

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Platteville, Wisconsin
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Department
Doug McKinley, Chief of Police

January 17, 2024

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

Residents, Council Members, Commissioners, and City Manager Langreck,

At least two of the three projects I discussed in last year's annual report cover letter still need to be completed. We encountered a significant delay with the installation of our radio repeater on the new Grant County radio tower on County Highway D due to problems with Grant County's overall radio tower project. We now hope to see this project completed in mid-2024. We have made significant progress on our camera project, and we still plan to have cameras installed at two more intersections in the city. We have already seen the benefits of our cameras as they were instrumental in helping our officers identify a suspect in a significant investigation. Our new radio computer server has been installed, our staff has been trained on it and we are working on achieving the full functionality of the system by working through a few remaining issues with the transition to the new equipment.

In 2024 we plan to place an emphasis on preparing and training our staff for school and workplace incidents involving threats of violence and/or on-going incidents. We have already started this task by having our officers tour some of the academic and residential buildings on the UW-Platteville campus. We intend to continue to familiarize our officers with new and remodeled buildings throughout the city and we plan to actively train in some of these locations as well.

We are due to renew our accreditation status through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) in October. We were first accredited three years ago, and we have seen our entire staff adapt well to the concept of accreditation. Internally we have seen an enhancement of our professionalism and how we do business on a daily basis, and I believe accreditation has also positively impacted how we serve the community.

Based on how the presidential election went in 2020 we are expecting 2024 to be somewhat chaotic although we're hoping we don't have to implement pandemic protocols for our in-person voting in the city.

We're starting 2024 fully staffed in our Dispatch Center and at the sworn officer level albeit with 20 officers instead of the 21 we were previously authorized and budgeted for. Recruiting new officers and telecommunicators is a long, time-consuming process and we would much rather retain the talent we have than experience vacancies and spend time searching for replacement officers and telecommunicators. With this in mind, the City negotiated a new three-year union contract with the officers and implemented a new compensation plan for the non-union employees of the City. We're hopeful this will translate into increased employee retention as the City makes progress towards remaining competitive with other employers in the area and in the field of policing and emergency dispatching.

As always, in the report accompanying this letter you will find information regarding the staff of the Platteville Police Department and what we did in 2023. Please look me up if you have questions or concerns.

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
Platteville Police Department

The Platteville Police Department revised and updated its Mission Statement and its Department Values in 2023. The Mission Statement and Values are 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.

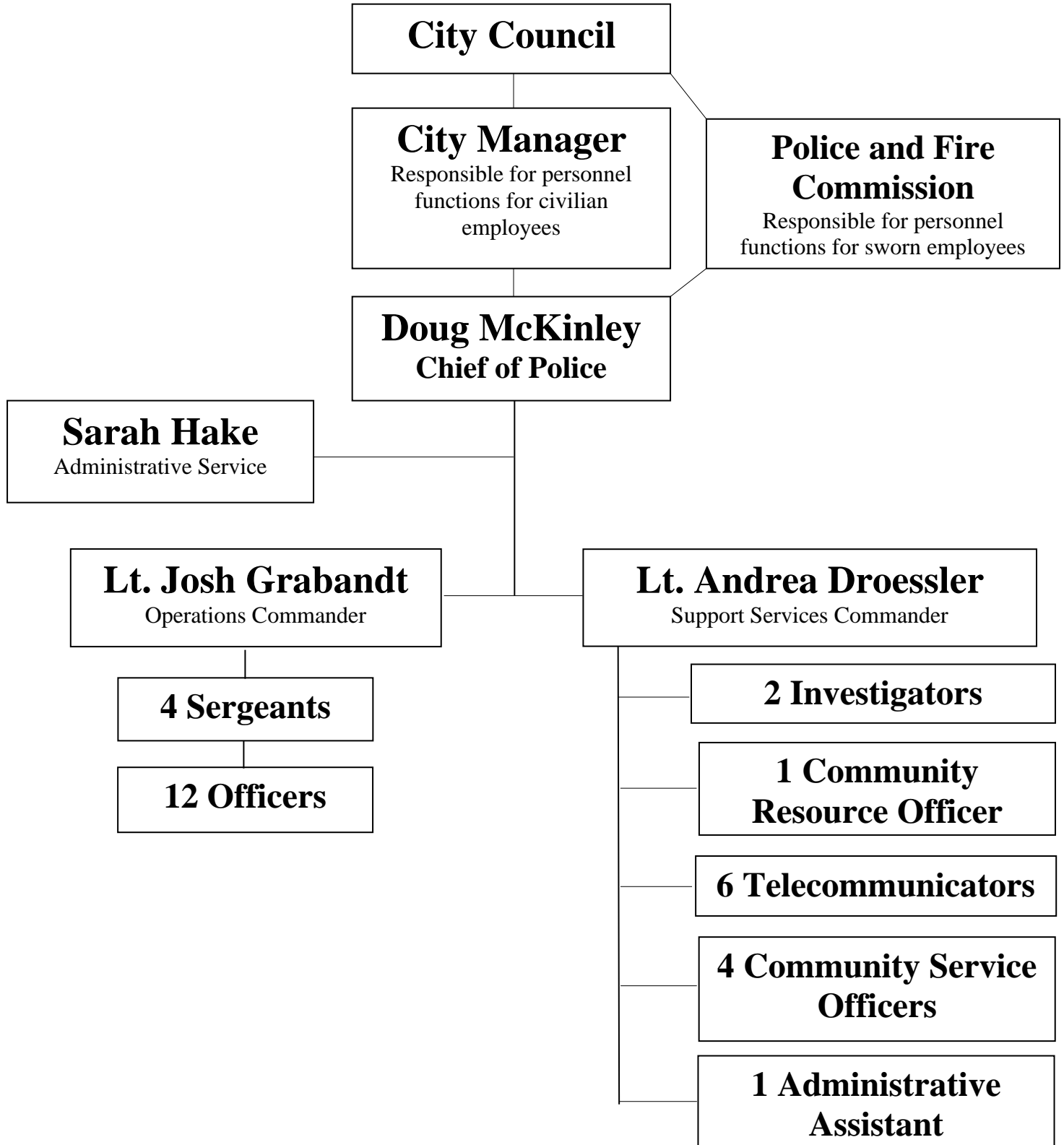
Professionalism: We shall serve the community with the utmost respect by demonstrating humility, competence, and compassion.

