

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 2020

### Platteville, Wisconsin POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Front Row (l-r):** Office Coordinator Sarah Hake, Dispatcher Jerica Schultz, Sergeant Kris Purkapile, Sergeant Andrea Droessler, Officer Josh Stowe, Detective Amy Hartwig

**Second Row (l-r):** Officer Coree Lee, Officer Matt Froiseth, Officer Nate Auz, Officer Paul Rehlinger, Officer Tony Vander Velden, Chief of Police Doug McKinley

**Third Row (l-r):** Dispatch Brooklyn Goldthorpe, Officer Sam Vandevort, Officer Jake Brown, Officer Simeon Morell, Office Kyle Crook

**Back Row (l-r):** Lieutenant Bruce Buchholtz, Sergeant Josh Grabandt, Sergeant Ryan Knoernschild, Lieutenant Jeff Haas.

**Absent from Photo:** Secretary Jenny Schmid, Dispatcher Amy Dillman, Dispatcher Alex Watson

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**Police Department**  
**Doug McKinley, Chief of Police**

January 29, 2021

Platteville Residents  
Council President Barb Daus  
Common Council Members  
Police & Fire Commissioners  
City Manager Adam Ruechel

Residents, Council Members, Commissioners, and City Manager Adam Ruechel,

There was nothing about 2020 which was business as usual. The Covid-19 Pandemic entirely flipped the script and how people thought about everything. Casual interactions with people were now something which inspired fear and concern. The ensuing lockdown caused everyone to adapt to the new normal. By default, the police department was tasked with ensuring people observed social distancing and other health precautions. Additionally, our staff had to learn and adopt precautions like wearing masks, etc. while still doing all of their regular duties.

In any other year, the racial unrest which followed the death of George Floyd during his arrest by law enforcement in Minnesota would have been challenging to respond to; the pandemic made this even tougher given that personal contact was significantly curtailed. Zoom meetings with groups and public statements have filled some of the void but moving forward we hope to re-establish our personal connections to the community.

2020 saw the retirement of Lieutenants Jeff Haas and Bruce Buchholtz. Sergeant Andrea Droessler and Sergeant Josh Grabandt have been promoted to fill these positions. Officer Matt Froiseth was promoted to fill one of the sergeant vacancies. A promotion process is ongoing to ultimately select and fill the remaining sergeant vacancy. We are excited to move into 2021 with these people in these leadership positions.

A big step forward in 2020 was the creation of the Community Resource Officer position. The police department has partnered with the school district to define and sponsor the role. Officer Josh Stowe was selected to be the CRO. Despite the pandemic and associated limitations, he has started to establish unique relationships within the community which will only deepen and expand as we see a return to normalcy.

The following document contains information on the staff of the Platteville Police Department and data about the calls for service handled by our Officers and Telecommunicators. Review it at your convenience and look me up if you have questions or concerns. We're excited to move forward into the post-pandemic world and reconnect with the community which we are proud to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug McKinley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'y' at the end.

Doug McKinley  
Chief of Police

The Platteville Police Department revised and updated its Mission Statement and its Department Values in 2017. This was accomplished by a group of Department employees led by Sergeant Andrea Droessler and Sergeant Kris Purkapile. The group was assisted and received input from a community member who is also on the Police & Fire Commission. The Mission Statement and Values will be used to guide the actions and priorities of the Police Department. The Goals as listed below will be reviewed mid-year and at the end of the year to gauge our progress and to determine if they are still viable priorities or if the community has other issues which require the focus of the Police Department.

## **Mission:**

The members of the Platteville Police Department are committed to providing a high quality of life and safe community for all its members through quality police services while still upholding the rights of all.

## **Values:**

*Human Life:* We believe nothing is more valuable than human life. We will defend it to the very end using the minimum amount of force necessary.

*Integrity:* The integrity of our department will not waiver.

*Professionalism:* We shall serve the community with the utmost respect.

*Continuous Improvement:* Through training, education and interaction with the community we will continuously improve the services we provide.

## **Goals:**

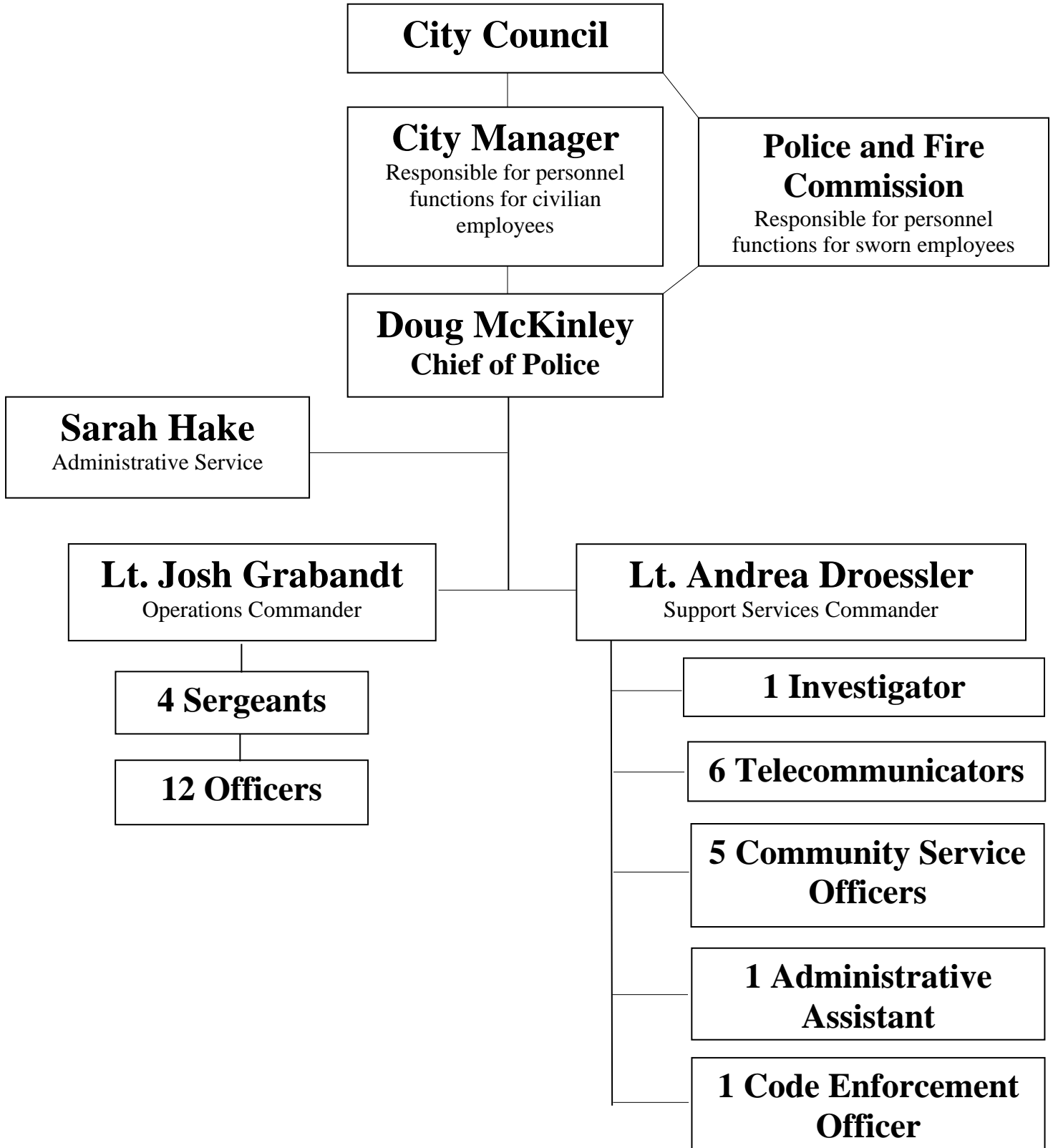
1. Improve the quality of life for community members, which will be measured by a reduction in complaints by 15% per year.

\*Quality of life complaints refer to calls of nuisance noise, public intoxication, open intoxicants, littering, public urination/defecation, criminal damage to property, theft and calls for service.

2. We will be proactive in preventing crime through increased communication and education with the public. This will be measured by a reduction in reports of crime by 10% and an increase in the identification of suspects and closed investigations.

3. We will increase safety for the community, and visitors, on our roadways through education and enforcement of traffic laws. This will be measured by a 10% reduction in crashes on City streets.

