

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## 2022

Platteville, Wisconsin  
POLICE DEPARTMENT



Photo taken in 2021

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

January 25, 2023

Platteville Residents  
Council President Barb Daus  
Common Council Members  
Police & Fire Commissioners  
Acting City Manager Nicola Mauer,

Residents, Council Members, Commissioners, and Acting City Manager Mauer,

In addition to all of our regular duties and tasks, in 2022 we did a lot of the behind the scenes work which will allow us to work on three large projects in 2023. All three of these projects have been on our wish list for quite a while and as a former City Manager used to put it, they are the type of projects that “advance the ball a long way down the field” and improve the Police Department.

The first project is the City’s camera project, and we got an early start on this after our RFP process resulted in the selection of a local vendor to supply and install the required equipment. We have divided this project into two parts, Phase I and Phase II. Phase I will consist of the installation of a computer server which will support a new camera system, the installation of site security cameras in and around City Hall, and site security and interview room cameras at the Police Department. Phase II of the project will see us select priority locations for cameras throughout the city. We will expand on the downtown cameras which were originally installed in 2008 and install cameras taking advantage of existing fiber optic lines for connectivity to assist with monitoring traffic and areas where we tend to experience vandalism etc.

The second project on our list is the installation of the Platteville Police Department’s new radio repeater (and the Fire Department’s new radio repeater) on the Grant County Sheriff’s Department’s radio/cell tower which is being built on Cty Hwy D just south of the city. The tower will have greater elevation than our current antenna and it is being designed to accommodate multiple radio antennas and cell phone antennas which will improve our ability to communicate via radio throughout the city and decrease the number of “dead zones” where we experience trouble getting a radio signal.

The third project will see us install a new radio core computer server which will replace our two aging radio consoles in our Dispatch Center. The new equipment will allow us to be a seamless back-up system for the Grant Co. Sheriff’s Dept. Dispatch Center and vice versa. The radio systems at both agencies will be connected via a fiber optic loop which will automatically reroute itself in the event of damage to a portion of the loop. The new equipment will greatly improve the quality and the stability of radio communications throughout Platteville and Grant Co.

These projects will enhance and improve the capabilities of our Dispatch Staff, our Patrol Staff and our Detectives as they do their jobs on a daily basis and I’m excited to see these projects finally become a reality here in Platteville. Our daily goal is to provide professional police service to the Platteville community and with these projects we’re about to see a major upgrade in how we deliver this service to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug McKinley", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Doug McKinley  
Chief of Police  
Platteville Police Department

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 improving the quality of life and safety in our community by delivering caring, equitable and professional police services to everyone we serve.

## **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:* We will hold ourselves to the highest moral principles to maintain the public's trust.

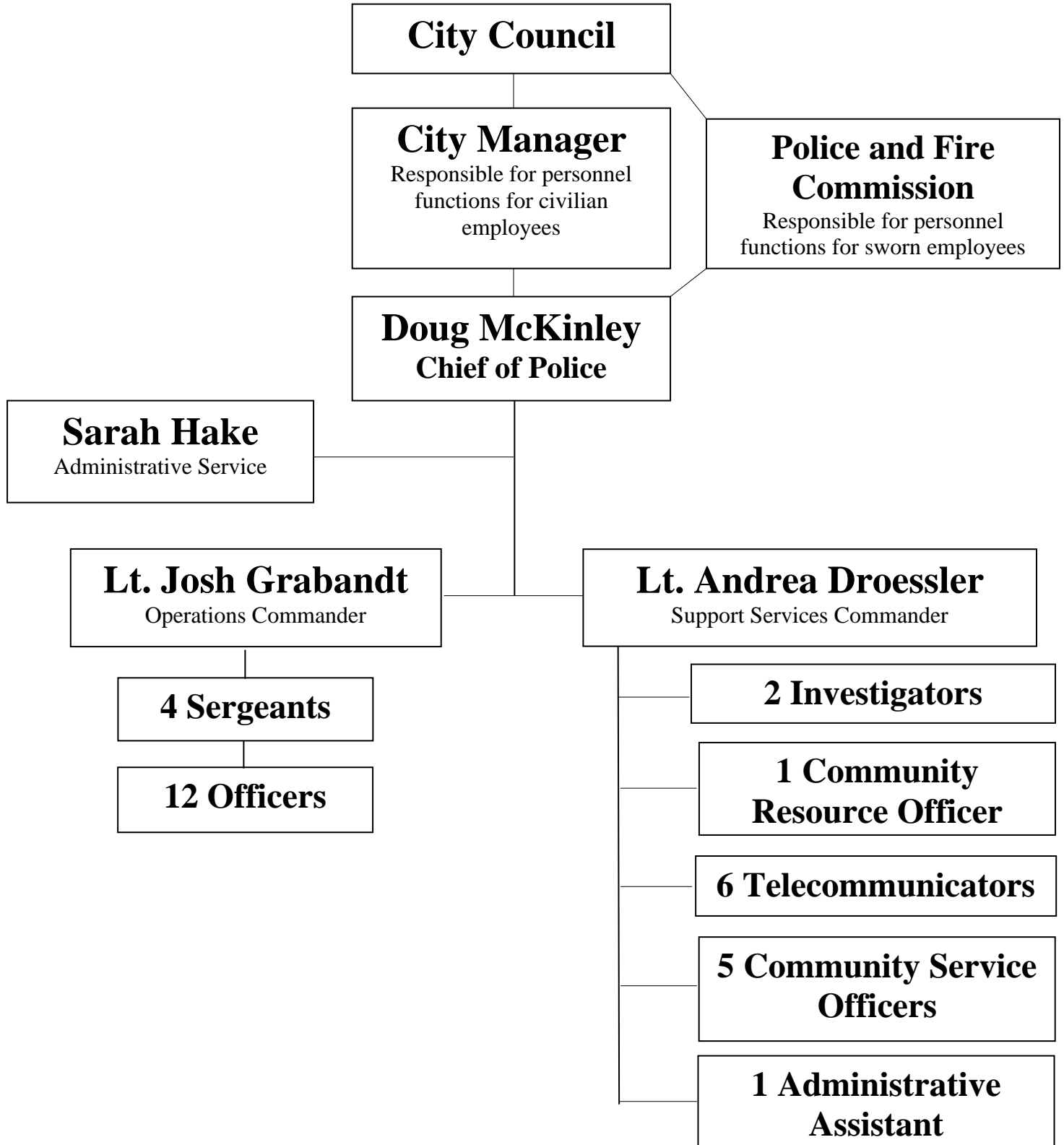
*Professionalism:* We shall serve the community with the utmost respect by demonstrating humility, competence, and compassion.

