



Wausau Police Department



2012 Annual Report



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Command Staff:

Left to Right

Patrol Captain Dwayne Dachel

Deputy Chief Bryan Hilts

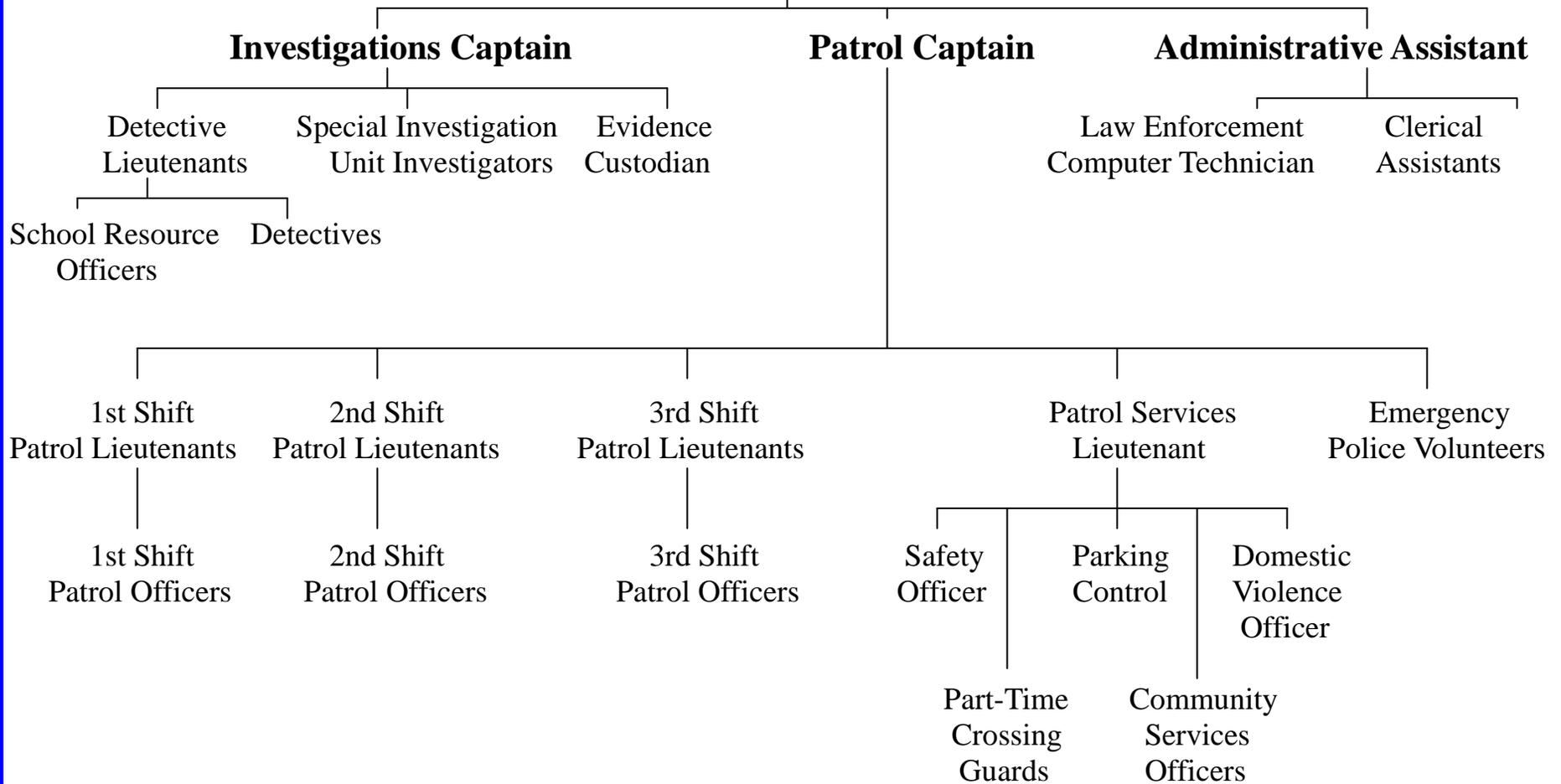
Police Chief Jeffrey Hardel

Investigations Captain Greg Hagenbucher

Wausau Police Department Organizational Chart

Police Chief

Deputy Chief





Wausau City Government

James E. Tipple, Mayor

Lisa Rasmussen, City Council President

William P. Nagle

First Aldermanic District

Romey Wagner

Second Aldermanic District

David Nutting

Third Aldermanic District

Jim Brezinski

Fourth Aldermanic District

Gary Gisselman

Fifth Aldermanic District

Keene T. Winters

Sixth Aldermanic District

Lisa Rasmussen

Seventh Aldermanic District

Karen Kellbach

Eight Aldermanic District

David R. Oberbeck

Ninth Aldermanic District

Sherry Abitz

Tenth Aldermanic District

Robert Mielke

Eleventh Aldermanic District

Service to Our Citizens



The graph 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 with what is needed to ultimately serve the citizens. The City's core values are key to guiding 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.

WAUSAU POLICE DEPARTMENT 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 sworn 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 services 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 back-grounds, 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, Jeffrey Hardel

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's Annual Report for 2012. This document serves as a window to our police department. We invite you to learn more about our department and about the law enforcement profession. Learn more about our purpose, our philosophy, our dedication, and our operations. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the command officers for assistance.

The Wausau Police Department continues to be challenged by the various criminal elements that society offers. Internet fraud, internet scams, and internet crimes in general, including identity theft, continue to increase. Drug use, drug abuse, and drug sales continue to be a focus of our enforcement efforts, along with the ancillary crimes associated with the drug trade. Heroin specifically, has generated more law enforcement attention than ever before. The increase in heroin use is demonstrated by many more traffic stops where heroin is found, officers conducting search warrants locating heroin, the number of heroin overdoses, and heroin overdose deaths that our community and the surrounding communities have experienced. Drug use, drug sales, and overall drug abuse continue to drive criminal activity. Illegal drug use plays a significant role in the overall safety of our community because the collateral damage that it causes impacts the vast majority of society.

The Wausau Police Department continues to respond to the community concerns in regards to traffic enforcement. Neighborhood or sector meetings are held each year which allow citizens the opportunity to share their neighborhood/community concerns. Most concerns are related to traffic enforcement. Officers responded to these concerns by issuing more than 10,383 citations and/or warnings.

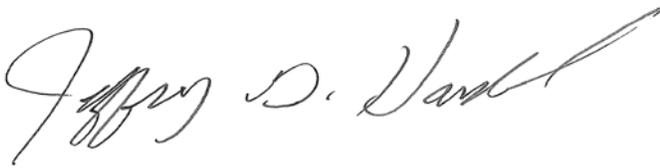
With over 42,084 calls for service generating over 55,065 officer responses in our community, the demands and expectations placed on our officers is very high. That is just one of the many things that make our profession special, unique, and rewarding. This job requires great character and strong ethical make up. It takes a special person to commit themselves to the highest professional standards that we adhere to. 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 and professionalism 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 our 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 group, 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 proud and 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,



Jeffrey G. Hardel
Chief of Police
City of Wausau

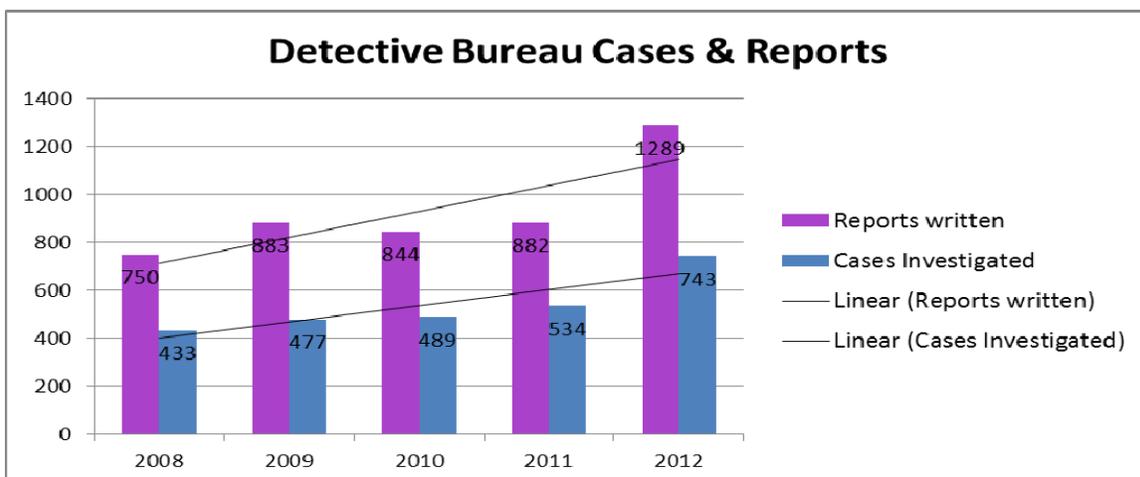


Investigations Captain, Gregory Hagenbucher

The Wausau Police Department Investigative Services Bureau, better known as the Detective Bureau, is dedicated to providing the highest quality of investigative, scientific, and information services for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property. The duties and responsibilities of the personnel assigned to the Detective Bureau are numerous and quite diverse. Members of the Detective Bureau respond directly to crime scenes, and do their best to combat and reduce crime by conducting prompt, diligent, and professional investigations. Detectives maximize the use of all technological resources to solve crimes, track down and apprehend suspects, as well as to locate missing persons and recover and return stolen property to the rightful owner.

In 2012, the Wausau Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau consisted of six general detectives, three school resource officers (one detective and two patrol officers), two drug investigators who work with the Marathon County Special Investigative Unit, one civilian evidence custodian, one detective lieutenant, one special investigations lieutenant, and one captain. A detective and detective supervisor are on-call 24/7.

In 2012, the Wausau Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau saw a major increase in the number of cases investigated over the past five years. The total number of cases investigated by detectives increased from an average of four hundred eight-three cases over the past five years, to seven hundred forty-three cases in 2012. This is an increase of thirty-five percent. For the most part the increases were due to the investigation of arsons which tripled from the previous year, robberies which tripled from the previous year, counterfeit bills, forgeries, and identity thefts which tripled from the previous year, and burglary investigations which doubled from the previous year. Arrests were made in fifty-four percent of the cases investigated by the bureau.



In 2012, the Investigative Services Bureau conducted a number of major investigations. Some of these cases included:

- * Detectives continued to work leads on the Stephanie Low missing person case. Ms. Low, a twenty-two year old female, was reported missing from her Westside Wausau apartment on October 10, 2010. Evidence found in her apartment lead officers to believe she had disappeared under suspicious circumstances. Detectives have conducted over two hundred interviews, and followed up on over four hundred leads to date. This case will remain open, until she is located.

- * Detectives investigated a homicide case where Mr. Kerby Kniess was found beaten to death with a baseball bat in a friend's garage on Wausau's west side. The eighteen and twenty year old suspects, who robbed Mr. Kniess for a few dollars and some cigarettes, are awaiting trial for 1st degree murder.