# Police Organizational Chart



# **Command Staff**

Under the general direction of the City Manager, the Chief of Police is responsible for planning, coordinating, supervising, and evaluating all police department operations. On a day-to-day basis, the two Lieutenants' responsibilities include supervising investigators, telecommunications, training, scheduling, purchasing, and communications. The Office Coordinator supervises the front office staff and assists the Management Team. The Management Team works together on budgeting, policy development, program development, and the general administration of the Police Department.



## **Chief of Police Doug McKinley**

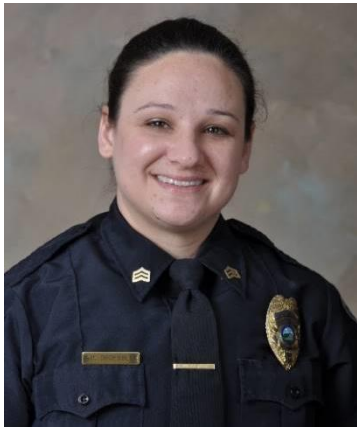
Education: B.A. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: June 12, 1991

Promoted to Lieutenant: October 2002

Named Chief: July 2005

Chief Doug McKinley is a 1990 graduate of UW-Platteville. McKinley was one of the department's Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (E.V.O.C.) instructors and has also taught at the UW-Platteville Recruit Academy, the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, and as an Adjunct Professor at the UW-Platteville. McKinley was formerly a lieutenant in charge of the Support Services Division at the department as well as the Project Director of the Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force. Doug started as a patrol officer with the Platteville PD in 1991. Doug began his career in law enforcement as an undercover investigator in the Washington County Sheriff's Department multi-jurisdictional drug unit in West Bend, WI. Doug is a 2001 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and a 2005 graduate of the FBI sponsored Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar.



## **Lieutenant Andrea Droessler**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: May 13, 2001

Promoted to Sergeant: August 2013

Promoted to Lieutenant: June 5, 2020

Lieutenant Andrea Droessler is a 2001 graduate of UW-Platteville where she also received her Police Recruit Certification. Andrea spent several years as the Department's Community Policing Coordinator, splitting her time between community policing activities and conducting investigations. Andrea returned to the patrol unit in March of 2009. Andrea served as an Officer in Charge and a Field Training Officer until her promotion to Sergeant in August of 2013. She was an Advisor for the Department's Explorer Post from 2004 through April 2016. Andrea is a graduate of the 2014-2015 Wisconsin Command College. She was a supervisor of the Field Training Program for the department until her promotion to Support Services Lieutenant in June 2020.



## **Lieutenant Josh Grabandt**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: January 3, 2000

Promoted to Sergeant October 5, 2008

Promoted to Lieutenant: Dec 14, 2020

Lieutenant Josh Grabandt is a 1999 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Josh comes to us with a great deal of experience in narcotics investigations. Josh is also a member of the Tactical Response Team and served for many years as the department's Lead Detective. Josh is a 2010 graduate of the Fox Valley Technical College Executive Development Institute. He has also taught several courses at UW-Platteville as an adjunct Professor and also instructed at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. Josh is also active in the community, serving as the Vice President of the Platteville School Board. Josh was promoted to Operations Lieutenant in December 2020.



**Office Coordinator Sarah Hake**

Education: Administrative Assistant Program, SWTC  
Hired: April 28, 2009 (Part-Time Administrative Assistant)  
Promoted to Office Coordinator: February 2, 2018

Office Coordinator Sarah Hake is a 1999 graduate of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. She got her start by serving as the Office Manager of the Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force from 1999-2004. Due to that position being grant funded for a limited time, she went on to work at UW-Platteville and later a local bank. She was happy to return to the police department as a part-time Administrative Assistant in November 2009. In February 2018, she was promoted to Office Coordinator. She is an active firefighter (since 2003) and first responder (since 2000). She also currently serves as her fire department treasurer and as a steward of her church. Sarah enjoys spending time with her family, boating, and traveling.

**Patrol Sergeants**

Platteville Police Sergeants perform all the responsibilities of a police officer and empower all police officers to carry out their responsibilities in an effective manner. The sergeant also supervises all telecommunicators, officers and community service officers on their assigned shift by reviewing all reports and supervising all activities completed, coordinating on-going investigative efforts with senior command staff and detectives, and completing performance evaluations of police officers. This is all done while providing a good example of professional policing based upon our department's mission and goals and acting as a good role model for all police employees.

**Sergeant Ryan Knoernschild**

Education: B.S. Building Construction Management, UW-Platteville  
Law Enforcement Academy, S.W. Technical College, Fennimore  
Hired: December 1, 2008  
Promoted to Sergeant: October 2014



Sergeant Ryan Knoernschild is a 2005 graduate of UW-Platteville and completed the Southwest Tech Police Academy in August 2008. Ryan is also a graduate of the 2015-2016 Wisconsin Command College through UW-Madison continuing education program and the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Ryan formerly served as an Officer in Charge and a Field Training Officer before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in September of 2014. He currently serves as the lead firearms instructor for the police department. Ryan enjoys hunting, camping, playing softball, coaching youth baseball, and spending time with family.



### **Sergeant Kristine Purkapile**

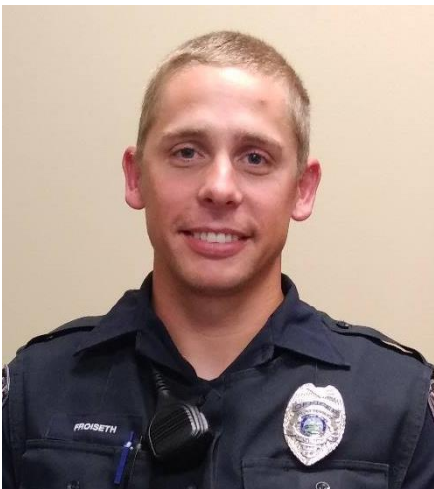
Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, Minor in Mathematics, UW-Platteville

Hired: September 17, 2007

Promoted to Sergeant: May 2015

Sergeant Kris Purkapile is a 2007 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Mathematics. Kris graduated from the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Police Academy in August of 2007. Sergeant Purkapile grew up in the Evansville, Wisconsin area graduating from the Evansville High School in 2002. Sergeant Purkapile achieved the rank of Officer-In-Charge (OIC) in 2009 and is a Field Training Officer (FTO). In 2011, Kris became a certified Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVOC) instructor and is also a Pursuit Intervention Technique (P.I.T.) instructor. In 2016, Kris successfully completed Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) put on by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Sergeant Purkapile is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) #462, holding the position of treasurer, and the current Sergeant at Arms for the Wisconsin Association of Women Police (WAWP). Sergeant Purkapile is also

serving as a Platteville Explorer Post #480 advisor for the 10th year. Kris enjoys any outdoor activities but is a committed softball player, enjoys biking and traveling.



### **Sergeant Matt Froiseth**

Education: B.A. Criminal Justice/Minor in Business Admin, UW-Platteville  
2010 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: January 17, 2011

Promoted to Sergeant: June 5, 2020

Sergeant Matt Froiseth is a 2010 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He was born and raised in Viroqua, WI and worked as a part-time police officer for the Viroqua PD from October 2010-January 2011. He was previously employed by the Platteville Police Department as a Community Service Officer. In his time with the Platteville Police Department he has become a Field Training Officer, he has trained in Riot Control, and he is a part of the Emergency Response Team. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and is an avid sports fan.

\*At the time of publication of this Annual Report, the process for Sergeant Promotions had not yet occurred so the fourth Sergeant position is vacant at this time.



# **Police Officers**

Platteville Police Officers provide a wide variety of services to the community. The majority of Police Officers' tasks are traffic enforcement, investigations, and community service calls. They also assist on EMS calls as 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. Officers are also involved in a number of Community Policing programs geared toward obtaining compliance with community expectations and engaging in other activities designed to inform, train and mobilize the citizens in an effort to reduce or eliminate crime and social disorder. Officers are also trained in a variety of specialized areas above and beyond their general law enforcement training.



## **Officer Amy Hartwig**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: January 8, 2007

Officer Amy Hartwig is a 2004 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. She worked two years for the New Glarus Police Department prior to starting with Platteville PD. After working six years in patrol as an Officer in Charge and Field Training Officer, Amy is currently assigned as a Detective. She has attended many specialized trainings to include advanced sexual assault, child sexual assault and maltreatment, drug investigations/deaths, social networking, statement analysis, crime scene and evidence photography, pre-employment screening, investigators academy, interview and interrogation, death investigation school in which she placed in the top ten percent of the class and many others. Amy taught as an adjunct professor at UW-Platteville for a semester and continues to instruct academy students through Southwest Wisconsin Technical College.