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

## **Goals:**

1. Increase community engagement
  - a. Host a department Open House annually
  - b. Participate in at least five community events
  - c. Increase our overall community outreach using social media
2. Complete a department policy manual review and update
  - a. Ensure that all polices meet the WILEAG accreditation standards
  - b. Make sure our department policies are in line with the department mission and values
  - c. Seek input from department members who have expertise and training in policy areas
3. Improve recruitment and retention efforts
  - a. Enhance career development by providing relevant training
  - b. Engage on social media to increase exposure for department employment opportunities
  - c. Maintain full staffing

# 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**

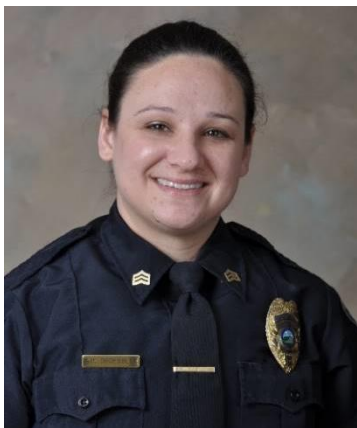
Education: B.A. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

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 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 (PT Admin. Asst) Promoted to Office Coordinator: Feb 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 full time 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  
MSE: Counseling emphasis, UW-Platteville

Hired: September 17, 2007

Promoted to Sergeant: May 2015

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 12th year. Kris enjoys any outdoor activities, softball, creating and fixing things, 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.



### **Sergeant Paul Rehlinger**

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville  
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: January 26, 2009

Promoted to Sergeant: March 7, 2021

Sergeant Paul Rehlinger grew up in Hartford, Wisconsin and graduated from Hartford Union High School in 2004. Paul is a 2008 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Accounting. Paul graduated from the SWTC Police Academy in August of 2008. Paul started with the Platteville Police Department as a Community Service Officer in 2007 and was hired as an officer in 2009. Paul achieved the rank of Officer-In-Charge (OIC) in 2012 and became a Police RADAR/LASER Instructor in 2013. Paul was assigned to the position of Detective and joined the Grant County Law Enforcement Honor Guard in 2014. Paul returned to patrol and in 2017 became a Field Training Officer (FTO). In 2018, Paul became a certified Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVOC) instructor. Paul was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2021. Paul is also a volunteer firefighter, school bus driver and EMS driver. Paul is an active volunteer at his church and enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping with his family.



# 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

Assigned to Detective Position

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.



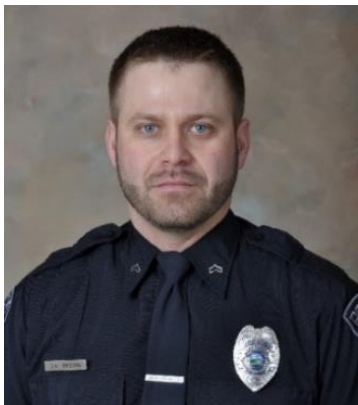
## **Officer Nathan Auz**

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.

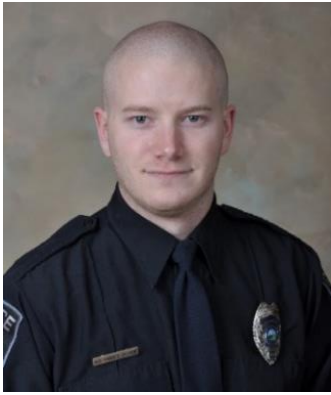


## **Officer Jacob Brown**

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 Tony Vander Velden**

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

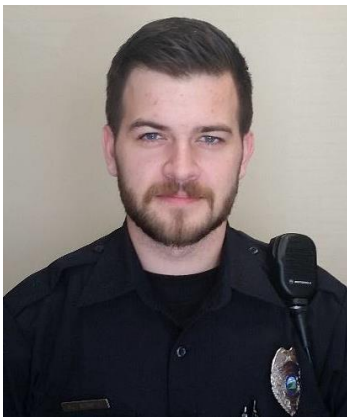
Officer Tony Vander Velden is a 2013 graduate of UW-Platteville with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and SWTC Law Enforcement Academy. He is a Field Training Officer, Officer In Charge, and is a member of the State Methamphetamine Clandestine Lab Response Team. He is currently assigned as a Detective.