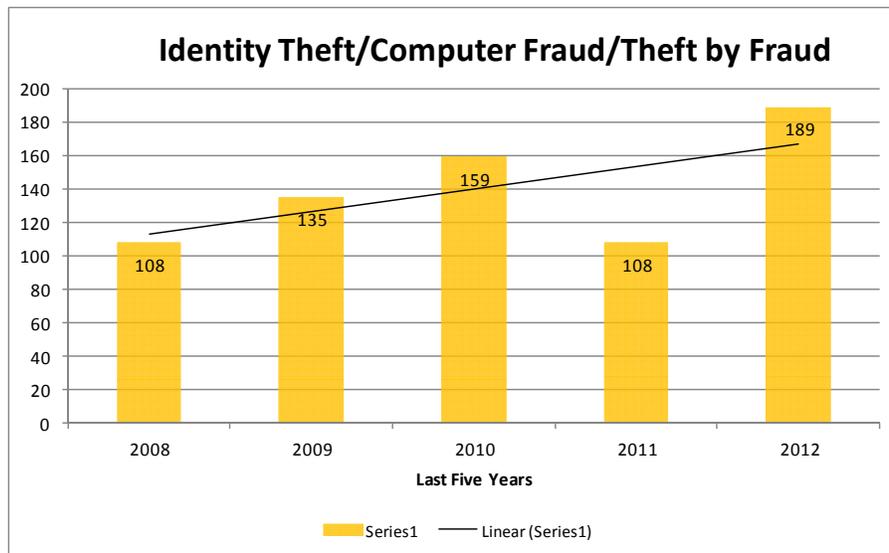
- * Detectives conducted an investigation into a large theft ring that was stealing air conditioning units from west side businesses and Rib Mountain. This was being perpetrated by five people who were stealing the units and then destroying them for the scrap metal. In addition, these same suspects were removing copper grounding wires from telephone poles on the southwest side of town, and were involved in a multi-jurisdictional check fraud scheme.

- * Detectives investigated two gun store burglaries where over fifty firearms were stolen both in Wausau, and Lincoln County, WI. One of the suspects, Christian Peterson was shot and killed a week after the burglaries, during a confrontation with the Eau Claire Police. As of the end of 2012, twenty-two of the stolen firearms have been recovered, and about fifteen arrests had been made on various offenses during the investigation. One of the stolen handguns was used in a homicide in Schofield shortly after the initial burglaries, and the person responsible is currently awaiting trial for 1st degree murder. Another one of the stolen handguns was used to threaten a student at Wausau West High School, and the suspect had stated he was coming to school to kill the victim and her girlfriends. A perimeter was set up near the high school by patrol officers, and detectives took the suspect into custody away from the school. The suspect had a stolen firearm in his backpack. This incident could have evolved into a catastrophic event if not for the quick action of patrol officers and detectives.

- * Detectives investigated three heroin overdose deaths and responded to another death related to an infection caused by the use of dirty heroin needles. Last year, detectives responded to heroin related calls on a monthly basis.

In addition to these major crimes, the Investigative Services Bureau has successfully closed many serious felony investigations with the arrest of people for the crimes of robbery, both armed and unarmed, endangering safety where the calls involved shots being fired, a few aggravated assaults, several arsons, nearly one hundred sexual assaults (juvenile & adult), some embezzlement cases, and numerous burglaries and property crimes.

In 2012, the Wausau Police Department took complaints of 189 individual cases involving identity theft, computer fraud, and theft by fraud, combined. This number is 32 % higher than the average of 127 cases per year over the four years prior.



In 2012, video surveillance has continued to play a role in the identification of suspects involved in crimes. Numerous retail thefts, gas thefts and burglary suspects were identified after video surveillance of the suspects had been gathered and distributed to local law enforcement.

Investigators continue to attend specialized training in the areas of arson, homicide, sexual assault, financial crimes, computer crimes, and Internet fraud. In addition, cell phone technology training continues to be an emerging tool with multiple applications in law enforcement. Cellphone tracking can take several forms as a tool in investigations. Investigators can obtain everything from call and text-message records to subscriber information and location data. The information can illustrate a suspect's phone has traveled and whom he or she has been talking with before, during or after crimes are committed.

The Investigative Services Bureau is committed to providing the best service to the public, in an effort to create a significant impact on the quality of life in the City of Wausau.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hagenbucher
Detective Captain
Wausau Police Department



Patrol Captain, Benjamin Bliven
(promoted to Patrol Captain in 2013)

The men and women of the Wausau Police Department take great pride in serving our community. We implement a community-oriented approach to law enforcement. We seek to hire people who have a high degree of integrity and accountability. It is our belief that individuals with these values are great assets to the City of Wausau. Key to our success is relationships with citizens, community organizations, and businesses. Officers work daily with citizens to find solutions to complex quality of life issues. Extensive training, relationship development, and a high degree of professionalism are fundamental to our community-oriented approach to policing.

The Wausau Police Department Patrol Division is the cornerstone and most recognized area of the police department. It consists of 8 Patrol Lieutenants and 42 Patrol Officers. In 2012, the patrol bureau handled more than 42,000 calls for service. This is an increase of more than 10% from 2011. These calls for service range from neighbor disputes to traffic crashes to homicide. Our primary responsibility is service to the citizens of Wausau. The patrol bureau operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patrol officers provide professional service to maintain law and order and protect life and property.

The patrol bureau is augmented by the Wausau Emergency Police Unit. This unit consists of approximately 35 volunteers who work assignments such as patrol at the fairgrounds, traffic control, and help with crowd control during emergencies. In 2012, members of the Wausau Emergency Police donated more than 2,000 hours of their time to supplement the Wausau PD Patrol Bureau.

In recent years, the patrol bureau has made significant efforts to create a safer environment for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists in our community. This priority was a direct result of citizen feedback. The most recent traffic counts conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation indicate more than 20,000 vehicles travel on Grand Avenue and Stewart Avenue daily. More than 35,000 vehicles travel on State Highways 29 and 51 through the City of Wausau daily.

It can be challenging to keep all of these vehicles traveling at a reasonable speed and abiding by all traffic laws. In the last five years, the patrol bureau has more than doubled its level of enforcement. Beyond just enforcement, the City of Wausau Engineering Department and Department of Public Works have been great partners in the development of safer roadways in our community.

Because of the wide variety of assistance police officers must provide within the community along with the complexity of policing, the law enforcement profession presents more challenges than ever. Officers must be able to adapt quickly and problem solve effectively. Education and training are vital to the success of our organization.

It is the mission of the police department to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of the City of Wausau. Through a collaborative effort with the residents, businesses, local non-profit organizations, and government agencies, we strive to enrich the lives of the people in our community.

Sincerely,



Benjamin K. Bliven
Patrol Captain
Wausau Police Department

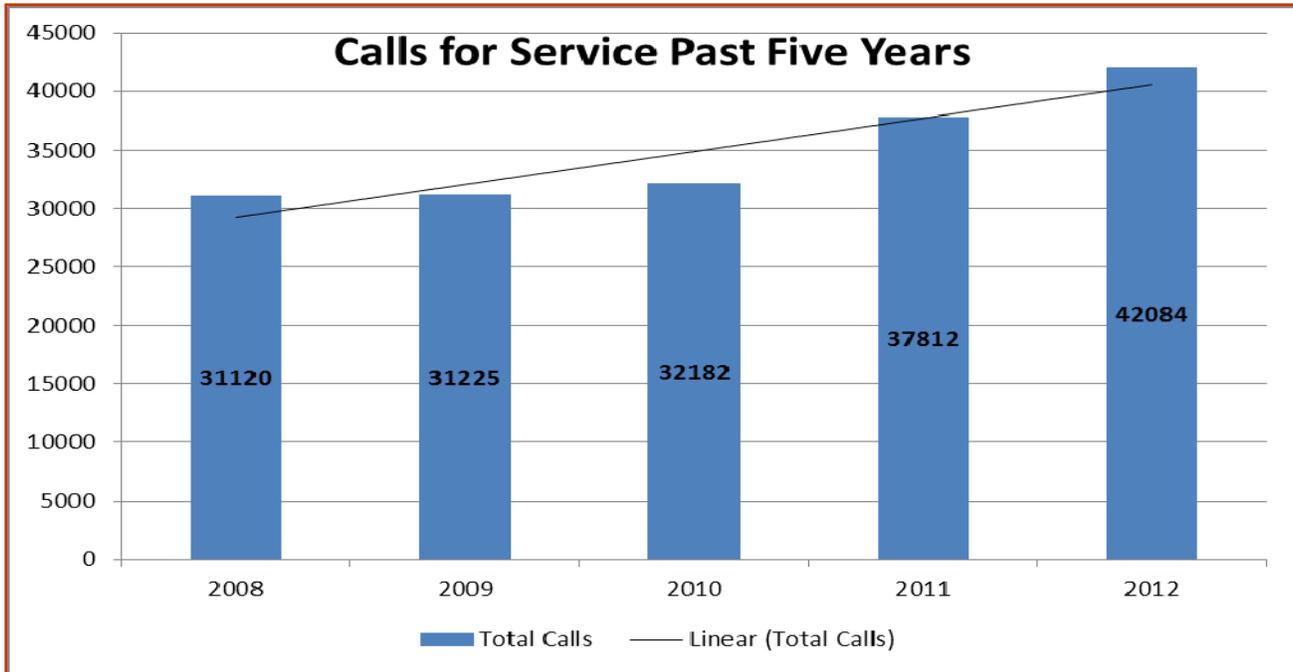
**The position of Patrol Captain switched from Captain Dachel to Captain Bliven in early 2013. The information used in this letter reflects data from 2012 statistics.