## **Officer Nathan Auz**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

2007 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: September 17, 2007

Officer Nathan Auz is a 2007 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and completed the Southwest Technical College Police Academy in August of 2007. In the spring of 2010, Officer Auz earned the rank of Officer in Charge (OIC) and has since become a certified Field Training Officer, Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor, Taser Instructor, and a member of the Grant/Iowa County Tactical Response Team. Officer Auz grew up in rural Richland County, Wisconsin and graduated from Ithaca High School in 2003.



## **Officer Paul Rehlinger**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: January 26, 2009

Officer Paul Rehlinger is a 2008 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Accounting. Officer Rehlinger graduated from the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Police Academy in August of 2008. Officer Rehlinger grew up in Hartford, Wisconsin and graduated from Hartford Union High School in 2004. Officer Rehlinger achieved the rank of Officer-In-Charge (OIC) in 2012 and became a Police RADAR/LASER Instructor in 2013. Officer Rehlinger was assigned to the position of Detective and joined the Grant County Law Enforcement Honor Guard in 2014. Officer Rehlinger returned to patrol and in 2017 became a Field Training Officer (FTO). In 2018, Officer Rehlinger became a certified Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVOC) instructor. Officer Rehlinger is also a volunteer firefighter and a school bus driver. He is an active volunteer at his church and enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping with his family.



**Officer Jacob Brown**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
Hired: November 28, 2011

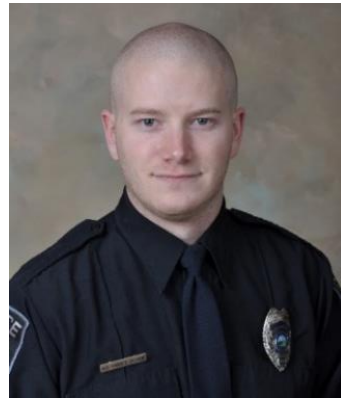
Officer Jacob Brown is a graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Jacob began his Law Enforcement Career in October of 2009 working part-time for the City of Darlington and a couple months later, working part-time for Lafayette County. Jacob worked for Darlington and Lafayette County up until he was hired full-time by the City of Platteville in November of 2011. During Jacob's time with Platteville, he has gone to various trainings, which have enabled him to be on the Southwest Emergency Response Team (Summer 2015), Field Training Officer (Fall 2014), First Line Supervisory School (Fall 2014) and Vehicle Contacts Instructor (Fall 2018). When Jacob is not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, UTVing and snowmobiling.



**Officer Sam Vandevort**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW – Platteville  
Law Enforcement Academy, SWTC  
Hired: January 2, 2012

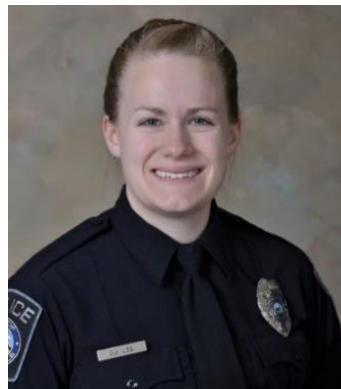
Officer Sam Vandevort is a 2010 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice. After working two years security at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant he was hired by the City of Platteville in 2012. Officer Vandevort has achieved OIC status within the police department. He is a certified firearms instructor and Glock Armorer. He was born and raised in Manitowoc, WI. He graduated from Manitowoc Lincoln High School in 2006. Sam enjoys movies, swimming, and scuba diving.



**Officer Tony Vander Velden**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
2013 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: January 6, 2014

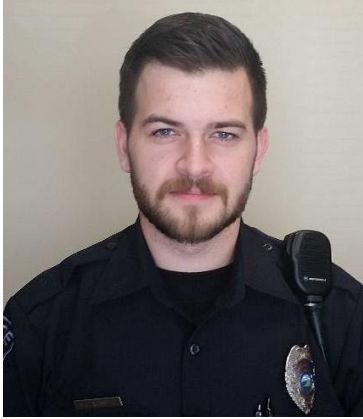
Officer Tony Vander Velden is a 2013 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and SWTC Law Enforcement Academy. He is a Field Training Officer, Officer In Charge, and is a member of the State Methamphetamine Clandestine Lab Response Team.



**Officer Coree Lee**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
2014 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: July 6, 2015

Officer Coree Lee is a 2014 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a graduate of the SWTC Law Enforcement Academy. She is from Monroe and was previously a Military Policeman: Wisconsin Army National Guard (4 Years Served). Coree has also served as a part-time Police Officer and on the Rock River Safety Patrol (DNR Job: 2015). She is a Field Training Officer, a member of the Grant County Honor Guard, and an advisor for the Platteville Police Explorers. Coree enjoys fishing, scuba diving, and camping.

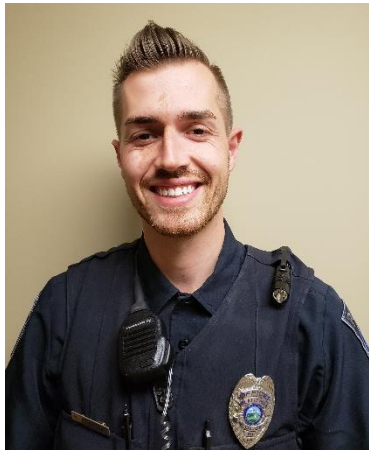


**Officer Simeon Morell**

Education: Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, FVTC

Hired: Dec 12, 2016

Officer Simeon Morell is a 2014 graduate of Fox Valley Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He grew up in Michigan and lived in Sweden for 5 years before returning to the U.S. for college. He briefly studied mechanical engineering before pursuing a career in law enforcement. He served as a Community Service Officer with the Appleton Police Department from June 2013-April 2016. Simeon completed Rescue Task Force training in 2017 and coordinated tactical medical training for the Platteville police department. He is certified in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) for the detection of drug impaired drivers.



**Officer Kyle Crook**

Education: Associates Degree Criminal Justice Law Enforcement, SWTC

2017 SWTC Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: July 10, 2017

Officer Kyle Crook is a 2017 graduate of Southwest Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in May of 2017. Officer Crook was born and raised in Dodgeville before joining the Marine Corps. After leaving the service, he pursued a career in Criminal Justice. When not at work Kyle enjoys spending time with his family, as well as hunting, camping, shooting, and reloading.



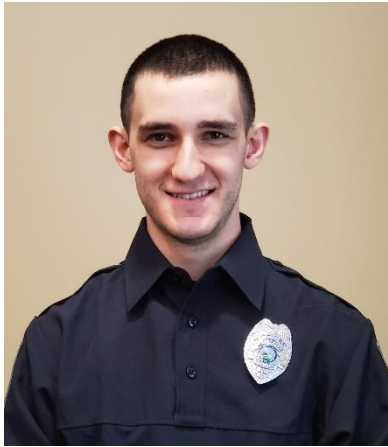
**Officer Joshua Stowe**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

2019 SWTC Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: January 7, 2019

Officer Joshua Stowe is a 2019 graduate of UW-Platteville. He has a B.S. in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Forensic Investigation and an Emphasis on Law Enforcement. He graduated from the Southwest Technical College Law Enforcement Academy in September of 2019. Officer Stowe joined the Marine Corps Reserves in 2017 and currently serves in an infantry company here in Wisconsin. His career began with the Platteville Police Department in 2016 as a Community Service Officer. He is assigned to the Community Resource Officer position as of August 2020 and working closely with the school district. Officer Stowe was raised in Hartford, WI. Outside of work, he also volunteers with the Cuba City Area Rescue Squad.



**Officer Ethan Glendenning**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
2020 Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: December 2, 2019

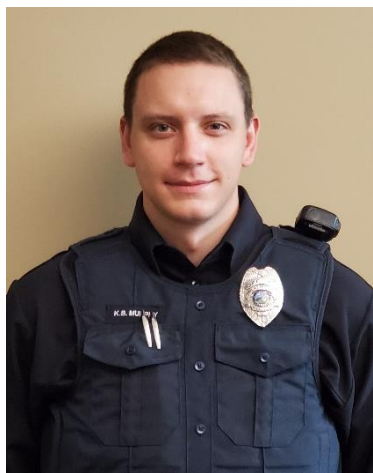
Officer Ethan Glendenning is a native of Darlington, Wisconsin, having served from 2012 to 2018 on the volunteer fire department. A 2017 graduate of UW-Platteville, he earned a B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Social Sciences. After graduation, Officer Glendenning worked in Community Based Corrections at a residential correctional facility for the State of Iowa as a Residential Officer. In December 2019, he began his career with the Platteville Police Department. Ethan attended the 2020 Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, shooting, movies, and playing music. Having spent much of his time in the area, Ethan looks forward to serving the community of Platteville.



