



Shawn
Pierschalla

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Jacob Albee



Jon Kindlarski



Houa Lee



Kyle Buchkoski



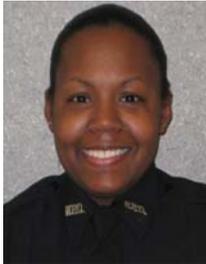
Benjamin Graham



Matthew Krembs



John Phillips



Patrice Pettigrew



Eric Lemirand



Susan Lang



Mary Jordan



Linda Turk



Kristi Schildt



Micheal Kolasinski



Paul Luoma



Foster



Mable



Pluto

Sworn Officers

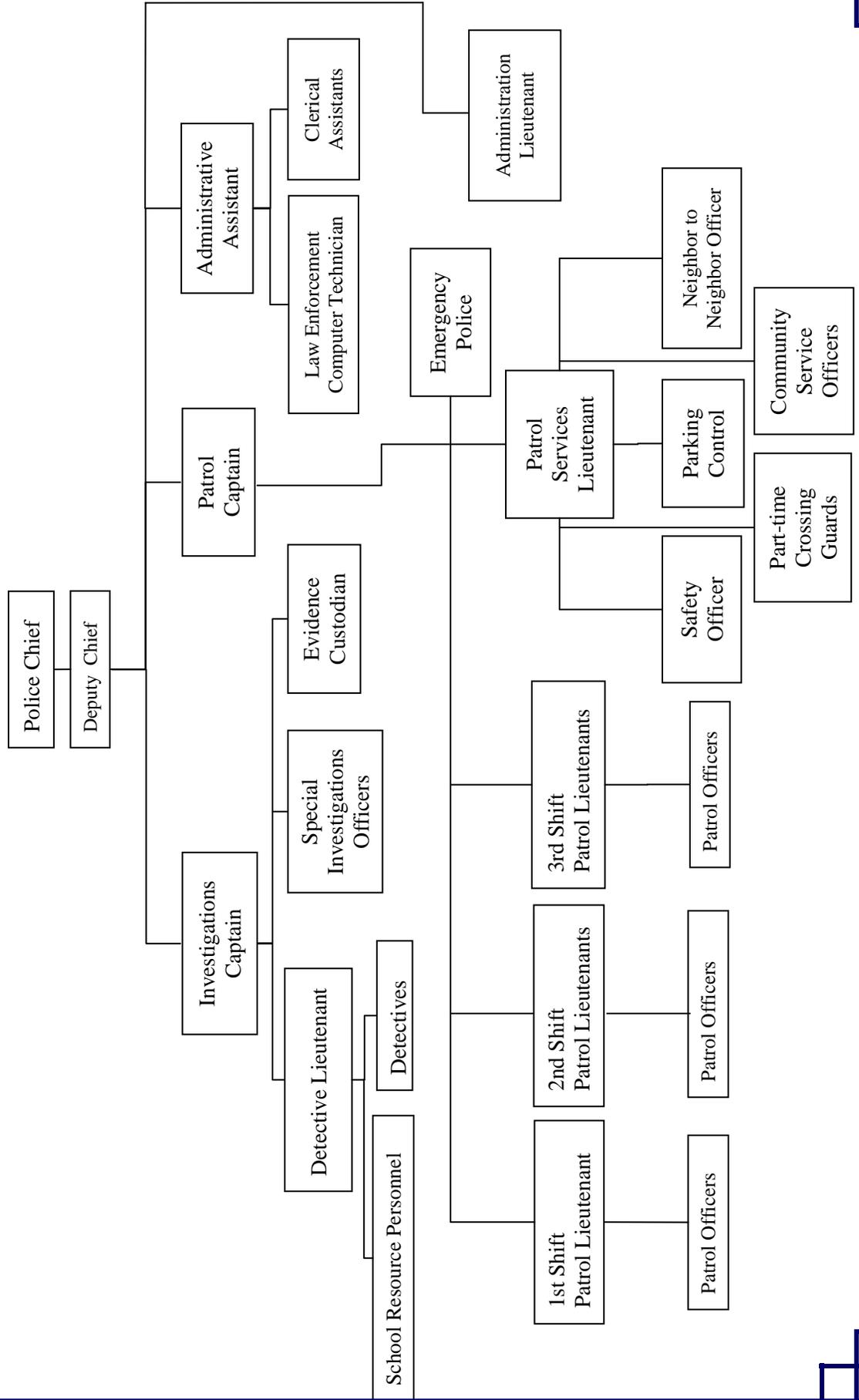
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	9
Detectives	8
Officers	50
Vacancies	0
Total Sworn Officers	71

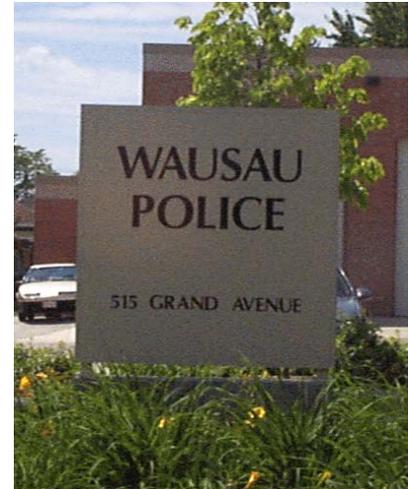
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And Special
Investigation
Officers

Civilian Staff

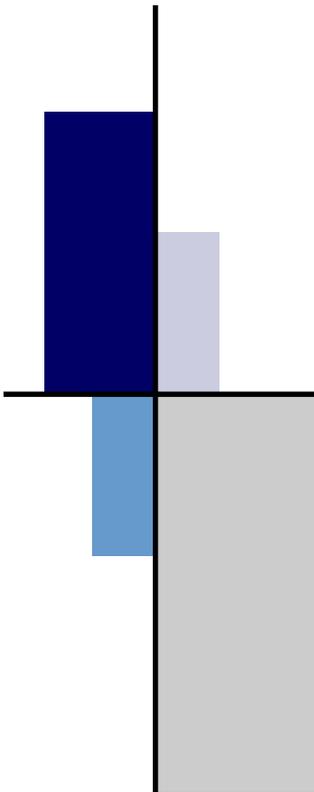
Administrative Staff	5
Parking Control	1
Evidence Custodian (Part Time)	1
Community Service Officers (Part Time)	3
School Crossing Guards (Part Time)	17
Emergency Police (Volunteer)	32

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