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Wausau Police Department Statistics/Budget*

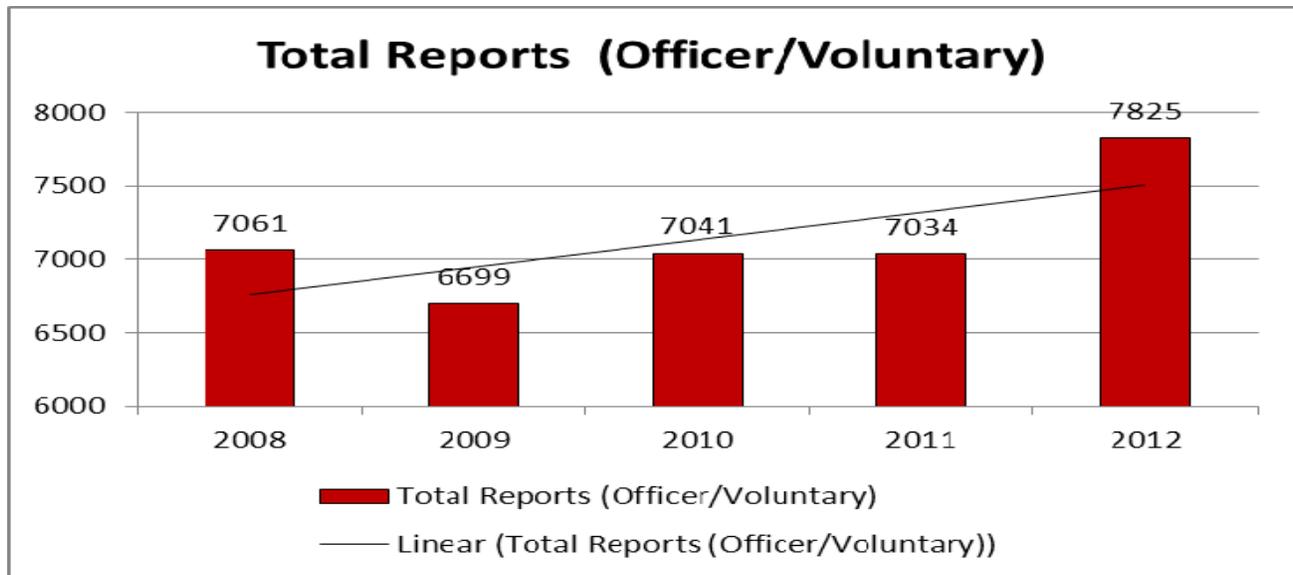


Calls for Service

In 2012, there were a total of 42,084 calls for service, numerous calls required more than one officer to respond. In 2011, there were 37,812 calls for service, which include multiple officer response calls.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Percent of Increase</u>
2009	0.3%
2010	3%
2011	17%
2012	11%

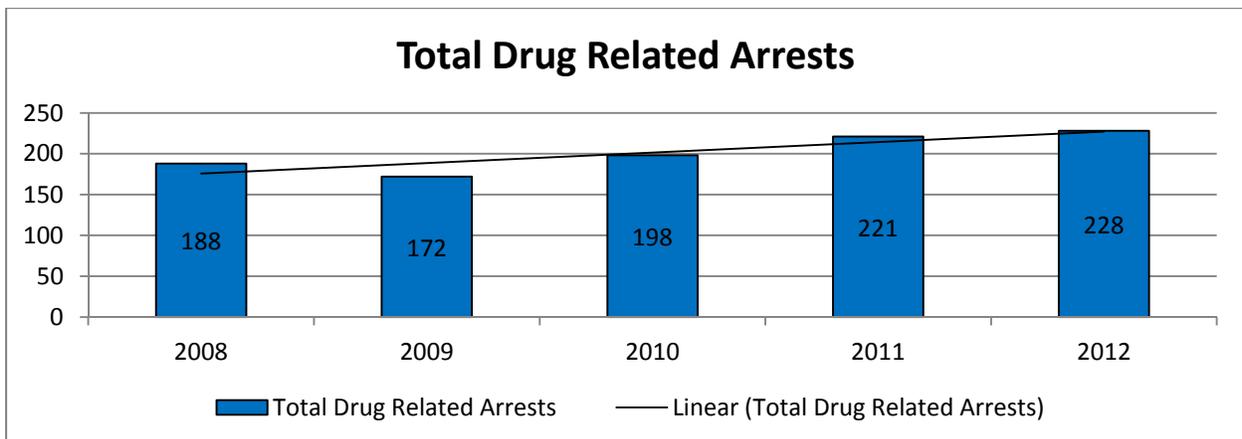
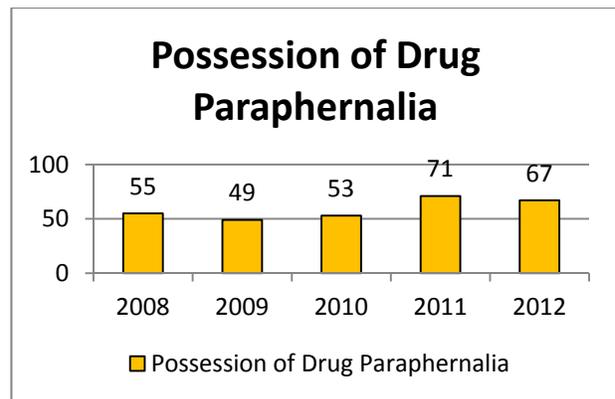
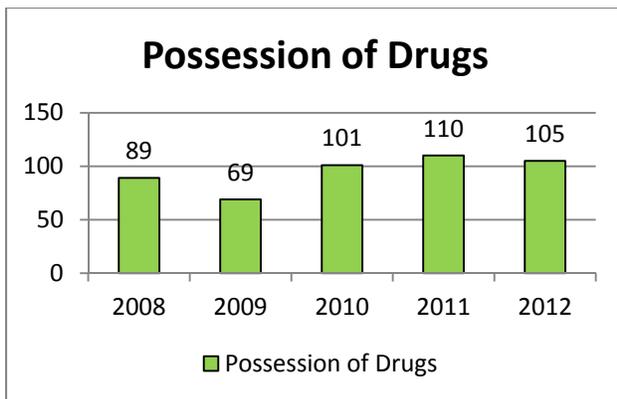
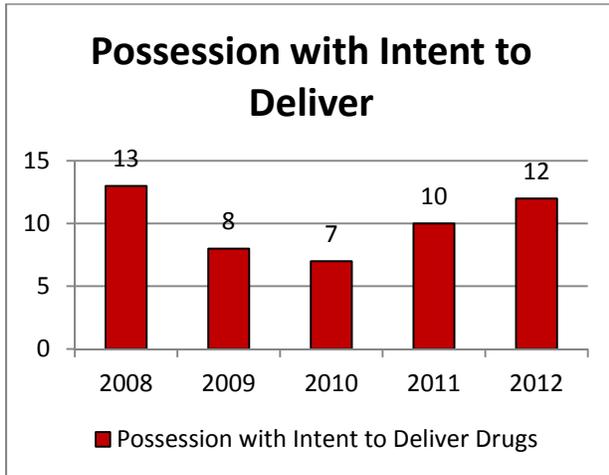


Calls for Service

2011	Type of Call for Service	2012
2586	Criminal Misc	2832
8617	Traffic Stops	8839
1466	Service Misc	1602
1954	Follow Up Investigation Stops	2183
958	Traffic Misc	1289
1217	Traffic Accidents	1136
1079	Suspicious Activity	1561
655	Emotionally Disturbed Person	730
498	911 Hang Up Calls	646
396	Alarms	544
497	Warrant Service	621
574	Noise Complaints	628
483	Medical Emergencies	709
1619	Extra Patrol	2459
315	Fights	345
566	Disabled Vehicles	569
1061	Dog Complaints	1048
337	Attempt to Locate Juvenile	333
692	Probation/Parole Checks	347
121	Telephone Messages	569
671	Civil Complaints	799
264	Lost & Found	401
209	Hit & Run Accidents	273
309	Traffic Hazards	421
130	Traffic Accidents with Injuries	121
53	Attempt to Locate Vehicle	209
160	Vehicle Lock Outs	207
53	Attempt to Locate	142
183	Bar Checks	267
21	Threats with Weapons	36
66	Information	
204	Juvenile Disturbances	181
127	Prisoner Transports	150
248	Process Service	253
47	Structure Fires	41
93	Funeral Escorts	120
4	Overnight Parking Complaints	35
99	Gas Skips	194
87	Battery	90
252	Burglary	267
20	Robbery	21
76	Sexual Assault	100
39	Stolen Vehicle	58
352	Theft from Building	737
7	Arson	29
309	Building Security Checks	704
1780	Domestic	1986
500	Criminal Damage to Property	335
120	Fireworks	106

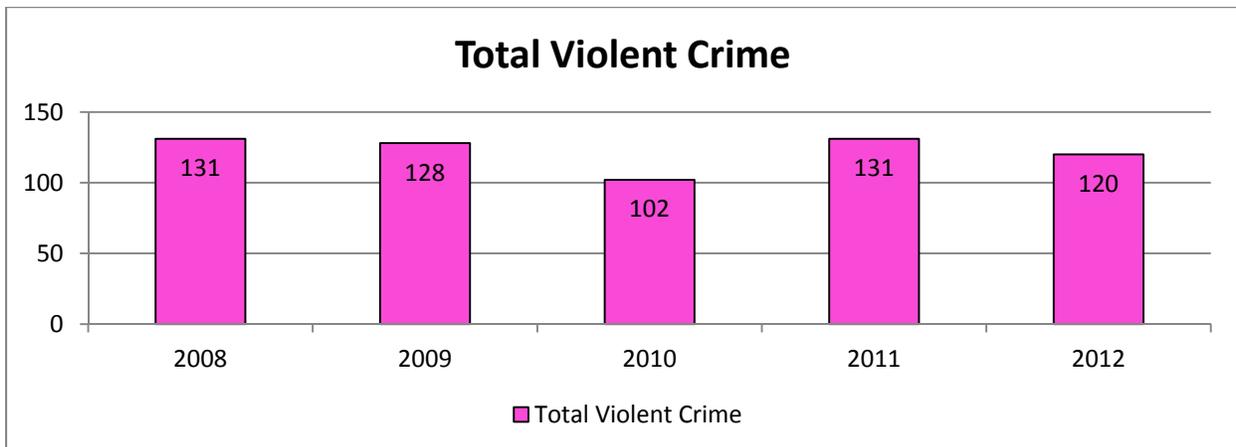
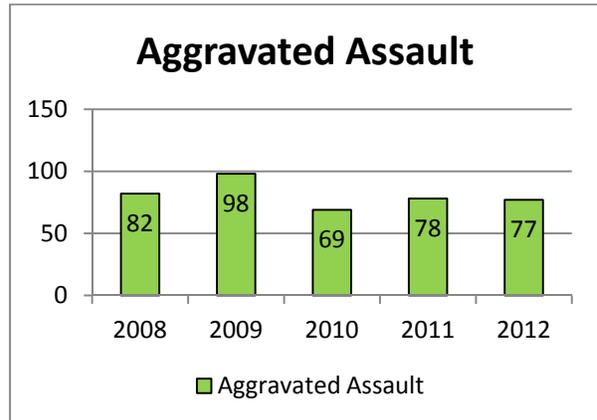
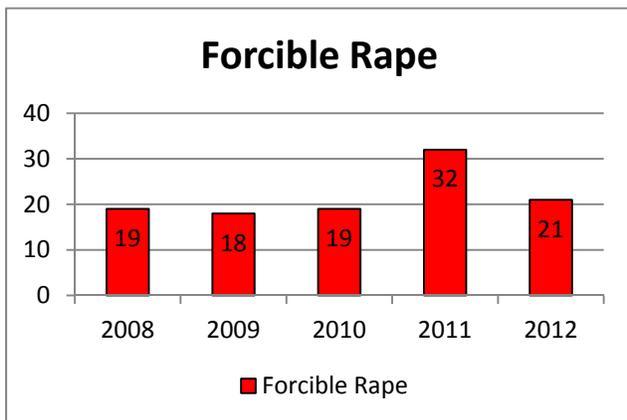
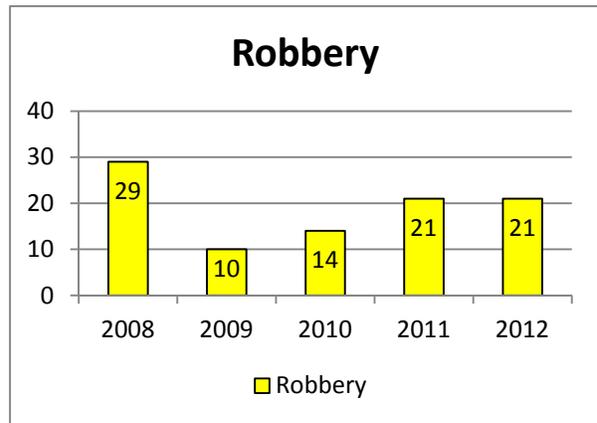
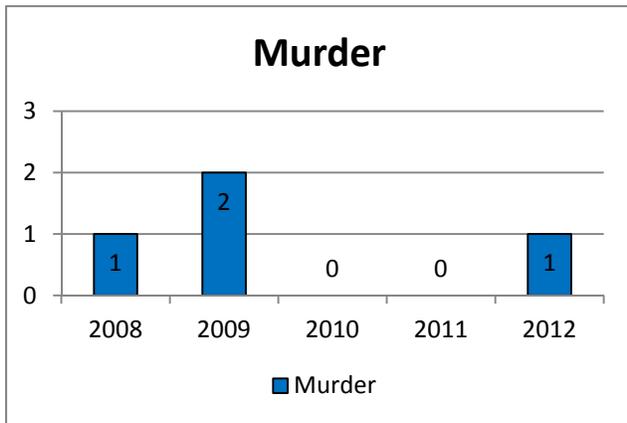
Drug Enforcement

In 2012, drug use continued to be a problem in the City of Wausau. While the number of drug arrests increased overall, our department continues to dedicate itself to fighting drugs and drug related crimes. The numbers listed below are total drug arrests within the city limits of Wausau. This includes both arrests made by Wausau Officers, and arrests made by the Marathon County Special Investigations Unit (which includes two Wausau Officers).