**Officer Jarad Bartelt**

Education: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Madison College & B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
2020 Southwestern Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: May 4, 2020

Officer Jarad Bartelt is a 2017 graduate of Madison College with an associate degree in Liberal Arts before transferring to UW-Platteville and earning his B.A. in Criminal Justice in 2020. He graduated from Southwest Technical College Law Enforcement Academy in September 2020. Officer Bartelt was born and raised in Jefferson, WI and graduated from Jefferson High School in 2015. In February of 2019, he was hired with the Platteville Police Department as a Community Service Officer. When not at work, Jarad enjoys spending time with friends and family, hiking, and keeping up with local sports teams.



**Officer Kevin Murphy**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, Loras College  
2020 Southwestern Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: May 13, 2020

Officer Kevin Murphy is a 2018 graduate of Loras College. He has a B.S. in Criminal Justice. After graduation, he worked in Community Based Corrections at a residential correctional facility in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated from the Southwest Technical College Law Enforcement academy in September of 2020. When not working, Officer Murphy enjoys playing/watching sports, spending time with family, and traveling.

# **Telecommunicators**

The Public Safety Telecommunicators answer telephones for the following city departments and other agencies: The Platteville Police Department, Southwest Health Ambulance Service, Platteville Fire Department, UW-Platteville Police, emergency elevator telephones throughout the city, and all City of Platteville Offices (when those offices are closed). The phones include the Enhanced 911 (E911) system that immediately displays the name, phone number, address and directions to the location of the phone making the call. The E-911 database allows the Telecommunicator to enter information that is pertinent to the location or customer. The Platteville Police Dispatch Center receives in excess of 1,500 incoming 911 calls (this is separate from the non-emergency business line they also answer 24/7).

The Telecommunicators communicate with all the previously listed agencies using the following radio systems: Platteville City Government, Platteville Fire, Southwest Health Center, UW-Platteville, Grant County Sheriff, County Simulcast Paging System and Point to Point (connecting all police agencies). The Telecommunicators can also monitor WISPERN.

The Telecommunicators dispatch in excess of 14,000 police, fire, and ambulance calls per year. Public Safety Telecommunicators also enter and retrieve information in and from the State and National Crime databases, vehicle registration files and driver's license files. This information includes criminal activity, missing persons and stolen property. This national computer system allows this department to share information with the nation's law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. The Support Services Commander supervises the Telecommunicators.

In addition to their dispatching duties, the Telecommunicators handle a variety of complex tasks. The tasks include entering on average 300 warrants per year to include monthly validations of all warrants, maintaining a written and electronic log of all incidents (average 14,000 entries per year), and completing over 300 background checks for other city departments. They also serve as a point of contact for the public when the business office is closed. Because the Platteville Police Department Dispatch Center is staffed 24/7, they also serve as a layer of security for the department by monitoring the internal security cameras for prisoner safety, officer safety, unauthorized persons on premises, proper conduct by persons on premises, and building security. All Telecommunicators are also notary publics, offering that service 24/7 as well.



## **Telecommunicator Amy Dillman**

Education: B.S. Psychology/Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
Hired: May 16, 2005

Amy began her career in emergency services as a Dispatcher/ EMT in 1988, with Paratech Ambulance Service in Milwaukee. Amy found the field of Public Safety Telecommunications to be a good fit and has served several agencies around the state in this capacity, including the Grant County Sheriff's Office. Amy joined the Platteville Police Department after graduating from UW-Platteville in 2005.



## **Telecommunicator Brooklyn Dietzel-Goldthorpe**

Hired: June 29, 2016

Brooklyn began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in June 2016 and opted for full-time when the opportunity presented in 2018. Brooklyn graduated high school from Cuba City, WI in 2006. Afterward she joined the United States Navy as an Air Traffic Controller, completing a 5-year enlistment. Brooklyn is married to Todd Goldthorpe and they have two children, Gage and Iris.



**Telecommunicator Alex Watson**

Education: Medical Lab Technician, SWTC  
Hired: August 13, 2018

Alex began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in August 2018 and became full-time on July 21, 2019. Alex comes to us with 4 years of experience in emergency services having served 4 years with Mineral Point EMS and 2 years with Southwest Health EMS. She continues to be active with Mineral Point EMS as well as serving as their training officer. She grew up in Lancaster and currently lives in Mineral Point. When not at work, Alex enjoys fishing and camping.



**Telecommunicator Jerica Schultz**

Education: B.S. Forensic Investigations, UW-Platteville  
Hired: June 4, 2019

Jerica began her public safety career in Washington state as a reserve deputy coroner intern at the Lewis County Coroner's Office in the Summer of 2015. After completing her Bachelor's degree in the winter of 2015, she went on to serve as a medicolegal death investigator for Mayo Clinic. A career advancement opportunity then led her to Arizona, where she worked for the Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner. She moved back to the Midwest in early 2018 to be closer to family and joined the Platteville Police Department as a part-time telecommunicator the following year.



**Telecommunicator Kyra Teal**

Education: CNA, Southwest Wisconsin Technical College  
Hired: June 22, 2020

Kyra began working as a part-time Telecommunicator in June of 2020 at the Platteville Police Department. She received her Nursing Assistant certification from SWTC in 2016 just before graduating from high school in Cuba City, WI. Since then she has worked as a CNA at Epione Pavilion in Cuba City, WI, and Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab Center in Dodgeville, WI. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her friends and family.



**Telecommunicator Brandi Taylor-Knapp**

Hired: August 3, 2020

Brandi began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in August 2020. Brandi graduated high school from Lancaster, WI in 2017. When not at work, Brandi enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Brandi is recently engaged and expecting her first child in January 2021.

# Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is the first person the public sees when coming into the police department. The Administrative Assistant processes all record requests, maintains the court calendar, processes payments for citations and licenses and handles a great variety of other clerical tasks for members of the Management Team.



## **Administrative Assistant Jennifer Schmid**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: January 14, 1985 (Dispatcher)

Transferred to Administrative Assistant: December 2011

Jennifer is the full-time Administrative Assistant with her primary duties being department receptionist and performing clerical duties on the day shift. Jennifer formerly served as a Telecommunicator for 27 years.



# Code Enforcement Officer

The Code Enforcement Officer, which is a newly created part-time position as of April 2018, performs a variety of duties including routine code enforcement, public safety, and clerical tasks. This includes parking enforcement, sidewalk snow removal, weed/grass enforcement, and training other community service officers on enforcement activities.

## **Code Enforcement Officer Bruce “Rick” Hess**

Education: Bachelor in Business Administration, Ole Miss, 1983;

30+ hours graduate studies in Public Administration w/ emphasis in Emergency Management

Hired: October 13, 2020

Rick began working as the city’s Code Enforcement Officer in October of 2020. Rick is a retired Army Captain with prior service in the USAF and USN. His prior experience as a City Administrator for 2 cities in MO has given him a solid background for the Code Enforcement position. Rick’s hobbies include gardening, golf, and reading.



## Retirements



### **Lieutenant Jeff Haas**

Education: B.A. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

Hired: March 7, 1995

Promoted to Sergeant: August 2005

Promoted to Lieutenant: January 2009

Retired: June 5, 2020

Jeff retired in June 2020 with 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Platteville!



### **Telecommunicator Traci Winkler**

Hired: October 23, 1989

Retired: August 7, 2020

Traci retired in August 2020 with 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Platteville!



### **Lieutenant Bruce Buchholtz**

Education: B.A. Psychology, M.S. Justice Administration, Ripon College

FVTC Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: May 31, 1990

Promoted to Sergeant: June 1997

Promoted to Lieutenant: August 2005

Retired: December 11, 2020

Bruce retired in December 2020 with 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Platteville!

## Promotions

**Andrea Droessler** was promoted to Lieutenant as the Support Services Commander in June 2020. Lieutenant Droessler will oversee the Detective, Dispatchers, Community Resource Officer, Community Service Officers, Administrative Assistant and Code Enforcement Officer.

**Josh Grabandt** was promoted to Lieutenant as the Operations Commander in December 2020. Lieutenant Grabandt will oversee Sergeants, OICs, Officers, and will serve as the PLPD Liaison for the Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team.