**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 was previously a Military Policeman in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and a part-time Police Officer in the Rock River Safety Patrol. Coree achieved the rank of Officer-In-Charge (OIC) in 2020 and Field Training Officer (FTO) in 2018. She is a member of the Grant County Honor Guard, an advisor for the Platteville Police Explorers, and a negotiator for the Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team (SWERT). Coree is a certified Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) Instructor and Scenarios Instructor. She instructs at the SWTC Law Enforcement Academy.



**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 worked as a Community Service Officer with the Appleton Police Department for 3 years before moving to Platteville. Simeon completed various trainings which include Rescue Task Force (2017), Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection Enforcement (2017), ALICE instructor (2018), Scenario Instructor (2019) and Basic SWAT (2021). Simeon achieved the rank of Officer in Charge in 2020. In 2021, he became a member of the Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team (SWERT) and became a field training officer.



**Officer Joshua Stowe**

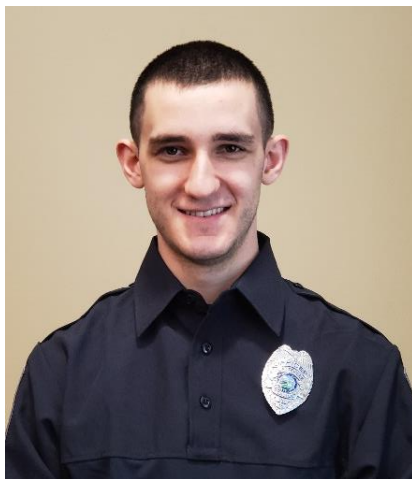
Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

2019 SWTC Law Enforcement Academy

Hired: January 7, 2019

Assigned to Community Resource Officer Position

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 works closely with the school district. Officer Stowe was raised in Hartford, WI. Outside of work, he also volunteers with the Cuba City Fire Department.



**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.



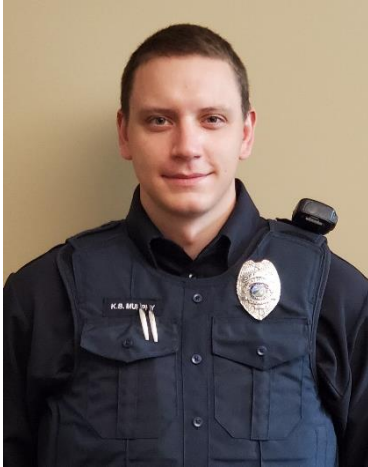
**Officer Jarad Bartelt**

Education: Associates Degree in Liberal Arts, Madison College & B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville

2020 SWTC 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 SWTC 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.



**Officer Jeremy Tyler**

Education: Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, SWTC  
2021 SWTC Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: November 29, 2021

Officer Jeremy Tyler is a 2021 Graduate of the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy and has earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice through SWTC. Officer Tyler was born and raised in Connersville, Indiana and graduated from Connersville Senior High School in 2011. Before starting school at Southwest Tech, Officer Tyler spent six years working in mental health in a variety of settings. In November 2021, he began his career with the Platteville Police Department. When not working, Jeremy enjoys spending time with his wife and their pet dog and cat, fishing, hunting, playing golf and tennis, and watching sports.



**Officer Larissa Klemm**

Education: Associates Degree in Graphic Design, Highland Community College  
2022 SWTC Law Enforcement Academy  
Hired: June 27, 2022

Officer Larissa Klemm is a 2022 Graduate of the Southwest Technical College Law Enforcement Academy. Prior to attending the Academy, she was a Personal Trainer and has a degree in Graphic Design. When not working, Larissa enjoys working out, reading, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.



# **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 Tina Davies**

Education: B.S. Education, UW-Platteville

Hired: September 20, 2021

Tina began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in September 2021. Tina comes to us with 18 years EMT service, 12 with Platteville EMS and 6 with Southwest Health EMS. She continues to serve with Southwest Health EMS as an AEMT (casual status). Tina served 13 years as a firefighter. She is also a CPR Instructor through SWTC. When not at work, Tina enjoys photography and going on walks with her dog.



**Telecommunicator Ian Schulte**

Education: B.A. International Affairs, James Madison University

Hired: Feb 28, 2022

Ian began working as a full-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in February 2022. Ian graduated from James Madison University in 2012. Shortly after, he joined the Marine Corps for 5 years. After leaving the service, he took a job in corporate security in Dubuque. Ian was looking for a job that was a better fit with his skills and interests and has enjoyed working for the police department.



**Telecommunicator Pilar Arroyo Magana**

Hired: September 19, 2022

Pilar began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in September 2022. Pilar graduated high school from Belmont, WI in 2014. She worked in the education field for 3 years, working as a translator and ESL Aide for the Belmont School District. When not at work, Pilar enjoys spending time with her husband, Israel, and her four children, Emily, Miguel, and twin boys, Austin and Anthony.

# 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 Alex Watson**

Education: Medical Lab Technician, SWTC

Hired: August 13, 2018

Transferred to Administrative Assistant: December 2021

Alex began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in August 2018 and became full-time on July 21, 2019. She transferred to the Administrative Assistant Position in December of 2021. 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 is currently serving on Montfort EMS and Rewey 1<sup>st</sup> Responders as well as serving as Rewey First Responders' training officer. She grew up in Lancaster and currently lives in Mineral Point. When not at work, Alex enjoys fishing and camping.

# 2022 Community Service Officers

The Police Department Community Service Officer Program (started in 2000) is in its 22<sup>nd</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.