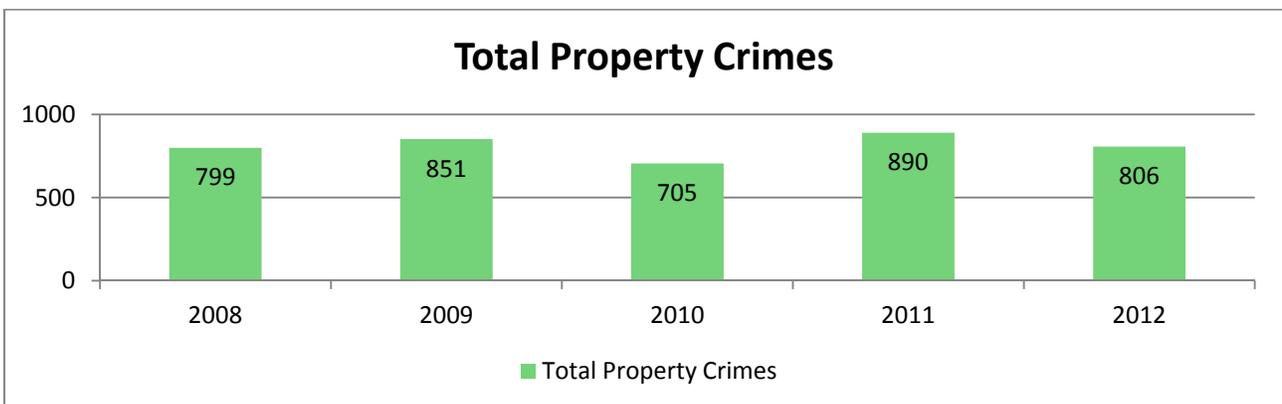
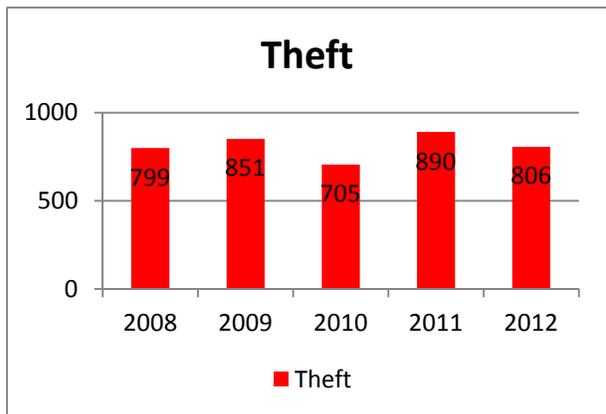
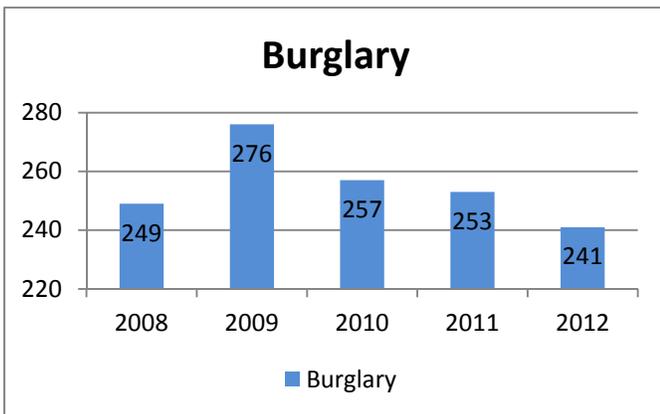
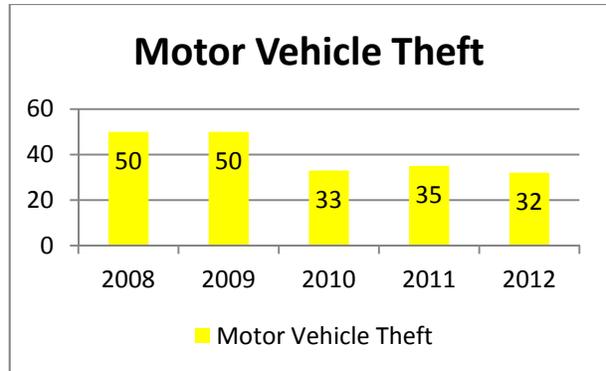
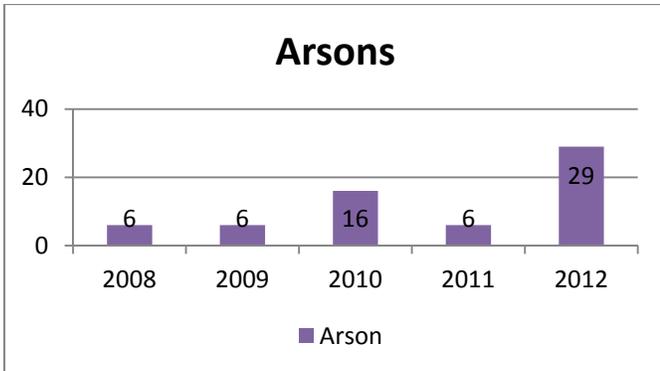
Violent Crime Index

A violent crime is a crime in which the offender uses or threatens to use violent force upon the victim. This entails both crimes in which the violent act is the objective, such as murder, as well as crimes in which violence is the means to an end, (including criminal ends) such as robbery.

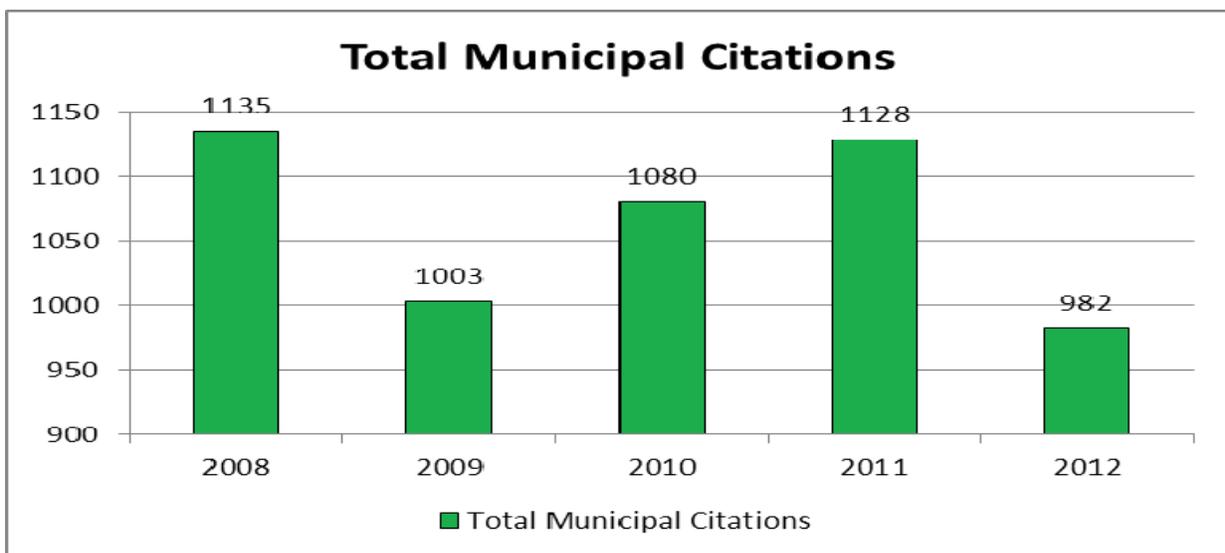
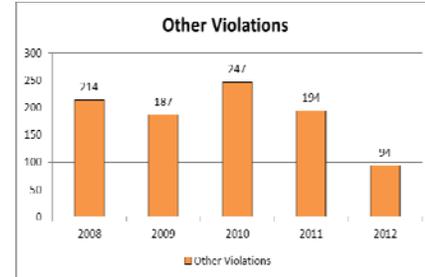
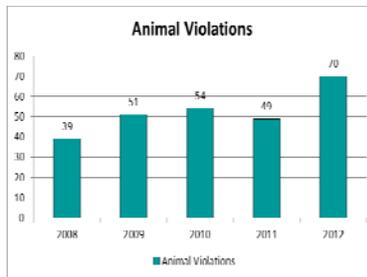
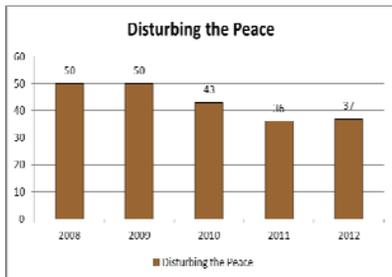
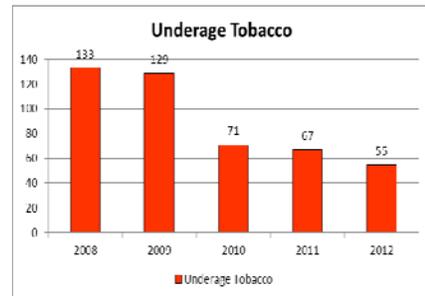
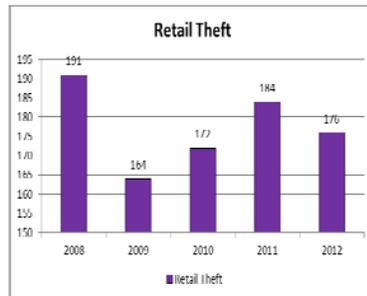
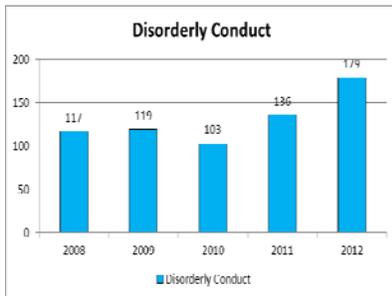
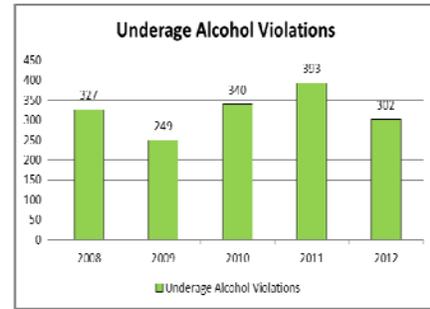
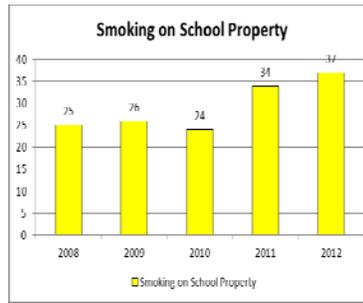
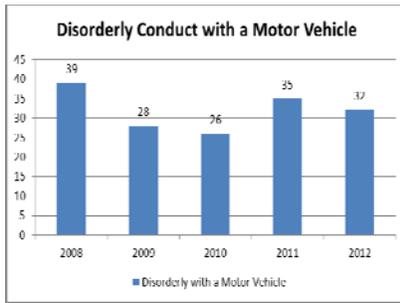


Property Crime Index

Property crime is a category of crime that includes, among other crimes, burglary, larceny, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson. Property crime only involves the taking of money or property, and does not involve force or threat of force against a victim.



