



# Wausau Police Department

## The Informer

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### National Police Week

I was moved by President Trump’s address at the Peace Officer’s Memorial Service in Washington DC this year, so I am sharing a few of his quotes this month. It can be easy to forget, but law enforcement is a calling, a noble profession, that tremendously impacts our local community and our nation. I am grateful for each of you that have answered the call to be a police officer!

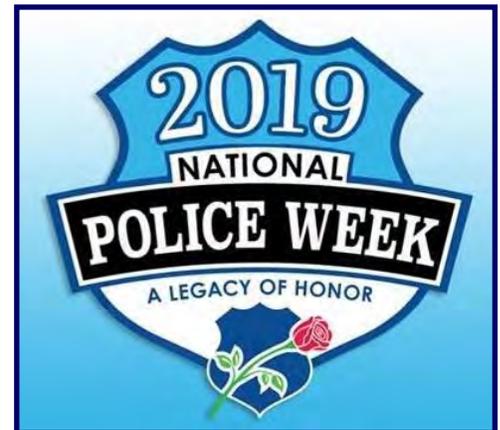
#### President Trump:

“As President, I am deeply honored to join in this sacred commemoration for the third year in a row. Today, in the heart of our nation’s capital, we come together to pay tribute to the American Peace Officers who made supreme sacrifice, all in the line of duty, in many cases for people they never met, for people they didn’t know.

We’re here to remember their noble lives, to thank God for their profound courage, and to express our love, respect, everlasting gratitude for the heroes of law enforcement. And that’s what they are and were: the heroes of law

enforcement.”

“To all of the families of our fallen officers: Our whole country is praying for you, embracing you, and pledging to you that we will never, ever leave your side, never disappoint you. Your loved ones were extraordinary and selfless Americans who gave everything they had in defense of our communities, our children, and our nation.



These brave heroes did not put on the uniform for praise or for glory. They wore the badge because it was their duty, their calling, their noble purpose to serve, protect like nobody has ever done it before. They embodied our highest ideals and greatest aspirations. They were the very best of us. There was nobody close.

Today, we engrave their memories into our hearts and inscribe their names into the eternal roll call of American heroes.

In honor of the fallen, we pledge to always support their brothers and sisters in blue. We stand firmly, strongly, and proudly with the incredible men and women of law enforcement."

"You do not hear it nearly enough, but Americans across this country love you, they support you, they respect you — more than you would ever know; more than you would, frankly, ever think even possible. They have great respect for law enforcement and the job you do."

"The men and women of law enforcement devote their lives to protecting our children, securing our streets, and keeping our communities safe. Moms and dads can sleep soundly at night, kids can play with neighbors outside, and grandparents can feel at peace in their homes because they know America's officers are the absolute best and they're always on the beat."

The courage and sacrifice of our heroes is the reason our flag stands tall and bravely, our hearts beat with pride, and our country remains one people, one family, and one nation under God."



# Awards & Promotions

## Wausau Noon Optimist Award



This year’s recipient of the Wausau Noon Optimist Law Enforcement Award was Officer Nick Stetzer and K9 Badge. This award is presented each year to a few law enforcement officers for “distinguished and dedicated service advancing the Respect for Law objectives of Optimist International.”

As one of our School Resource Officers, Officer Stetzer is well-positioned to impact many of Wausau’s youth. His work with Badge launched Wausau PD’s therapy dog program. This program has been a tremendous success, and it shows Officer Stetzer’s unwavering dedication to our community.

Congratulations Officer Stetzer!!

## Be One of the Kind!

Officer Nick Stetzer was also one of the beginnings of a kindness chain. The community project, created by Emily and Paula Voss, is designed to promote simple acts of kindness. The goal is to bring everyone together by creating a connection and offering a reminder that, at the core, we are all so similar in our dreams and needs. Everyone can participate in making the world a happier place as kindness is simply a donation of your time and energy. Even a tiny act of opening a door or helping a busy mom carry groceries can have a tremendous impact.

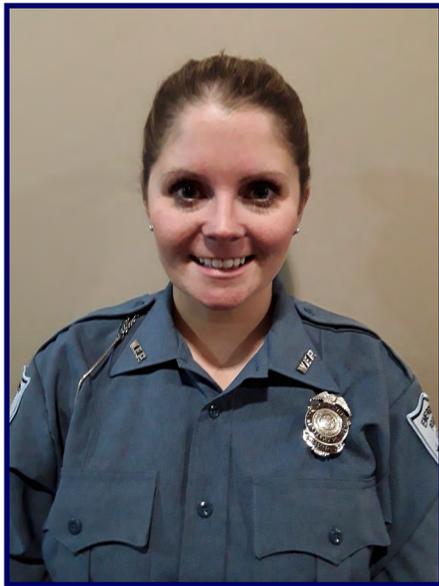
Wausau PD is one of the participants that has tokens to be issued when they see an act of kindness. If you receive a token, our customer service window is a pick up point for redeeming your tokens and receiving your shirt.