**Matt Froiseth** was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in December 2020. Sergeant Froiseth will continue his role on the Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team in addition to his new supervisory role as a patrol sergeant with the PLPD.

One Sergeant position will remain vacant pending a promotion process to be held in Spring of 2021.



## **2020 Community Service Officers**

The Police Department Community Service Officer Program (started in 2000) is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of delivering non-emergency services for our community. CSO responsibilities include parking enforcement, non-critical clerical tasks, home security checks, vehicle lockouts, traffic direction, school pedestrian safety, problem solving, etc., to name a few. You will see them assisting with a number of events such as parades, Sweet Treats on Main and Trick or Treating, Dairy Days, and others. The CSOs also supply support for the Animal Control Program. Officers are equipped with a 4-wheel drive truck used for delivery of essential, but non-critical police services.

The position of Community Service Officer is a non-sworn civilian position that assist police officers by responding to lower priority calls for service (mentioned above). This allows police officers to remain available to respond to high priority emergency calls and have more time for proactive enforcement.

Pictured:  
Nicholas Seidl  
Destiny Draheim  
Noah Brueggeman-Hulse  
Braden Baumann



## **Chaplain Program**

In 2019, Lieutenant Buchholtz reinvigorated the Police Department's Chaplain Program. He held a meeting and obtained a commitment from all of the participating denominations to serve in an on-call, as needed basis for assistance with death notifications, to help comfort people in need and if requested, to speak with employees after critical incidents. Currently 11 different denominations serve as voluntary Chaplains for the Police Department.

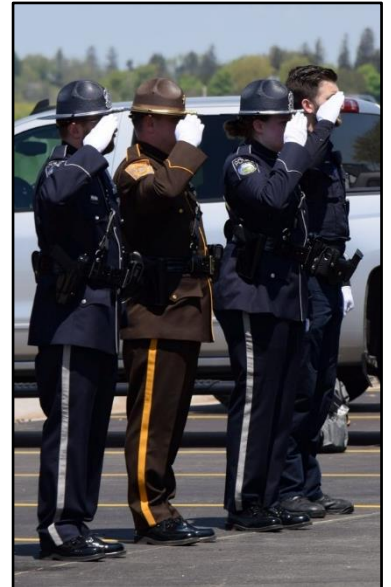
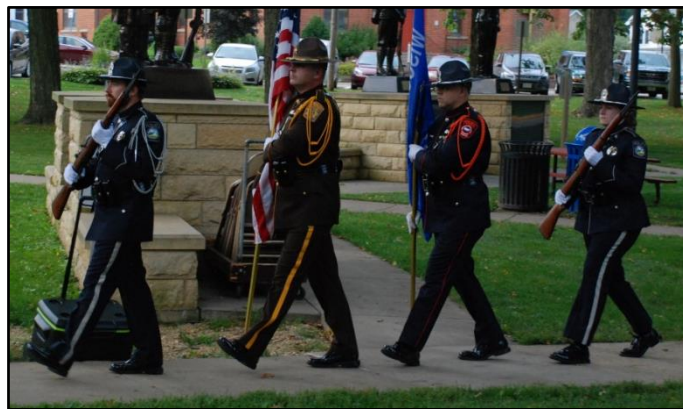
# Honor Guard

Officer Paul Rehlinger and Officer Coree Lee of the Platteville Police Department are members of the local Law Enforcement Honor Guard. Officer Simeon Morell participates by providing his musical talent to play Taps. Members of The Honor Guard are officers from the Grant County Sheriff's Office, the Platteville Police Department, and UW-Platteville Police Department. Due to Covid-19, the Honor Guard postponed all training and events. Pictures below are from 2019.

9/11 Ceremony, City Park, Platteville, WI ↓



↑ GTSO Open House Ceremony ↓



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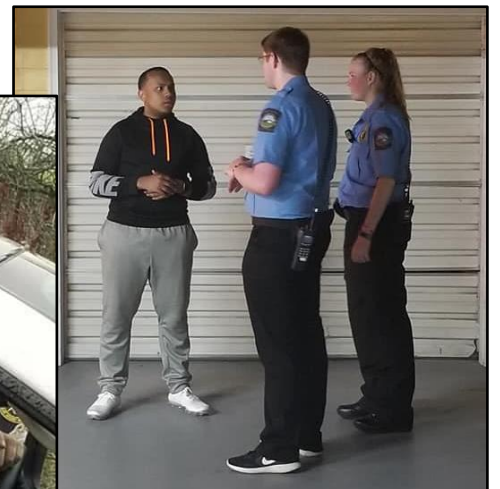
# Platteville Police Explorers #480

The Platteville Police Explorer Post #480 is led by Sergeant Kris Purkapile, Officer Coree Lee, and Officer Simeon Morell of the Platteville Police Department along with Dayne Hammerly of the UW-Platteville Campus Police. The post has several other law enforcement officers that come in to present on a variety of topics during the year, as well.

The Police Explorers Program is designed to give insight into the law enforcement career for young men and women through hands-on activities. The program offers a sampling of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities. It also promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of the law, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism.

Due to Covid-19, the Explorers were unable to be active in 2020. They also typically host an annual Taco Dinner to raise funds for competitions, which was also cancelled due to Covid.

Explorer members assist the City and University Police Departments providing traffic and crowd control during Platteville Dairy Days, UW-Platteville Homecoming Parade, Sweet Treats on Main, and city-wide Trick-or-Treating. Please contact one of the above listed advisors if you, or someone you know, would like to join!



# Public Relations and Outreach Events

The Platteville Police Department strives to be involved in the community through outreach events. They are great opportunities to meet the public in a positive setting. 2020 has flipped the script in all aspects of our lives, therefore cancelling a number of events we enjoy participating in. We may have had to cancel our annual events: Community Picnics, School/Public Tours of the PD, End of School Year Party Dunk Tank, Open House, Shop with a Cop, Sweet Treats on Main, Cops on a Rooftop Fundraiser for Special Olympics, and Platteville on the Move, but we hope to revive these events in the near future! Below are the events we were able to participate in while safely social distancing.



## ← Stuff-The-Cruiser Event

City of Platteville Police Chief Doug McKinley and University of Wisconsin-Platteville Police Chief Joe Hallman collect items for the local food pantry at Platteville Piggly Wiggly during the Stuff-The-Cruiser Event in October. (Photo taken in 2019.)

## School Crossing Helpers! →

Two Christmas favorites, back by popular demand!

A crossing guard was Santa once before,  
so this year he said, "let's do it once more!"  
The Grinch in his grinchness all green and so mean,  
Showed up to meddle and make a big scene!  
Santa waved and greeted with, "Ho Ho Ho,"  
The Grinch scowled and teased, but we all know,  
That the Grinch deep down was not so bad,  
Being a crossing guard, in fact, made him less mad!  
He still goofed and taunted the man in red,  
"But helping the kids is best", is what he said.



## ✓ New CRO Position

In 2020, the Platteville Police Department and the Platteville School District collaborated and created the new Community Resource Officer position. The CRO position went into effect at the end of August with the start of the new school year. This position is currently filled by Officer Stowe. Officer Stowe attended a 40 hour Basic School Resource Officer course that was put on by the National Association of School Resource Officers in July to prepare for the new position.

The CRO's primary responsibility is to build and create positive relationships with students, staff, and school families in the community. The CRO performs the role of a law enforcement officer, a mentor for students, and an informal counselor. The CRO works closely with the school district to provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff. The CRO assists school staff as needed, responds to medical calls, conducts investigations as needed, and patrols the various school district buildings.

The CRO also assists with events in the community and meets with various community groups for presentations. Unfortunately, 2020 has been a difficult year to work with many community groups as plans and events were cancelled or postponed. CRO Stowe was able to assist with events or conduct presentations with PEAK, Platteville Chamber of Commerce, UW-Platteville, Optimist club and a local homeschool group.



## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Issues**

Chief Doug McKinley attended the Peaceful Plates event at Smith Park along with the city manager, Josh Grabandt, and the fire chief.

Chief Doug McKinley and the city manager are representing the city on a Bias Incident Team. The focus of this group will be to address concerns related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Issues.

Chief Doug McKinley attended a Memorial for George Floyd in City Park along with the Grant County Sheriff. Community members knelt in remembrance. Patrol Officers also provided security and traffic control for two peaceful demonstrations related to DEI issues in the wake of the death of George Floyd.

Chief Doug McKinley and Lieutenant Andrea Droessler took part in the Police Community Forum at the Broske Center. The focus was on diversity, equity, and inclusivity issues (DEI). The forum was attended by members of the Common Council, PFC members, and community members.