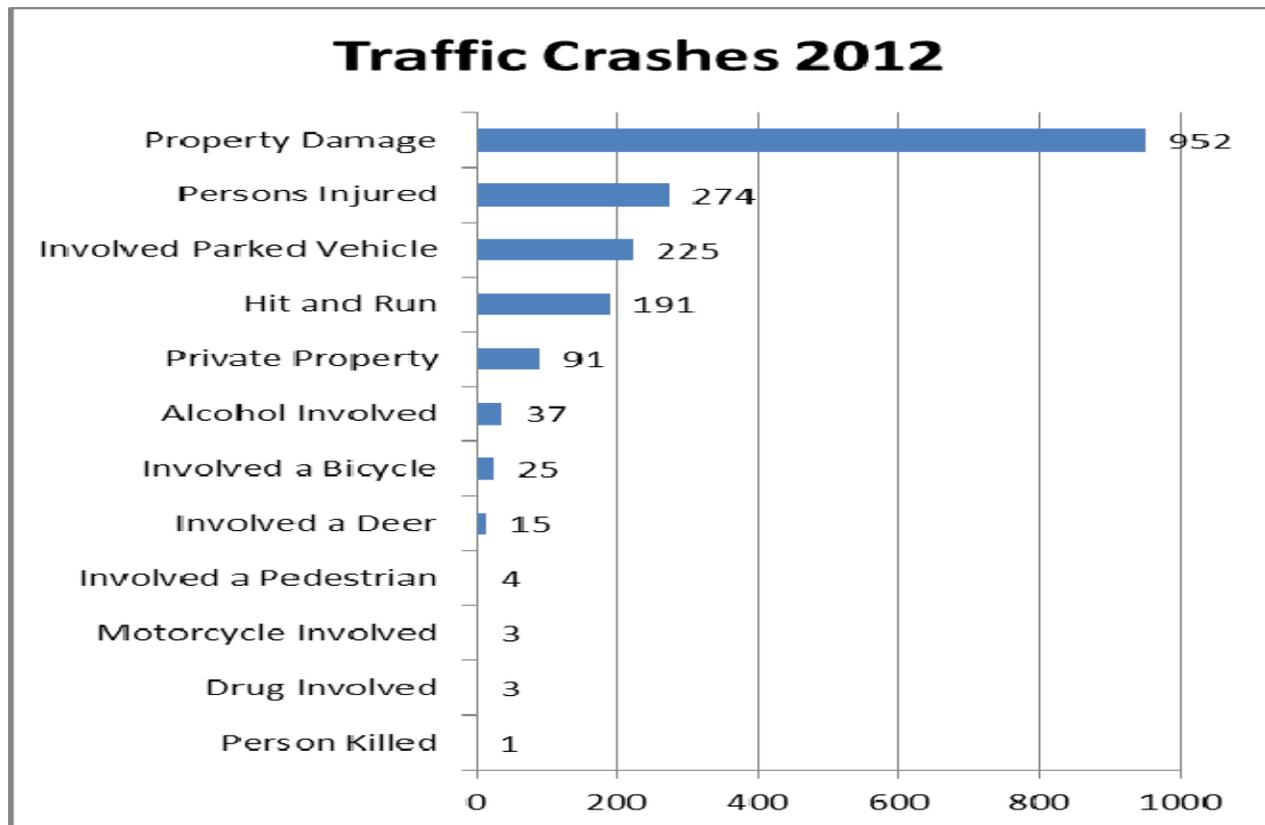
Municipal Citations for the Past Five Years



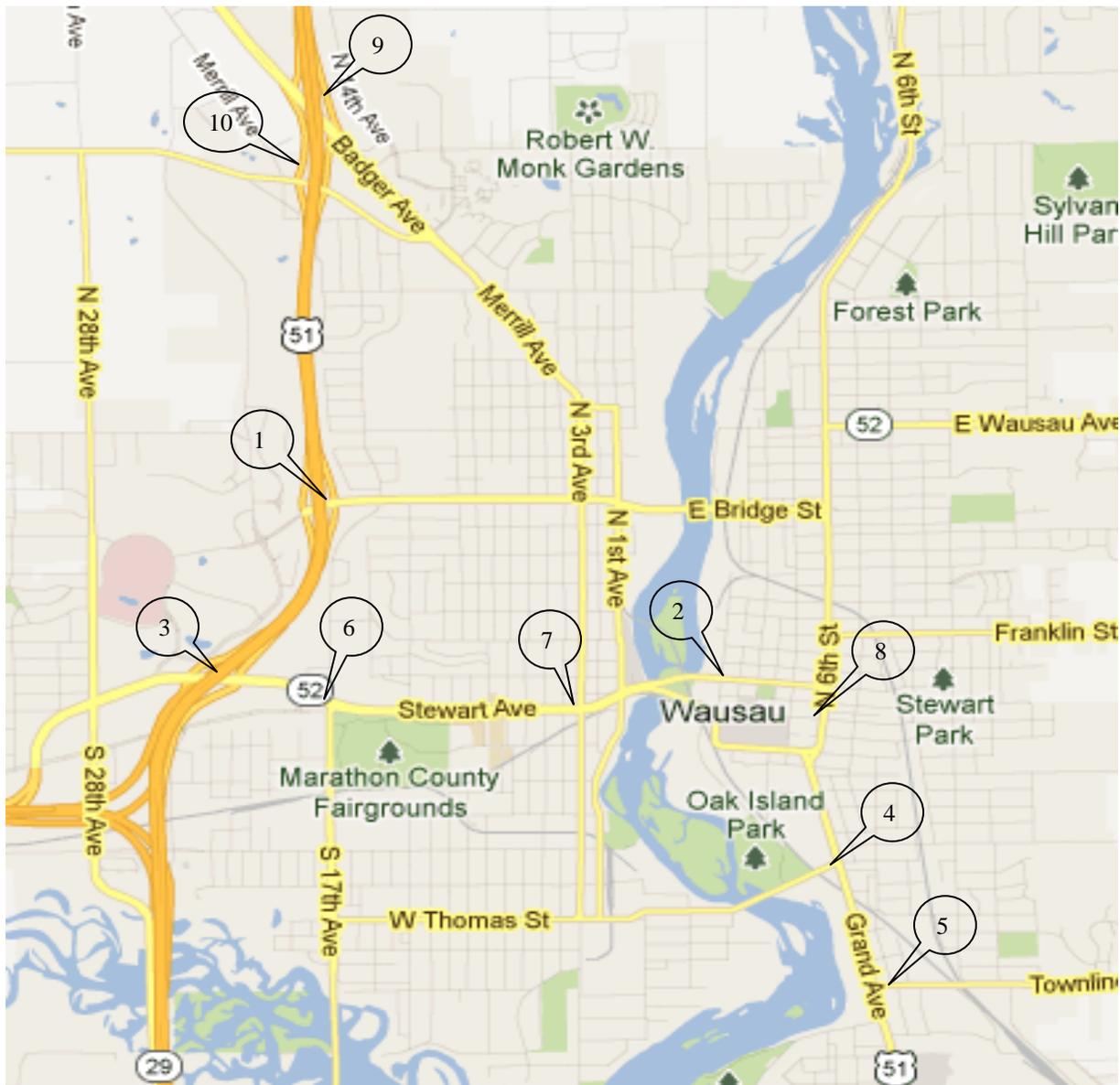
Traffic Crashes

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 or if damage to government property occurs with a value over \$200.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Non-Reportable Accident	439	505	357	306	257	248
Reportable Accident	891	1052	871	872	964	921
Total Accidents	1333	1557	1228	1178	1221	1179



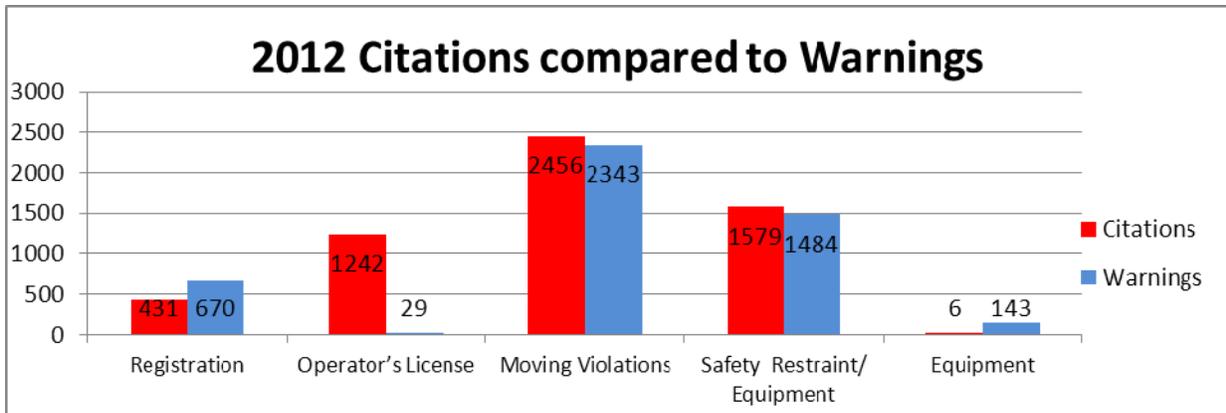
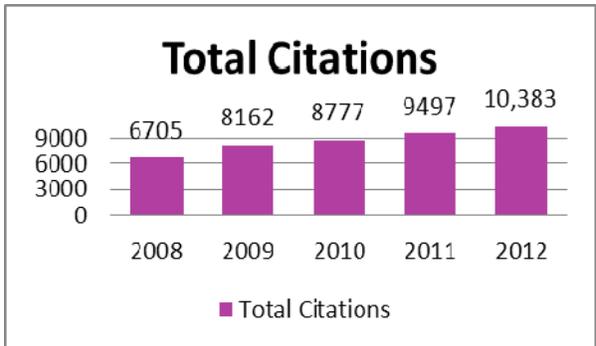
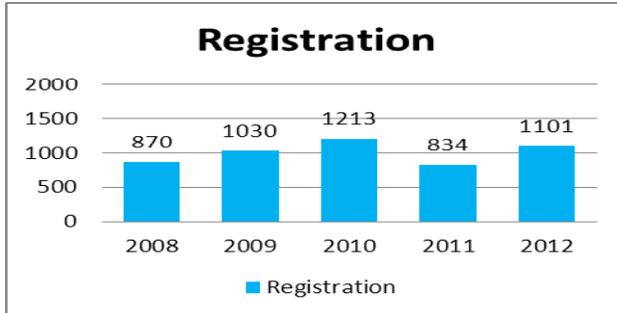
Top Ten Crash Locations