Will Elkins  
Gabriel Burgin  
Nicholas Seidl

Ethan Neumann (graduated Dec 2022)  
Noah Brueggeman-Hulse (graduated Dec 2022)





# Retirement

## **Administrative Assistant Jennifer Schmid**

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

Hired: January 14, 1985 (Telecommunicator)

Transferred to Administrative Assistant: December 2011

Jennifer Schmid retired on January 4, 2022 after 37 years of total service to the City of Platteville! She got her start at the police department in 1985, as a Telecommunicator. After serving for 27 years in Dispatch, she transferred to the full-time Administrative Assistant position from which she retired after 10 more years of service. On January 4, 2022, she was presented a Plaque and Retirement Party as a Thank You for her service!



# Chaplain Program

The Police Department's Chaplain Program is a group of several 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.





## Platteville Police Explorers #480

The Platteville Police Explorer Post #480 is led by Sergeant Kris Purkapile, Officer Coree Lee, and Officer Josh Stowe of the Platteville Police Department. 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, and other activities. It also promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of the law, physical fitness, and good citizenship.

Post #480 held a fundraiser event in 2022, working the concession stand selling hotdogs and hamburgers at a Platteville High School Track Meet. The Explorers thank the high school for the use of their facility and the opportunity to fundraise at their event!

The annual Open House was hosted in September. We were grateful to see returning members and new faces eager to learn about law enforcement and assist in the Platteville community. Post #480 members assisted 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

## ← Stuff-The-Cruiser Event

City of Platteville Police Lieutenant Andrea Droessler and Officer Joshua Stowe stand outside the Platteville Piggly Wiggly during the Stuff-The-Cruiser Event in June. Items collected are provided to a local food pantry. It took two trips to get everything delivered to the food pantry! Thank you to Piggly Wiggly and the Platteville Community!



## ↑ Open House

The police department hosted an Open House in March. The last Open House was pre-pandemic, so we were pleasantly surprised by the response! We estimate that around 100 people toured the PD and watched demonstrations about Tactical Equipment, Squad Cars, Fingerprinting, DAAT, and other general law enforcement functions.

## Special Olympics Torch Run

On August 6th, the law enforcement torch run in support of the Wisconsin Special Olympics kicked off in Platteville. Chief McKinley, Officer Auz, and CRO Stowe helped carry the torch through town on the opening leg of the journey through the state. Also assisting were members of the UW-Platteville Police, and the Grant County Sheriff's Office. Known as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the "Flame of Hope" into Opening Ceremonies of local competitions.



## Platteville Sweet Treats on Main

Officers provided traffic direction every year during the Sweet Treats on Main in October to assist in keeping kids safe during this event. This event, provided by Main Street merchants, provides safe trick-or-treating for kids of all ages and includes activities at businesses on Main Street and in city park!





**Community Event** →

Personnel from the Platteville Police Dept, Platteville Fire Dept, Platteville Street Dept, UW-Platteville Police, Southwest Health EMS, Grant County Sheriff's Dept, WI DNR, Alliant Energy, and Bard's Materials held a family friendly event in the high school parking lot in September to answer questions, show the vehicles, equipment, and gear used for each job.





**School Crossing Helpers! →**

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.



Grinch with many of his new friends at Neal Wilkins Elementary School. Some of the kids kept an eye on him just to be sure he didn't pull a fast one!



Getting to interact with our community in a positive way, especially with kids, is one of the best parts of the job! Officer Stowe stopped by this Lemonade Stand for some homemade lemonade on a hot summer day!





## Donkey Basketball! ↓

The Platteville High School FFA challenged the Police Department to participate in Donkey Basketball! We, being good sports and a little competitive, (and naïve, since some of us didn't know what this was), said, "sure, why not?" Apparently, Donkey Basketball is not the same as Horse, and no spelling is involved. A good time was had by all! The donation offered to the PD by the FFA from admission fees was donated back to the FFA! We hope everyone was impressed with our basketball, donkey riding, and tie-breaker dance-off skills!