## **Notables**

◆ We installed two new 911 terminals and related equipment in November and everything is fully operational. This was in conjunction with the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

◆ Lieutenant Droessler implemented a new schedule for a trial period in the Dispatch Center in which we employ 3 Full Time and 3 Part Time Telecommunicators in order to provide 24/7 coverage to the community.

◆ In a joint effort with the School District, we implemented the Community Resource Officer position. Officer Josh Stowe was selected to fill this role.

◆ Members of the police department assisted with the absentee ballots and the in-person voting during three elections this year.

## Life Saving Awards



Top Row (l-r):

Officer Jacob Brown, Officer Coree Lee, Sergeant Ryan Knoernschild, Sergeant Josh Grabandt,  
Officer Tony Vander Velden, Officer Matt Froiseth

Bottom Row (l-r):

Officer Sam Vandevort, Officer Simeon Morell, Officer Nate Auz, Officer Paul Rehlinger,  
Officer Jarad Bartelt, Officer Ethan Glendenning

Eleven officers were recognized for their quick response and immediate actions resulting in saving lives! All Platteville Police Officers are certified to administer CPR and as of 2017 are certified to administer Narcan.

The above officers rendered aid in seven separate incidents in 2020. Notably, Officer Brown assisted in two incidents.

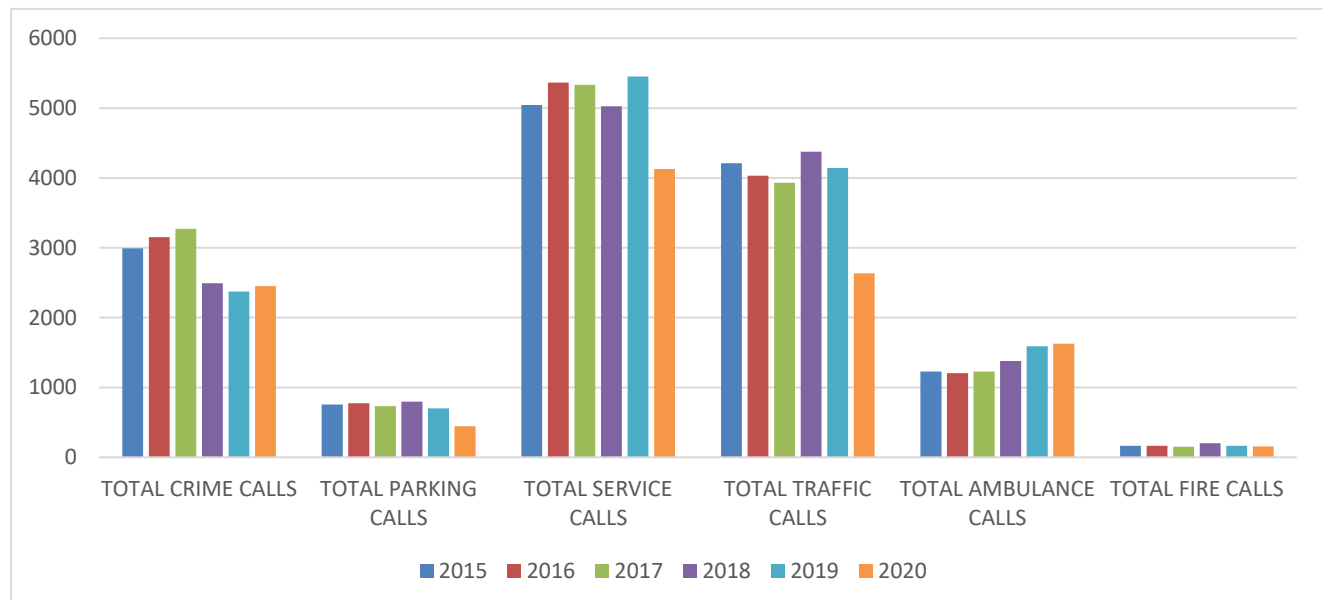


## Principal Functions/Major Programs (What does this unit do?)

The City is served by 20 sworn Officers (this number includes 12 Patrol Officers, 1 Detective, 4 Sergeants, 2 Lieutenants, and a Chief), 1 Office Coordinator, 3 full-time and 3 part-time Dispatchers, 1 full-time Administrative Assistant, 1 part-time Code Enforcement Officer, and 6 part-time Community Service Officers. Together these employees provide the following:

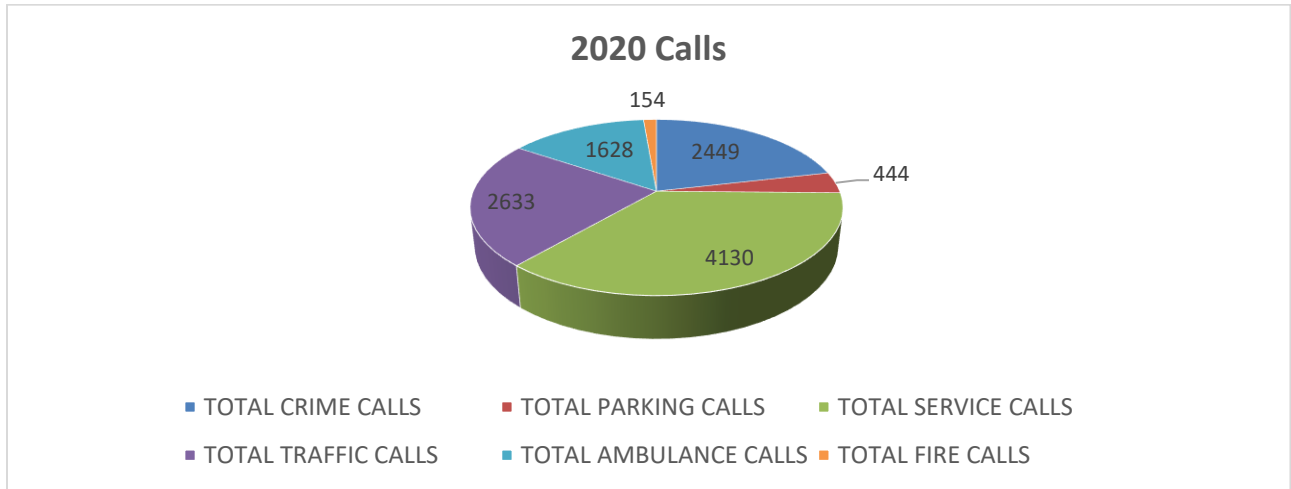
- Emergency Dispatch Services: 24-hours a day for Platteville Police Department Officers, the Platteville Emergency Medical Service, the Platteville Fire Dept., and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Campus Police Dept. Contingency Dispatch Center for the Grant Co. Sheriff's Dept. and back-up 911 Emergency Call Center for Grant County.
- Enforcement of state statutes, local ordinances, and traffic laws.
- Specialized Investigations: 1 detective pursues matters requiring time intensive investigation or incidents requiring expertise not typically possessed by line officers.
- Patrol of the City to detect criminal activity and to provide a police presence.
- Community Policing: Engaging members of the community to resolve issues of mutual concern.
- Community Service Officers: UW-Platteville students employed as non-sworn members of the PD handle non-emergency calls for service such as: directing traffic, animal complaints, home security checks, and parking enforcement.
- In-house training of officers: To enhance professionalism, engage in career development, reduce overtime, and provide officers with the skills needed to respond to calls for service in a rapidly changing environment.
- Member of the Richland-Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force: A unit specializing in the investigation of drug related incidents.
- Crisis Resolution Team: The PD participates in the county-wide tactical team which responds to calls of an elevated risk such as barricaded suspects, high risk warrant service, etc.
- Police Explorer Post #480: training on police topics for youth ages 14-20; police as positive role models, assistance at city functions.
- Crossing guard duties as needed.