- 1) W Bridge St / US 51
- 2) N 1 St / Scott St
- 3) Highway 52 PK / US 51
- 4) Grand Av / E Thomas St
- 5) Grand Av / Townline Rd

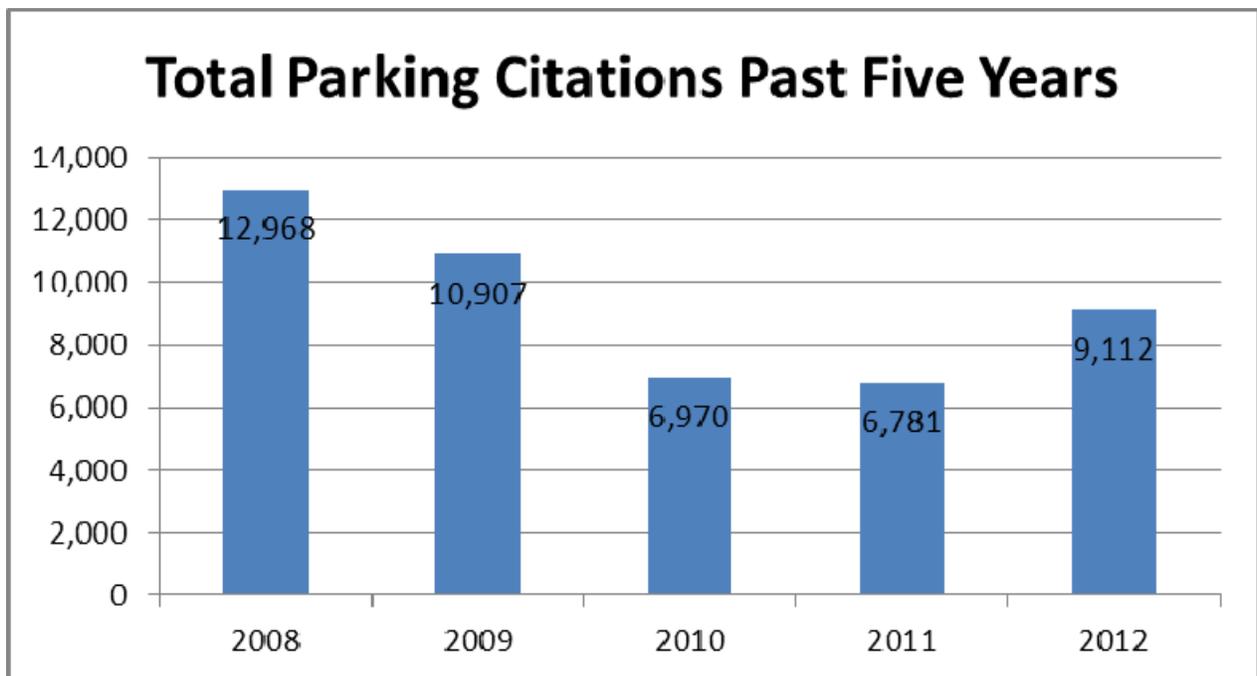
- 6) S 17th Av / Stewart Av
- 7) S 3rd Av / Stewart Av
- 8) N 6th St / Washington St
- 9) County Rd K / US 51
- 10) County Rd U / US 51

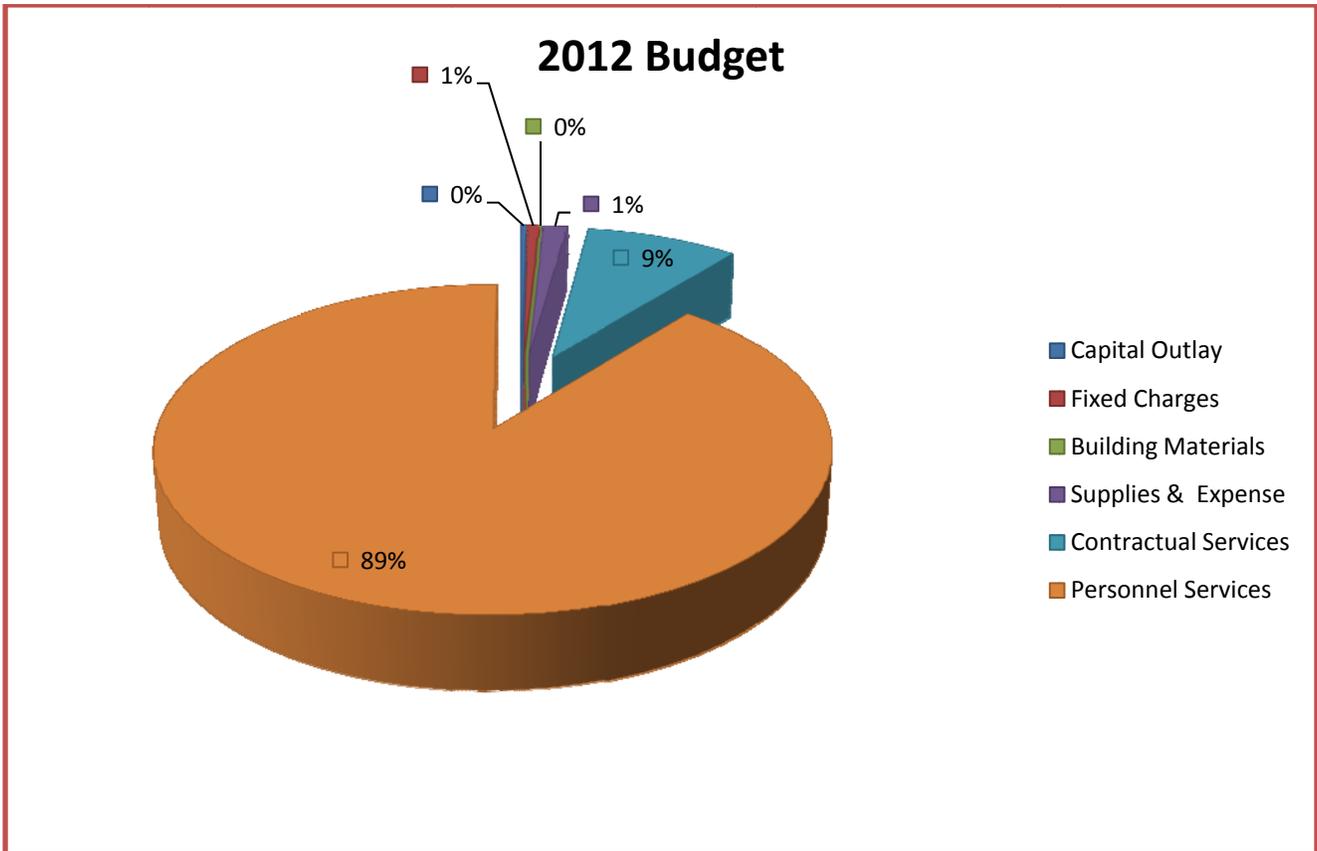
2012 Traffic Citations/Warnings



Parking Citations Issued

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Expired Meter	4781	3145	1880	1792	4151
Overtime Parking	3149	1782	224	198	1262
Parked 2:30-6:00 AM	2105	3413	2869	2925	1537
No Permit on City Property	397	374	311	288	183
Parked in No Parking Area	574	389	291	282	262
Parked on Private Property	198	195	178	148	138
Handicapped Parking	177	29	32	35	28
Abandoned Vehicle	68	169	164	154	158
All Other Violations	1519	1411	1102	959	1393

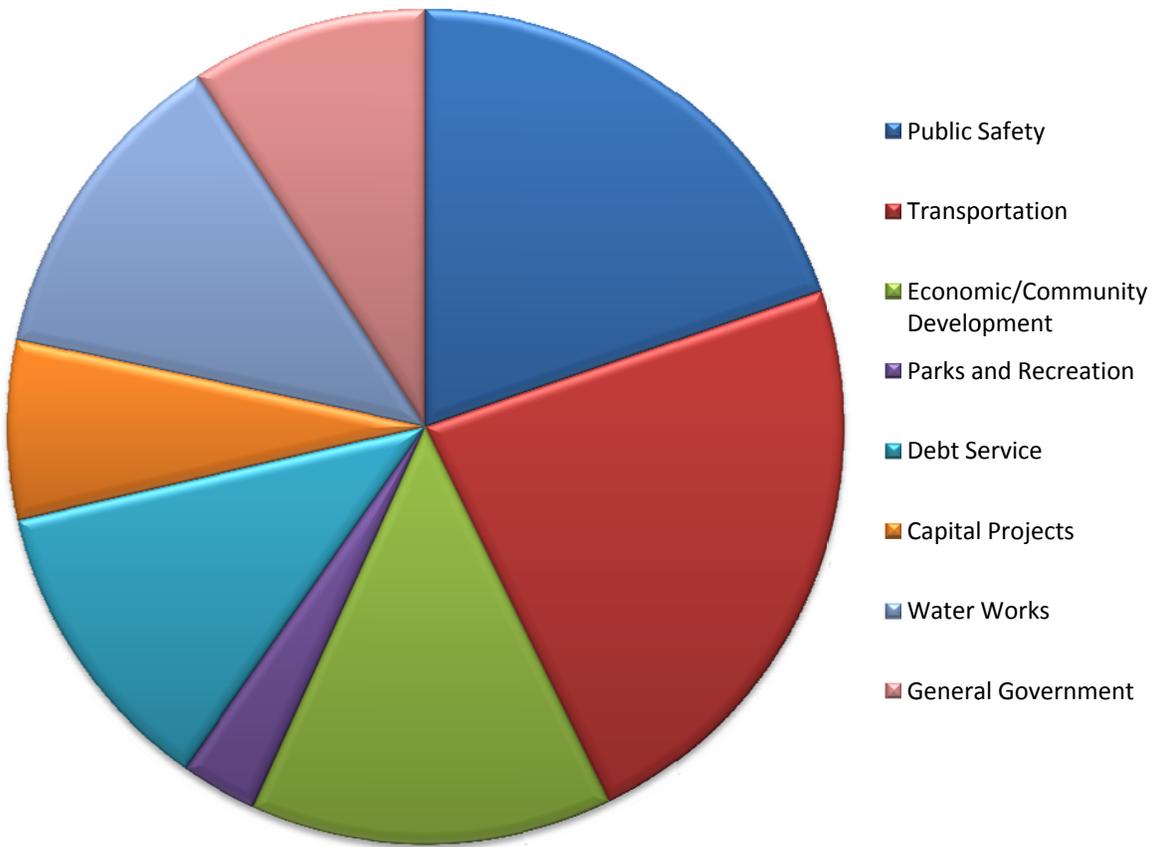




Budget Summary

	2010 Actual	2011 Modified	2011 Estimated Actual	2012 Request	2012 Adopted
Personnel Services	\$7,285,561	\$7,716,827	\$7,716,827	\$7,649,100	\$7,649,100
Contractual Services	673,845	644,300	664,239	736,700	736,700
Supplies & Expenses	96,228	115,200	110,940	113,900	113,900
Building Materials	----	800	400	800	800
Fixed Charges	64,868	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
Capital Outlay	6,443	19,000	9,000	20,900	20,900
Total Expenses	\$8,126,945	\$8,549,127	\$8,554,406	\$8,574,400	\$8,574,400
Intergvtl Grants /Aids	\$ 201,697	\$ 214,000	\$ 144,982	\$ 220,206	\$ 220,206
Public Charges	17,463	18,000	13,900	19,000	19,000
Intergvtl Charges	324,299	281,000	281,060	281,285	281,285
Miscellaneous	65,350	50,100	50,100	50,100	50,100
Other Financing Sources	35,000	35,000	35,000	—	—
Total Revenues	\$ 643,809	\$ 598,100	\$ 525,042	\$ 570,591	\$ 570,591