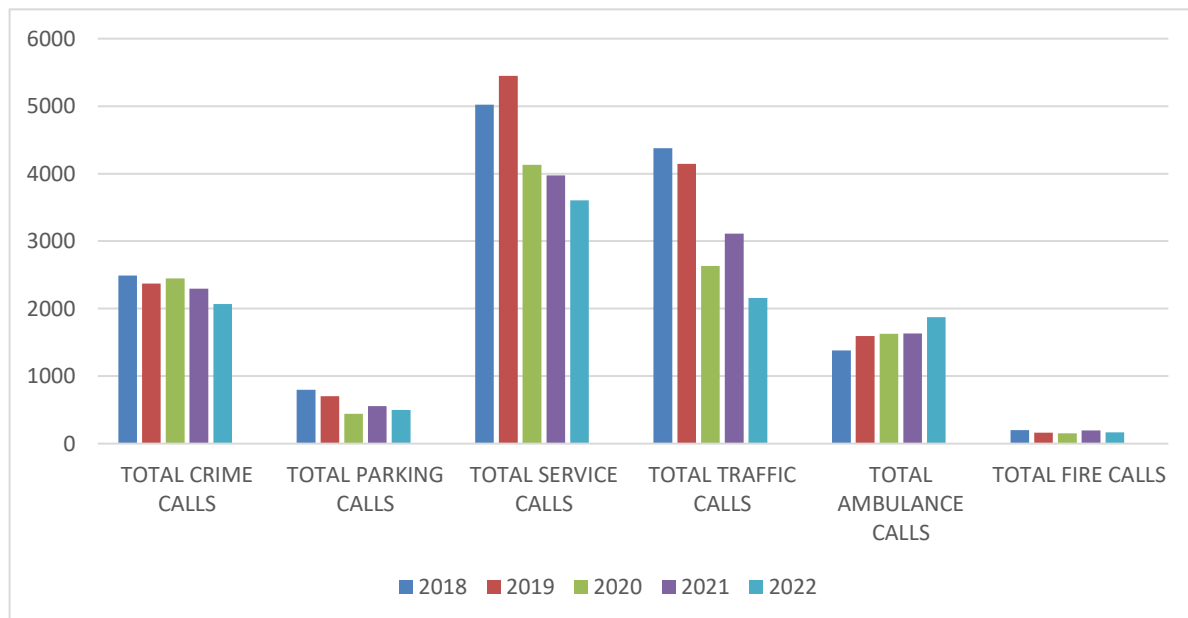


## Principal Functions/Major Programs (What does this unit do?)

The City is served by 20 sworn Officers (this number includes 12 Patrol Officers, 2 Detectives, 4 Sergeants, 2 Lieutenants, and a Chief), 1 Office Coordinator, 4 full-time and 2 part-time Dispatchers, 1 full-time Administrative Assistant, 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, direct traffic, animal complaints, home security checks, and enforce parking ordinances.
- 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 at Camp/Lancaster Intersection.

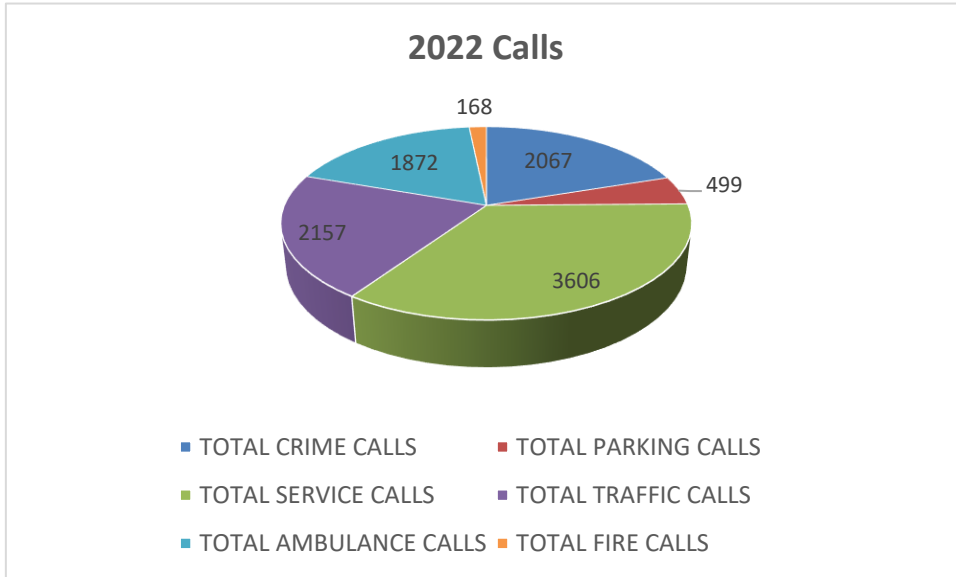
5-YEAR COMPARIBLE					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>TOTAL CRIME CALLS</b>	2492	2372	2449	2296	2067
<b>TOTAL PARKING CALLS</b>	797	702	444	555	499
<b>TOTAL SERVICE CALLS</b>	5024	5450	4130	3973	3606
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CALLS</b>	4376	4144	2633	3110	2157
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE CALLS</b>	1381	1592	1628	1630	1872
<b>TOTAL FIRE CALLS</b>	202	164	154	195	168





# 2022 ALL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Fire</b>
<b>2067</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>3606</b>	<b>2157</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>168</b>

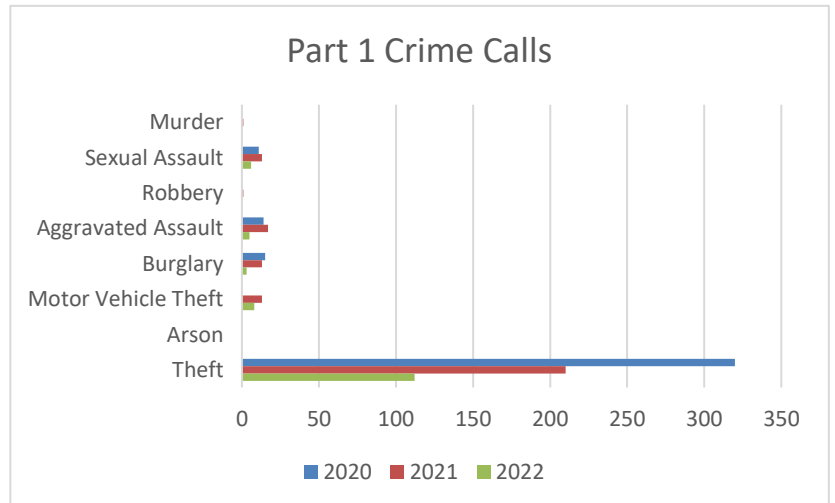


## CRIME CALLS

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:

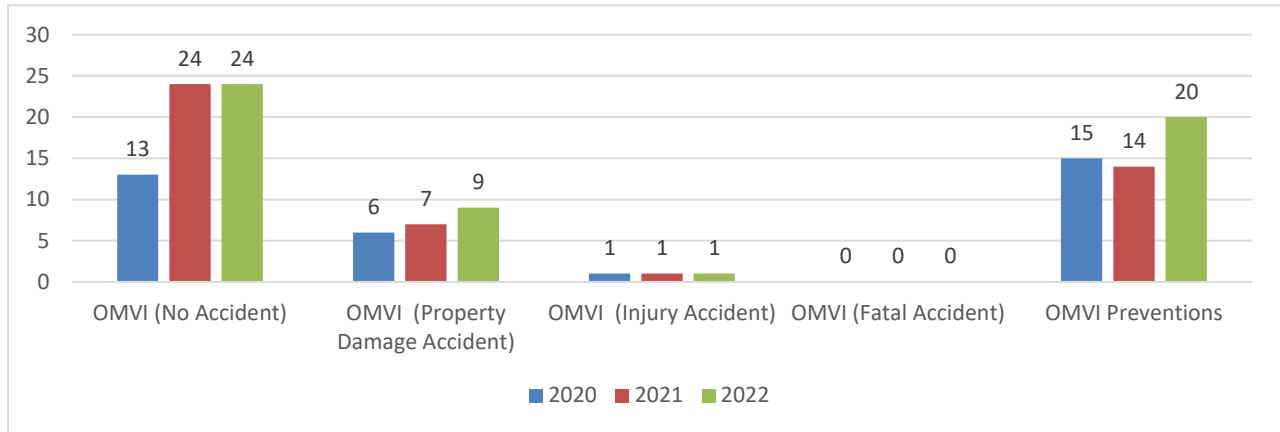
1. **Murder** – willful killing of one human being by another.
2. **Sexual Assault** – forcible carnal knowledge of a female.
3. **Robbery** – taking anything of value from a person by force or threat of force.
4. **Aggravated Assault** – unlawful attack by one person upon another (use or threat of use 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.

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	0
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	11	13	6
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	14	17	5
<b>Burglary</b>	15	13	3
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	11	13	8
<b>Arson</b>	1	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	1320	210	112



## OMVIs

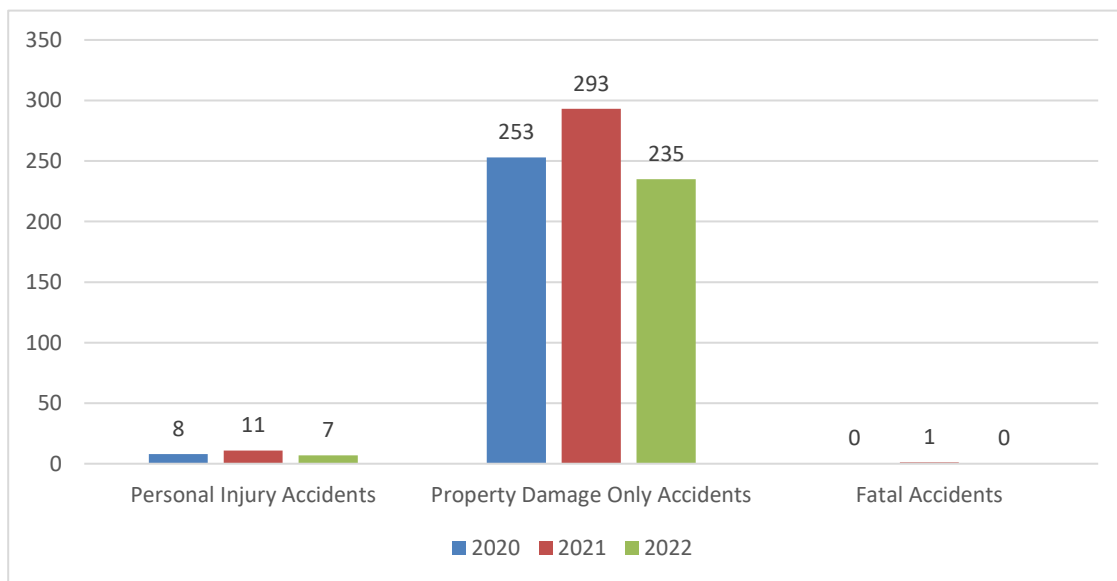
OMVIs	2020	2021	2022
OMVI (No Accident)	13	24	24
OMVI (Property Damage Accident)	6	7	9
OMVI (Injury Accident)	1	0	1
OMVI (Fatal Accident)	0	0	0
OMVI Preventions	15	14	20



## ACCIDENTS

Accidents*	2020	2021	2022
Personal Injury Accidents	8	11	7
Property Damage Only Accidents	253	293	235
Fatal Accidents	0	1	0

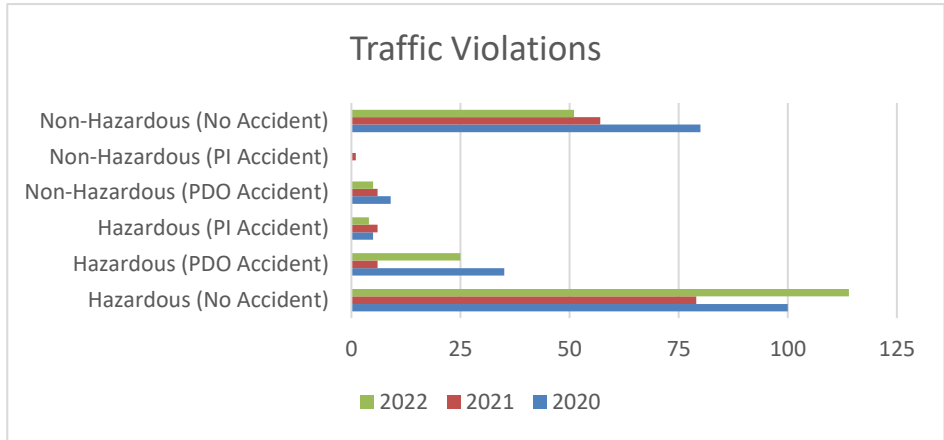
\*excludes OMVI accidents, see OMVI stats for those





# TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

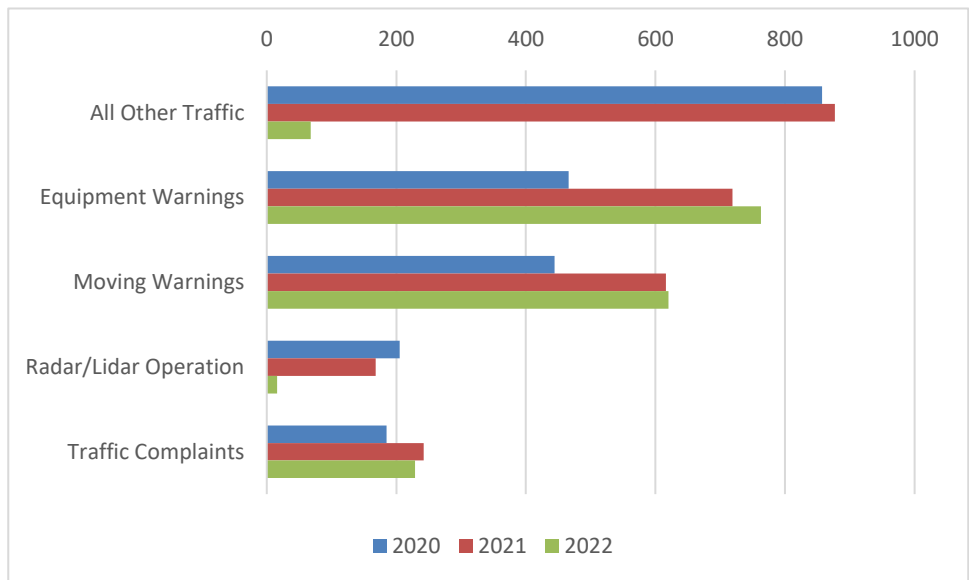
	2020	2021	2022
<b>Hazardous (No Accident)</b>	100	79	114
<b>Hazardous (PDO Accident)</b>	35	6	25
<b>Hazardous (PI Accident)</b>	5	6	4
<b>Non-Hazardous (PDO Accident)</b>	9	6	5
<b>Non-Hazardous (PI Accident)</b>	0	1	0
<b>Non-Hazardous (No Accident)</b>	80	57	51



## Other Traffic

	2020	2021	2022
<b>All Other Traffic</b>	857	877	68*
<b>Equipment Warnings</b>	466	719	763
<b>Moving Warnings</b>	444	616	620
<b>Radar/Lidar Operation</b>	205	168	16*
<b>Traffic Complaints</b>	185	242	229

\*A change in how we track these activities reduced these categories



# SERVICE CALLS

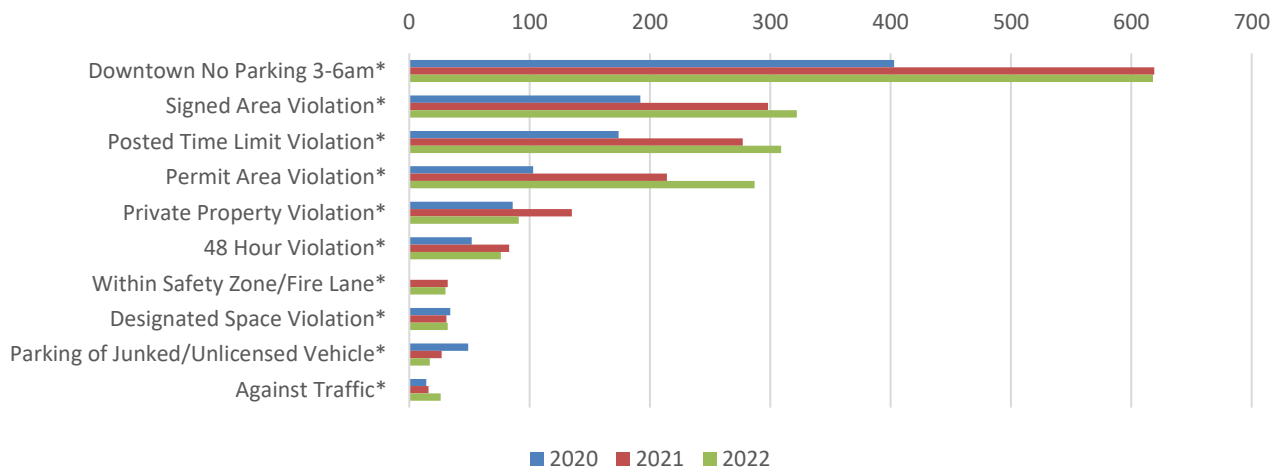
In addition to Crime and Traffic Prevention/Enforcement, the Platteville Police Department responds to a great number of calls for service. Below is a breakdown of Service Calls comparing the last 3 years.