5-YEAR COMPARABLE						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>TOTAL CRIME CALLS</b>	2993	3153	3271	2492	2372	2449
<b>TOTAL PARKING CALLS</b>	757	772	732	797	702	444
<b>TOTAL SERVICE CALLS</b>	5045	5366	5332	5024	5450	4130
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CALLS</b>	4211	4031	3933	4376	4144	2633
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE CALLS</b>	1228	1207	1229	1381	1592	1628
<b>TOTAL FIRE CALLS</b>	163	167	151	202	164	154



# 2020 ALL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Fire</b>
<b>2449</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>4130</b>	<b>2633</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>154</b>

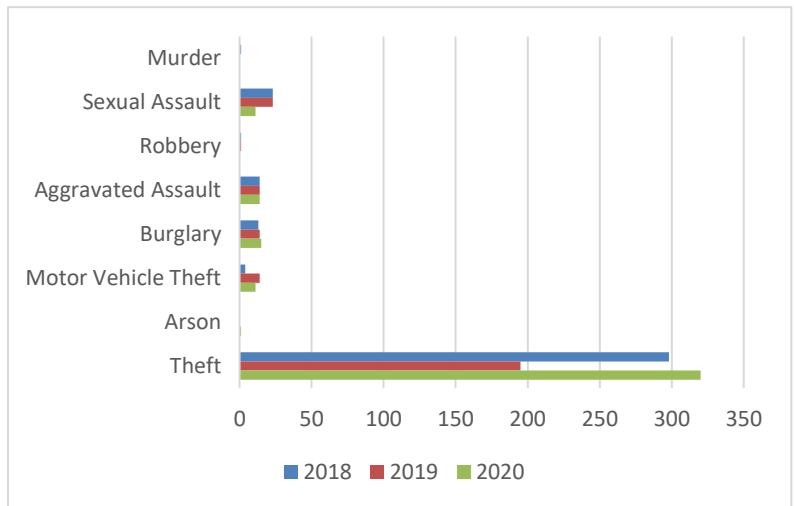


## CRIME CALLS

In Wisconsin, all sheriff's departments and police departments in communities with a population of 1500 or more and University of Wisconsin campuses submit monthly reports to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Office. These Part 1 crimes fall into eight categories as follows:

1. **Murder** – willful killing of one human being by another.
2. **Sexual Assault** – forcible carnal knowledge of a female.
3. **Robbery** – taking anything of value from a person by force or threat of force.
4. **Aggravated Assault** – unlawful attack by one person upon another (use or threat of use of a weapon or serious injury).
5. **Burglary** – unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.
6. **Theft** – unlawful taking of property from the possession of another (this does not include fraud).
7. **Motor Vehicle Theft** – theft of a motor vehicle.
8. **Arson** – willful burning of a structure, motor vehicle, or personal property.

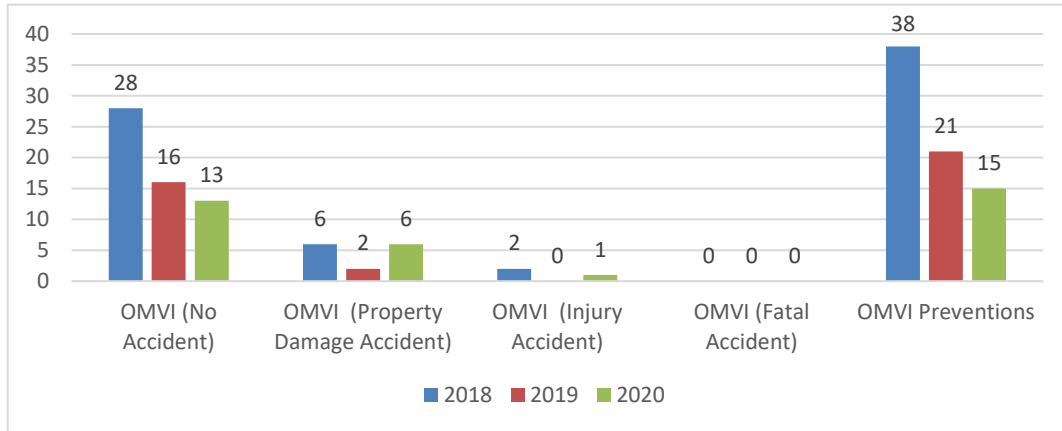
	2018	2019	2020
<b>Murder</b>	1	0	0
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	23	23	11
<b>Robbery</b>	1	1	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	14	14	14
<b>Burglary</b>	13	14	15
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	4	14	11
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	1
<b>Theft</b>	298	195	320





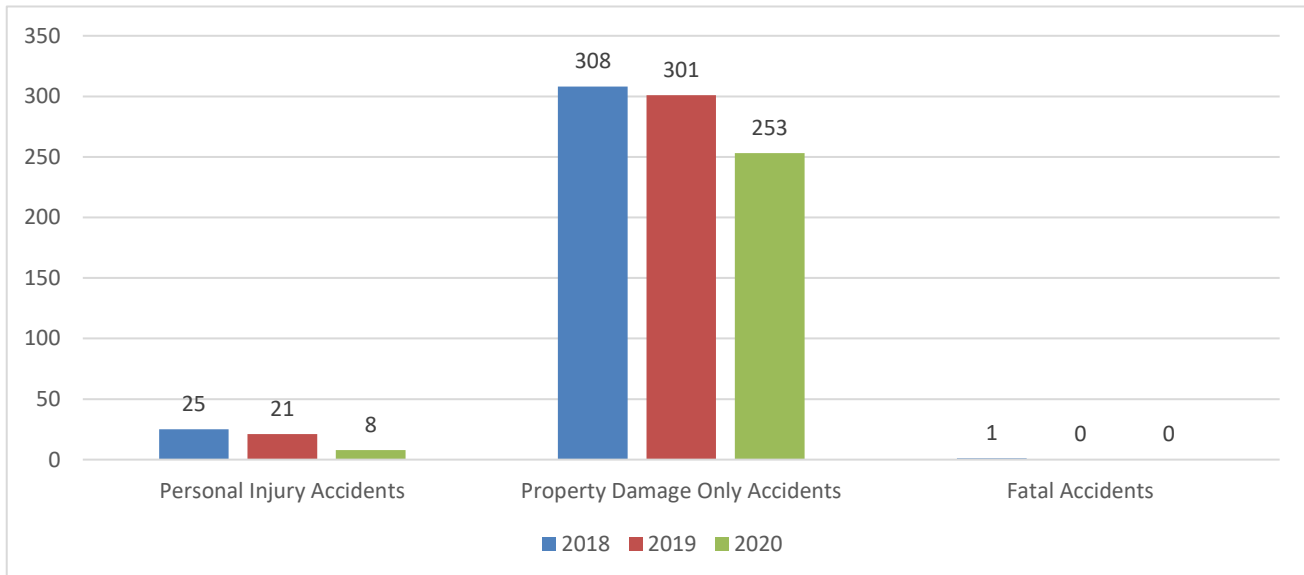
## OMVIs

OMVIs	2018	2019	2020
OMVI (No Accident)	28	16	13
OMVI (Property Damage Accident)	6	2	6
OMVI (Injury Accident)	2	0	1
OMVI (Fatal Accident)	0	0	0
OMVI Preventions	38	21	15



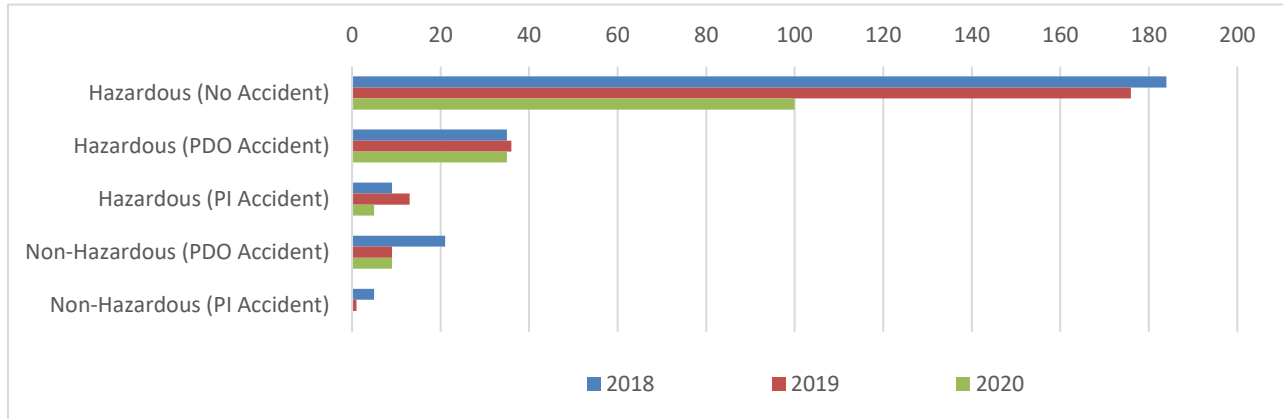
## ACCIDENTS\*

*excludes OMVI accidents, see OMVI stats above	2018	2019	2020
Personal Injury Accidents	25	21	8
Property Damage Only Accidents	308	301	253
Fatal Accidents	1	0	0