2012 City of Wausau Budgeted Expenditures by Function



Public Safety	\$ 15,157,997
Transportation	17,697,319
Economic/Community Development	10,781,895
Parks and Recreation	2,293,947
Debt Service	8,966,010
Capital Projects	5,359,816
Water Works	9,578,287
General Government	<u>7,072,633</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 76,907,904</u>

Officer Memorials



The Wausau Record Herald newspaper article from August 16th, 1928 reads as follows:

Patrolman Edward Baerwald Dies of a Fractured Skull

**Received Injuries Yesterday While
on Duty During Presidential Parade**

Patrolman Edward Baerwald of the Wausau police force died at 5:20 o'clock last evening at the Wausau Memorial Hospital of injuries received about 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon while on duty at Clark street and S. First avenue during the presidential parade to Marathon park. Officers Baerwald and Walter Coerper had been stationed there to keep the crowds from encroaching on the reserved sections of the street. After the procession had passed Officer Coerper was taking his motorcycle through the cable barrier. He was assisted by officer Baerwald who held the cable on the sidewalk. Either the motorcycle caught the cable or Mr. Baerwald's foot slipped, for the cable suddenly flew up catching Officer Baerwald and throwing him violently backwards onto the concrete pavement, his head coming in contact with the pavement. He was rendered semi conscious and was picked up by other officers and placed in an automobile.

At Clinton street he was transferred to the city ambulance and rushed to the hospital, but it was not believed at the time that his injuries were of a serious nature. Later an X-ray was taken and a fracture of the base of the skull was shown and death came at 5:20 o'clock.



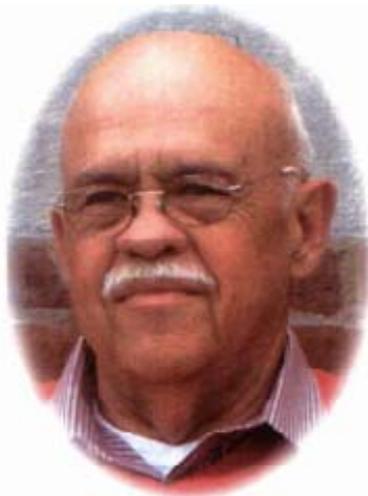
Edward Baerwald

Officer Memorials



Wausau Police Department Loses Retired Sergeant

Badge 631, Sergeant Robert L. Umnus, was laid to rest on May 23, 2012, after a tough battle with cancer. Sergeant Umnus began his career with the Wausau Police Department on February 16, 1963 on foot patrol in downtown Wausau. On December 1, 1984 he was promoted to Sergeant. Bob was an upbeat positive man, and had many stories from years on the job that brought laughter and smiles to everyone's face. Bob was probably the only officer that was hit by lightning on duty! Bob saw humor in everything. He was sent out one day on a barking dog call, only to come back to the station covered in bird poop. He laughed it off, cleaned himself up, and went back out. Bob was a very good cop and the best family man, husband, father and grandfather anyone could ask for. After retirement, Bob kept busy with many hobbies; including woodworking, being involved in teaching the area youth, and he was a very knowledgeable gun enthusiast. He would love to stop in the department to catch up on things and talk of the "good old days." Those that had the privilege of working with Bob would talk highly of the knowledge he passed on to them. Bob had many friends both inside and out of the law enforcement community. After retirement, Bob maintained his connections with the police department, attending most of the lodge meetings as well as promotion/retirement celebrations. Bob was the kind of guy who would give the shirt off his back, regardless if he had another shirt or not. Sergeant Robert "Bob" Umnus will be missed by many on the force and in the community.



Officer Memorials



Retired Police Officer Passes



● Detective Sergeant Wallace Gehrke passed away on October 27, 2012. Walley joined the Wausau Police Department in 1952. He retired in 1992 after 40 years of service with the Wausau Police Department. Walley was the first Wausau Police Officer to attend the prestigious Northwestern University Traffic Institute, he was one of Wausau's first EMTs. He served as a Red Cross instructor, teacher of law enforcement classes at NTC and was on the security teams for President Jimmy Carter, Geraldine Farraro and Martin Luther King Jr.

2012 Department Retirements



After serving the Wausau community for 32 years, Officer Thomas Williams retired on June 5, 2012. A reception was held with family, friends, and coworkers present to wish him a happy retirement. Thank you, Officer Williams, for your many years of service and dedication to the Wausau community.



After 22 years of patrolling the city parking lots, assisting in crossing guard responsibilities, among many other duties, Michael Kolasinski retired on August 31, 2012. Michael was an outstanding employee, who was willing to help in any way needed. We wish you a very happy retirement!

2012 New Officers



Officer Nathan Stetzer



Officer Jerrick Alsteen



Officer Nicholas Stetzer

2012 Department Promotions



Officer Pekarske promoted to Lieutenant Pekarske, June 2012



Officer Wilcox, special assignment to Domestic Violence Officer, July 2012



Officer Baeten promoted to Patrol Lieutenant, December 2012



2012 Department Awards

Lifesaving Award



Officer Mark Klein, January 23, 2012

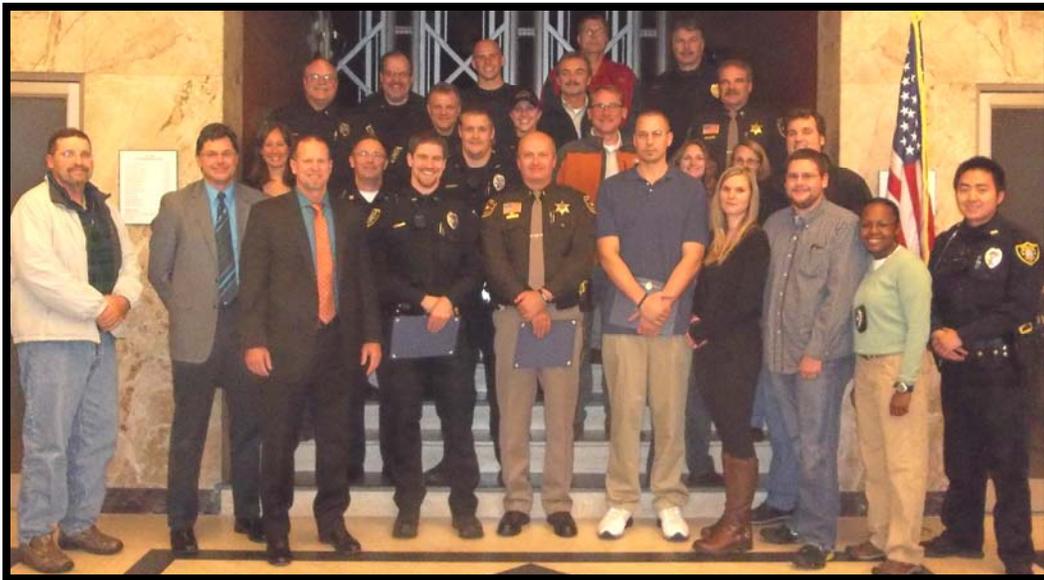


Detective Jeffrey Strobach, January 24, 2012

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Officer Melinda Pauls, April 17, 2012



Officer Jacob Albee, September 26, 2012



Officer Eric Lemirand, November 2, 2012



Officer Thao, Letter of Acknowledgement for assisting EMS personnel



Officer Klein, Americanism Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Burns Post 388



Wausau Noon Optimist Officer of the Year
Detective Mary Worgernese



Women's Community Outstanding Law Enforcement
Partner 2012
Lieutenant Bliven (with Captain Dachel)



Aldermanic District 8 presents sector officers with Award for
their service to the citizens of Wausau

K9 Unit - Man's Best Friend



Officer Dave Jordan and Mabel

Mabel is an 8 year old Belgian Malinois and has worked on the Streets of Wausau for over 6.5 years. She works the night shift and responds to K9 requests throughout the area.

Mabel had over 130 deployments in 2012 and assisted the SIU unit and the U.S. Postal service in 2 arrest situations last year where over 8 pounds of marijuana was located.

When not working Mabel stays at home with her family and another pet dog. She enjoys her daily walks and especially her training days.

Officer Mark Jaeger and Pluto

Pluto is a 10 year old Belgain Malanois that was born in Holland, and has been working with Officer Jaeger for 7 years. Pluto's commands are in Dutch.

In 2012, Pluto was utilized 171 times throughout the year, 168 uses involved narcotics. Pluto was used several times in 2012 to find some large quantities of methamphetamine and marijuana. These cases are still pending in the court system.



Officer David Landretti and Foster

Foster is an 11 year old German Shepherd that was born in the Netherlands. He has worked with Officer Landretti for 7 years.

In 2012, Foster completed 240 searches, with 65 arrests completed from positive searches.

Foster enjoys working, but when he is at home he spends his time playing with Lucy, his shih tzu sister.



SWAT Tactical Team

The SWAT Tactical Team is comprised of a variety of members from throughout various Marathon County Law Enforcement Departments. The Wausau Police Department has four members on the SWAT Tactical Team: Detective Pauls, Officer Taylor, Officer Hartwig and Officer Porath.

In 2012, the tactical team had 21 calls which is a record number, 13 of which were in the City of Wausau. Most of the calls dealt with stolen weapons related to drugs.

In March 2012, the tactical team lost one of its members, Jamison Kampmeyer, while he was battling a fire as a Volunteer Colby Fireman at a scene in Abbotsford. Because of Jamison's loss, they created and added the Tactical EMS (TEMS) unit to the SWAT team. The TEMS team consists of members from the Wausau Police Department, Wausau Fire Department, Rib Mountain Fire Department, and Aspirus Medevac Departments.