	2020	2021	2022
<b>Alarms (Alarms and Alarm Tests)</b>	130	12	110
<b>All Other Service</b>	589	525	506
<b>Attempt to Locate</b>	34	21	16
<b>Bicycle Patrol</b>	1	0	9
<b>Civil Assist - Child Exchanges</b>	19	14	20
<b>Civil Assist - Code Violations</b>	0	42	22
<b>Civil Assist - Other</b>	284	339	274
<b>Civil Assist - Other City Department</b>	161	147	129
<b>Civil Assist - Paper Service</b>	12	26	45
<b>Civil Assist - Probation and Parole</b>	10	0	2
<b>Civil Assist - Social Services</b>	21	13	18
<b>Community Policing</b>	97	89	86
<b>Community Policing - Schools</b>	41	41	102
<b>Crossing Guard (when service provided by Officers)</b>	12	7	0
<b>Elevator Assistance Call</b>	8	6	1
<b>Foot Patrol</b>	97	133	85
<b>Lost and Found Articles</b>	322	317	208
<b>Law Enforcement Assist</b>	162	179	197
<b>Locked Vehicle/Residence Assistance</b>	305	310	277
<b>Motorist Assist</b>	83	79	106
<b>OMVI Prevention</b>	15	14	20
<b>Open Door</b>	18	16	14
<b>Police Escort</b>	0	0	0
<b>Ride Along</b>	8	10	17
<b>Salvation Army Requests</b>	41	40	52
<b>Security Checks</b>	547	450	570
<b>Special Patrol</b>	576	472	241
<b>Tavern Checks</b>	9	9	17
<b>Welfare Checks</b>	249	302	247
<b>911 Hang-Up/Mis Dials</b>	214	225	225

# PARKING

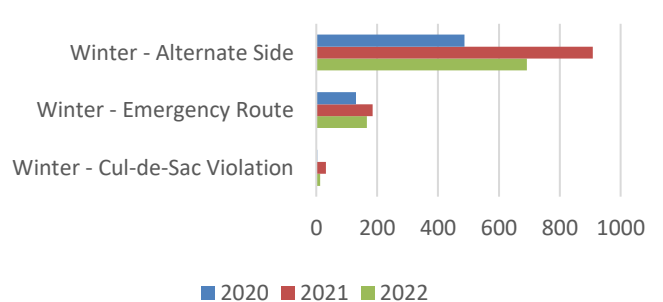
YEAR-ROUND VIOLATIONS	2020	2021	2022
<b>Downtown No Parking 3-6am*</b>	403	619	618
<b>Signed Area Violation*</b>	192	298	322
<b>Posted Time Limit Violation*</b>	174	277	309
<b>Permit Area Violation*</b>	103	214	287
<b>Private Property Violation*</b>	86	135	91
<b>48 Hour Violation*</b>	52	83	76
<b>Within Safety Zone/Fire Lane*</b>	0	32	30
<b>Designated Space Violation*</b>	34	31	32
<b>Parking of Junked/Unlicensed Vehicle*</b>	49	27	17
<b>Against Traffic*</b>	14	16	26
Parking within 4 feet of driveway or across driveway	4	12	9
Improper Parking or Stopping	6	12	12
Fire Hydrant Parking Violation	13	9	14
Within 15 feet of Crosswalk	2	5	3
Parking on a Sidewalk	1	3	0
Block Intersection or Crosswalk	1	2	4
Handicap Parking Violation	4	1	5

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



WINTER PARKING VIOLATIONS	2020	2021	2022
<b>Winter - Cul-de-Sac Violation</b>	3	32	13
<b>Winter - Emergency Route</b>	130	185	166
<b>Winter - Alternate Side</b>	487	909	692

**Winter Parking Violations**



## 2022 Lifesaving Awards

At the February 2023 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees for their critical roles in lifesaving incidents:

Officer Simeon Morell, Officer Jarad Bartelt, Sergeant Ryan Knoernschild, Officer Jeremy Tyler, Officer Josh Stowe, and Officer Murphy\*.



The above officers performed lifesaving measures on several occasions from Jan 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. The Platteville Police Department holds an annual department meeting which includes the recognition of officers and employees for their actions and outstanding efforts in their service to the community. These officers were quick to respond, assess the situation, and provided immediate life saving measures that resulted directly in saving a number of lives.

\*Received lifesaving awards for 2 separate incidents



## 2022 Awards of Merit

At the February 2023 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees who were nominated for an Award of Merit:

Sergeant Kris Purkapile, Telecommunicator Pilar Arroyo Magana, and Officer Jacob Brown.



The Platteville Police Department holds an annual department meeting which includes the recognition of officers and employees for their actions and outstanding efforts in some specific situations. This includes handling some extremely difficult incidents in which their efforts resulted in favorable outcomes or they have tackled some difficult projects to improve internal communication, job satisfaction, and efficiency (Award of Merit). These employees demonstrate professionalism which represents the department well. Their actions show our professionalism, the importance we place on the preservation of human life and our commitment to holding offenders accountable.

## **2022 Employee of the Year!**

An Employee of the Year Award was established in 2017. Recipients are nominated by fellow employees anonymously. These employees are recognized at the annual department meeting the following year. The 2022 Recipient is Administrative Assistant Alex Watson.



Alex transferred to the Administrative Assistant Position from Dispatch in January 2022. Her experience and eagerness made her a good fit immediately. Alex never shies away from a project or task and is eager to problem solve. She is always willing to jump in where needed. She is always open to change and working to make tasks more efficient. While short-staffed in Dispatch, Alex accepted the challenge of covering multiple dispatch shifts while still handling the needs of the Records Office. Her attention to detail and excellent memory are on display in both roles as Administrative Assistant and Telecommunicator. She has an all-around good knowledge of the workings of the police department. Besides being a dedicated, eager, efficient, quality employee, she is a pleasure to work with and has a great sense of humor!