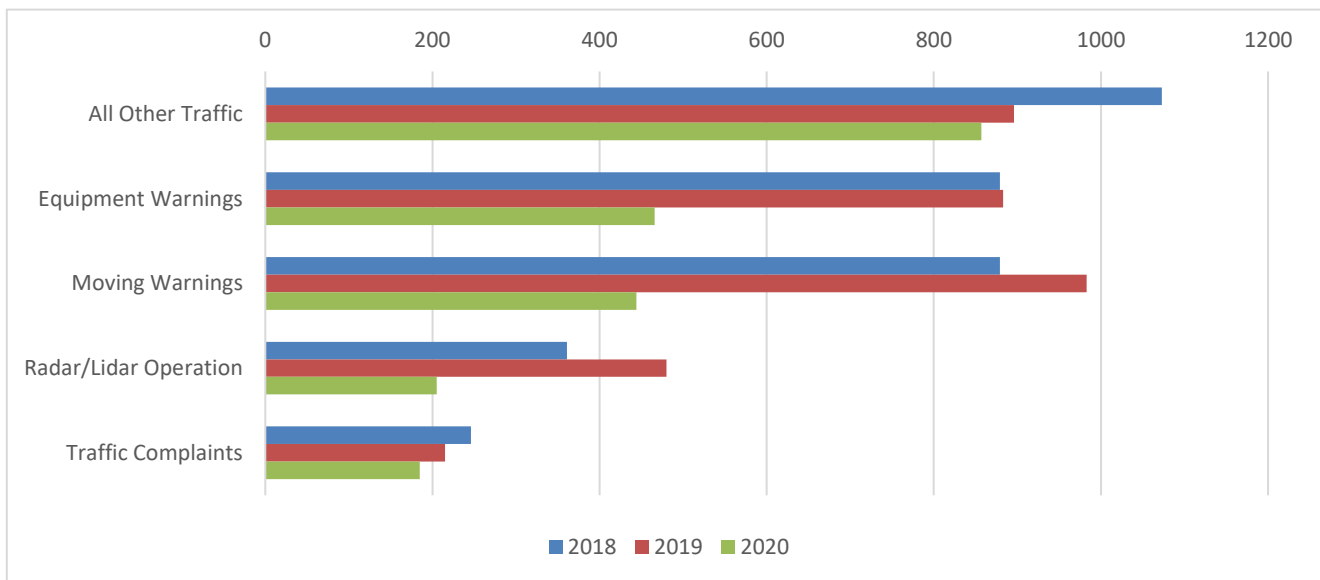
# TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Hazardous (No Accident)</b>	184	176	100
<b>Hazardous (PDO Accident)</b>	35	36	35
<b>Hazardous (PI Accident)</b>	9	13	5
<b>Non-Hazardous (PDO Accident)</b>	11	9	9
<b>Non-Hazardous (PI Accident)</b>	5	1	0



## Other Traffic

	2018	2019	2020
<b>All Other Traffic</b>	1073	896	857
<b>Equipment Warnings</b>	879	883	466
<b>Moving Warnings</b>	879	983	444
<b>Radar/Lidar Operation</b>	361	480	205
<b>Traffic Complaints</b>	246	215	185



## SERVICE CALLS

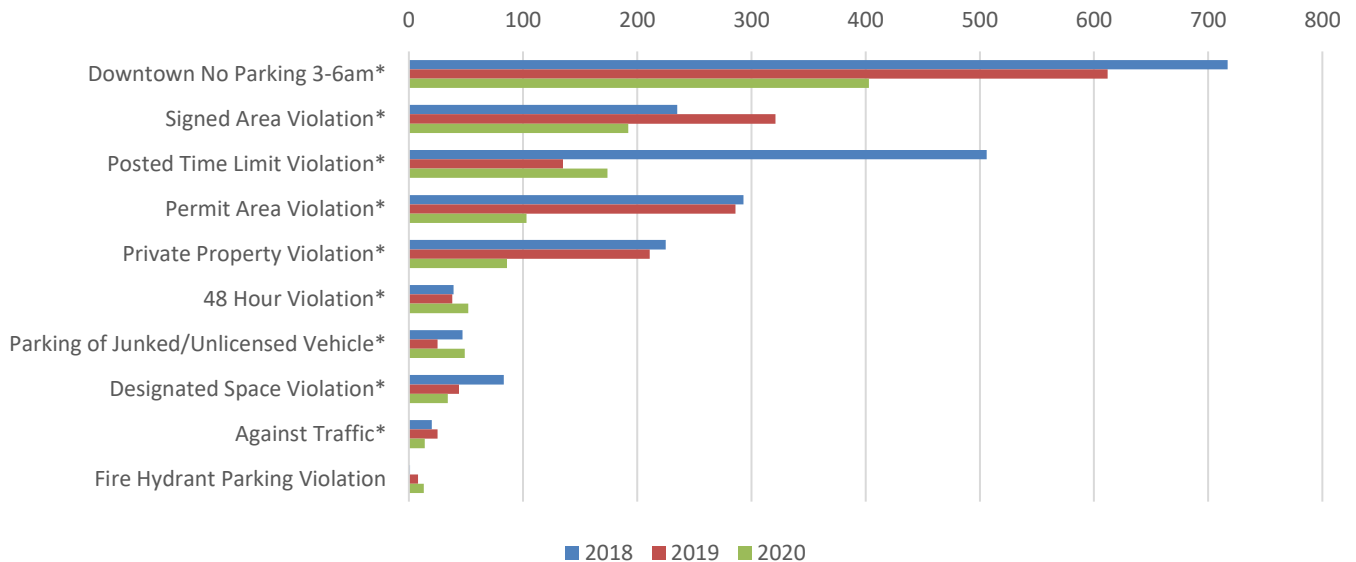
In addition to Crime and Traffic Prevention/Enforcement, the Platteville Police Department responds to a great number of calls for service. Below is a breakdown of a 3 Year Comparison of Service Calls.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Alarms (Alarms and Alarm Tests)	158	143	130
All Other Service	893	777	589
Attempt to Locate	27	33	34
Bicycle Patrol	27	22	1
Civil Assist - Child Exchanges	17	20	19
Civil Assist - Code Violations	107	-	-
Civil Assist – Other	276	345	284
Civil Assist – Other City Department	254	280	161
Civil Assist – Paper Service	37	23	12
Civil Assist – Probation and Parole	43	5	10
Civil Assist – Social Services	31	42	21
Community Policing	185	279	97
Community Policing – Schools	162	161	41
Crossing Guard (when service provided by Officers)	97	0	12
Elevator Assistance Call	6	6	8
Foot Patrol	199	191	97
Lost and Found Articles	369	411	322
Law Enforcement Assist	281	214	162
Locked Vehicle/Residence Assistance	426	399	305
Motorist Assist	103	107	83
OMVI Prevention	38	21	15
Open Door	44	39	18
Police Escort	0	1	0
Ride Along	49	34	8
Salvation Army Requests	40	65	41
Security Checks	477	637	547
Special Patrol	363	474	576
Tavern Checks	100	14	9
Welfare Checks	102	222	249
911 Hang-Up/Mis Dials	113	126	214

# PARKING VIOLATIONS

YEAR ROUND VIOLATIONS	2018	2019	2020
Downtown No Parking 3-6am*	717	612	403
Signed Area Violation*	235	321	192
Posted Time Limit Violation*	506	135	174
Permit Area Violation*	293	286	103
Private Property Violation*	225	211	86
48 Hour Violation*	39	38	52
Parking of Junked/Unlicensed Vehicle*	47	25	49
Designated Space Violation*	83	44	34
Against Traffic*	20	25	14
Fire Hydrant Parking Violation*	1	8	13
Improper Parking or Stopping	6	11	6
Parking within 4 feet of driveway or across driveway*	13	22	4
Handicap Parking Violation	5	3	4
Within 15 feet of Crosswalk	1	4	2
Parking on a Sidewalk	33	0	1
Block Intersection or Crosswalk	5	3	1
Double Parked	5	0	0
Restricted Vehicle Violation	3	0	0
Within Safety Zone/Fire Lane	0	0	0

## \*Top 10 Parking Violations (Year Round Violations)



WINTER PARKING VIOLATIONS	2018	2019	2020
Winter - Cul-de-Sac Violation	8	8	3
Winter - Emergency Route	193	155	130
Winter - Alternate Side	652	691	487

## Winter Parking Violations