For more information on the Be One of the Kind program, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/beoneofthekind/>



# Acknowledgements & Other News

## New Emergency Police Officer



In April, the Wausau Emergency Police swore in a new recruit, Jill Shelian.

Welcome!

## Biking For A Cause

Our own Officer Grover and Assistant District Attorney Kyle Mayo were part of the contingent that biked 247 miles to Washington DC for Police Week to honor fallen officers through the Police Unity Tour.

Way to go guys!

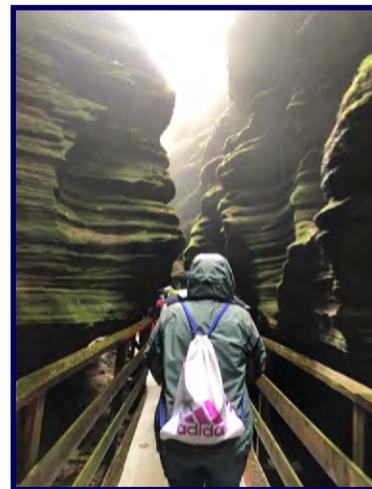


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## Safety Patrol Trips



May means just about the end of the school year, and reward trips for the students of our schools' Safety Patrols! The big trip this year was a two night trip to Milwaukee and Chicago, with the kids enjoying a tour of Miller Park, Discovery World, a Brewer game (with a win!) the Jelly Belly Factory, Shedd Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry. The second trip was a day trip to the Wisconsin Dells, with the kids going to Ripley's Believe It Or Not, Wizard Quest, Pirate's Cove Mini Golf and an Upper Dells Boat Tour. These trips are made possible with donations to the Wausau/Marathon County Schools Safety Patrols Organization, which is always accepting donations. If you would like more information on how to donate, please give us a call at 715-261-7800.



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## Motorcycle Duty



Our motorcycle units are usually on patrol duty, but these units also get tagged for special events. Officer Brian Burkhardt and Officer Mark Kurtzhals spent Police Week in Washington DC, providing escort for the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty. It was a soggy week, but it is a humbling experience and a great honor to be able to serve in this way.

After barely being home long enough to dry his boots, Officer Burkhardt provided parade duty for the Bull Falls Harley Davidson Ride for MDA (left.)

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## Positive Alternatives

In light of 2019 Police Week, a group of youth from Marathon County's Positive Alternatives stopped by the PD to express their gratitude for police in the form of treats.



## Biking For A Cause



Wausau Police are always happy to be involved in community events, especially one that involves food! Wausau PD lent assistance at The Women's Community Chasin' Chocolate 5K event. After you run at this event - you get chocolate! And all for a great cause... What could be better?



# Officer Appreciation

## For Humane Officer Ashley Bishop

Dearest [Officer] Bishop,

Please accept my wife's and my most sincere thanks for prompt and professional service following our dog's mandatory quarantine at the Humane Society of Marathon County.

Through your diligence we were able to get our dog on the final day of her quarantine and take her to the Major's Academy Dog Training in Green Bay.

Thank you for promptly answering our needs while completing your work with our dog's case. My wife and I love our dog very much and continue to stand on her behalf. Our unceasing thanks to you.

Howard



Humane Officer  
Ashley Bishop

## New Baby!



Congratulations to Officer Garrett Carr and his family... They welcomed a new baby boy this month!

# Officer Spotlight

## Officer Aaron Karlen



Hello, my name is Aaron Karlen. I grew up in a small village located in Edgar, WI, where I also attended high school. After completing high school, I completed my bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. During my time at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, I had the privilege to be a four year starter for the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point football team. Furthermore, I was fortunate enough to have been given a chance to take my football playing abilities to the professional level where I played for an additional two years. I spent time with the Seattle Seahawks (NFL), Ottawa Redblacks (CFL), Montreal Alouettes (CFL), and the Calgary Stampeders (CFL.)

During my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, hanging out with friends, exercising, hunting, fishing, building things, and much more. Anything I can do where I am laughing, or just simply being outdoors, I truly enjoy.

The best part about being a police officer is the community relationships you build with the community members. Whether it is on duty or off duty, when you make a difference, the community will remember you. I enjoy being a part of a great team who truly cares about the city we serve. I truly take pride in serving this community, displaying our core values, and supporting our mission. I look forward to doing my absolute best to enhance the quality of life within Wausau.