Officer Jamison Kampmeyer



Firearms Training



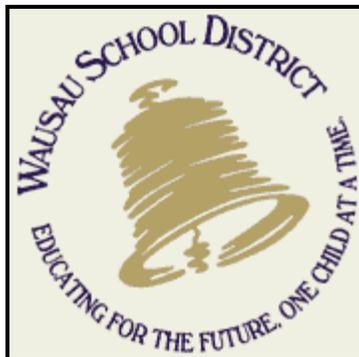
D.A.R.E.

2012 saw approximately 700 children graduate from the D.A.R.E. program. 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

2012 had 125 children participate in the Safety City program. 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. This program 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.



Wausau Emergency Police

The Emergency Police Unit of The Wausau Police Department was formed in 1951 to assist the department with traffic and crowd control. The unit is staffed by volunteers who volunteered over 2000 hours of service last year. The Unit assists with all of the parades, some 5k & 10k races, the Balloon Rally & Glow, the Wisconsin Valley Fair, The Festival of the Arts, Art in the Park, and other events as needed. The Unit is also ready for any Emergency; such as: storms, floods, or other happenings where the police may need additional staffing for scene security and crowd control. Wausau Emergency Police have training at various times during the year and work hard to be ready. The present director is Larry W. Jaeger and his executive officer is Major Bob Wisniewski. There are three Squads and at present, 35 Officers. As in any volunteer organization, we are always looking for new recruits. A candidate must be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check and an interview to become a member. Our members range in age from 18 to 70 plus, both male and female. The unit provides the uniform, except pants and shoes. Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact the police department.



Explorer Post

The Wausau Police Department Explorer Post is a joint effort with the Village of Kronenwetter Police Department and is designed for youth between the ages of 15-21 who are interested in learning about law enforcement. The Wausau Police Department Explorer Post has been active in its current form since 2005 and has approximately 20 area youth participants. The Explorer Post is a self funded program where the members conduct fundraisers throughout the year in order to participate in competitions and trips.

During 2012, four explorers attended the National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. The four explorers represented the Wausau Police Department by participating in competitions, attending conferences, and attending demonstrations put on by different law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, ATF, U.S. Border Patrol, and U.S. Secret Service. The National Competition was a once in a life time experience for the Explorers who attended and wouldn't have been possible without the support of the community and several law enforcement agencies in Marathon County.

The Wausau Police Department Explorers also volunteered their time at the Balloon Rally and other events within Wausau. During most events, they worked with the Wausau Police Department Emergency Police to help provide traffic control.

At the end of 2012, Officer Paul Piskoty decided to resign as an advisor for the Explorer Post. Officer Paul Piskoty had been an Explorer Post Advisor since 2005. His commitment and time has made the Explorer Post a successful program. He also made a positive impact on the lives of numerous Explorers throughout the years. We wish Officer Paul Piskoty the best of luck in his future endeavors and thank him for the time he spent working with the Explorer Post.



Citizens Academy

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 offers a creative venture to develop an increased partnership with our citizens.

Our department designed an eight week police course for citizens of Wausau, and the surrounding communities called "Citizen's Police Academy." Our Citizen's Police Academy has three goals:

- Provide citizens with a better understanding and knowledge of the Wausau Police Department's operations, practices, and functions
- Strengthen the community's support and involvement
- Create better communication and working relationships between the citizens and Wausau Police Department.

Citizens learn about drug identification/investigations, OWI investigations, and interview/statement analysis. Citizens also have an opportunity to participate in simulated firearms training and a demonstration of the Taser X26 (electronic control weapon). Citizens also tour the Wausau Police Department, Marathon County Jail, and Marathon County Dispatch Center.

In 2012, the Citizen's Academy had 11 graduates through the spring session. The Wausau Police Department looks forward to continuing this program with the community's support.



2012 Community Events



Wausau Police Benefit Association/Green Bay Packer Basketball Game
Law Enforcement Week
Memorial Day Parade
Special Olympics Torch Run
MDA Motorcycle Ride
4th of July Celebration
Wisconsin Valley Fair
Wausau Canoe/Kayak Events
Women's Community Run
Stable Hands
St. Pauls United Church of Christ meals
Bull Falls Honor Flight Run
Labor Day Parade
Texas Roadhouse Salvation Army Holiday Lunch
Holiday Parade

**Wausau Police Benefit Association
Sponsors the Green Bay Packer Legend Basketball Game against the Wausau Police.**

The association is a fraternal organization with its membership consisting of active Wausau Police Officers. The WPBA was started in the mid 1950's to enhance the image of the Wausau Police Department and support the welfare of its officers.





*2012 Law Enforcement
Torch Run for Special
Olympics*





2012 Law Enforcement Flag Raising Ceremony

2012 Memorial Day Parade



2012 Thanksgiving Turkey Donations



2012 Stable Hands Fundraising Program for Handicap Children

2012 Texas Roadhouse Salvation Army Holiday Lunch





Chief Jeffrey Hardel



Deputy Chief Hilts



Captain Hagenbucher



Captain Dachel



Lieutenant Gault



Lieutenant Dunbar



Lieutenant Wadinski



Lieutenant Pankow



Lieutenant Juedes



Lieutenant Kolb



Lieutenant Heindel



Lieutenant Bliven



Lieutenant Barnes



Lieutenant Pekarske



Lieutenant Baeten

Detectives



Detective Wogernese



Detective Strobach



Detective Buckner



Detective Hansen



Detective Pauls



Detective Cihlar



Detective Holz

Domestic Violence Officer

School Resource Officers

Community Resource Officers



Officer Wilcox



Officer Hartwig



Officer Schremp



Officer Graham



Officer Pauls

K9 Officers and their Dogs



Officer Landretti
and
Foster



Officer Jaeger
and
Pluto



Officer Jordan
and
Mabel



Day Shift Officers



Officer Klein



Officer Kickhaver



Officer Umlauf



Officer Rennie



Officer Pilsner



Officer Hines



Officer Tidquist



Officer Piskoty



Officer Cornell



Officer Yang



Officer M. Kurtzhals



Officer St. Amand



Officer Peterson



Officer Jurasin



Officer Taylor



Officer Prokop



Officer Zander



Officer LaPorte



Officer J.Kurtzhals

Night Shift Officers



Officer Felder



Officer Talg



Officer Porath



Officer Reince



Officer Olson



Officer VanLieshout



Officer Pierschalla



Officer Albee



Officer Kindlarski



Officer Lee



Officer Buchkoski



Officer Phillips



Officer Pettigrew



Officer Lemirand



Officer Beddish



Officer Thao



Officer Nate Stetzer



Officer Alsteen



Officer Nick Stetzer



Office Supervisor
Susan Lang



Computer Technician
Cheryl Stieve



Mary Jordan



Linda Turk



Kristi Schildt



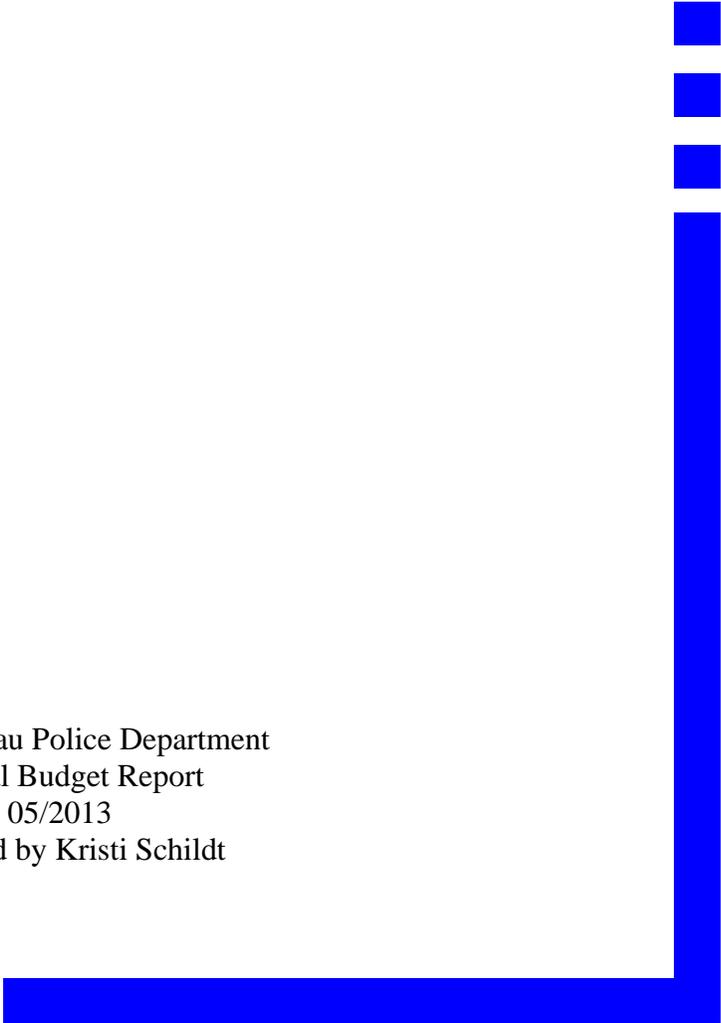
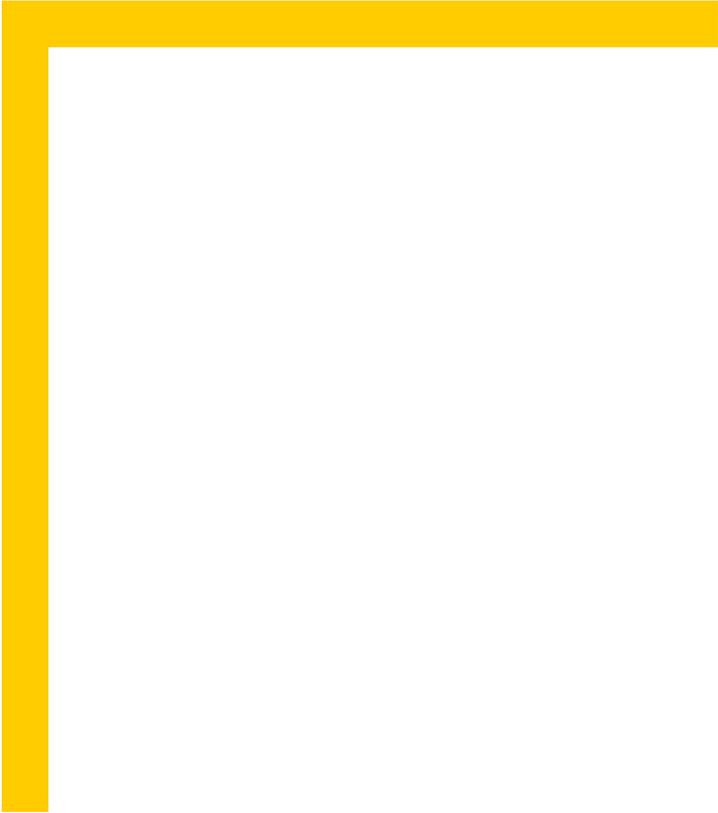
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