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 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 graduated in December 2021 with a Master of Science in Education with a Counseling emphasis from UW-Platteville. She 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). 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, 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 is a 2008 graduate of UW-Platteville, with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and the SWTC Police Academy. Paul achieved the rank of Sergeant in 2021. Paul has also held the positions of Officer-In-Charge, Detective, Field Training Officer, and he is an instructor in EVOC and RADAR/LASER. Paul is also a proud member of the Grant County Law Enforcement Honor Guard.

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 1st 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.



Detective Amy Hartwig

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

Hired: January 8, 2007

Assigned to Detective Position

Detective 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 in patrol as an Officer in Charge and Field Training Officer, Amy was assigned to a Detective's position in 2013. As such, she is responsible for investigations in the City of Platteville to include, death investigations, narcotics, fraud/financial crimes, sexual assault and child abuse cases, among others. Amy has completed many specialized and advanced trainings related to investigations.



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 was hired full-time by the City of Platteville in November of 2011. Jacob is a member of the Southwest Emergency Response Team and a Field Training Officer. He has attended First Line Supervisory School and is a certified Instructor for Vehicle Contacts, Scenarios, and Defensive Tactics. When Jacob is not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, UTVing and snowmobiling.



Detective 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

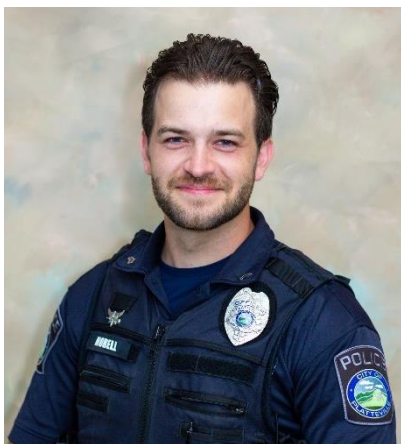
Detective Tony Vander Velden graduated from UW-Platteville in 2013 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and then completed the Law Enforcement Academy at SWTC. He has held various positions at the police department and is currently assigned to the Platteville Bureau of Investigations.



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 PD 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

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 Assigned to Community Resource Officer Position

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. He was hired as a full-time officer in 2020 and assigned as the Community Resource Officer in 2023. 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. 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.



Officer Brendan Overbey

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville
2023 Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy
Hired: May 22, 2023

Officer Brendan Overbey is a 2023 Graduate of the Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy and at the time of this report is about to complete his Field Training with the Platteville Police Department. He is originally from McHenry, IL. When not working, Brendan likes to visit family and friends, hike, and watch sports.

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, 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 20 years EMT service, 12 with Platteville EMS and 8 with Southwest Health EMS. She continues to serve with Southwest Health EMS as an AEMT (casual status). Tina served 13 years as a firefighter. When not at work, Tina enjoys photography and going on walks.



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.



Telecommunicator Jen Baker

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville
Hired: February 27, 2023

Jen began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in February 2023. Jen graduated from UW-Platteville in 2012 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. She completed the SWTC Police Academy following graduation. Jen worked a short time with Hazel Green PD, where she found her love in EMS and joined Cuba City Area Rescue Squad in November 2013. She was an EMT, CPR Instructor, and Service Director until February 2023 until she joined the Platteville Police Department parttime enabling her to have more time with family.

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 8 years of experience in emergency services, having served 6 years with Mineral Point EMS and 2 years with Southwest Health EMS. She is currently serving on the Mineral Point Rescue Squad, Montfort EMS, Rewey First Responders' serving as an active member, service director and training officer, and the Grant County Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team. She grew up in Lancaster and currently lives in Mineral Point. When not at work, Alex enjoys fishing and camping.

2023 Community Service Officers

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

Alexes Liddell (graduated Dec 2023)

Raymond Austin

Aidan Glasheen

Nicholas Seidl (graduated Dec 2023)



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.



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 May. 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 Picnic

The Police Department hosted a Community Picnic on September 27 at Valley View Park. Officers were available to discuss local ordinances, issues in the community, how to be a good neighbor, and what services are provided by law enforcement.



Community Picnic


Wed., Sept 27, 2023
5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Valley View Park
(on S Markee Ave.)

Join us!
Meet your
neighbors,
friends,
and
Platteville
Police
Officers!

Discussions about:

- Local Ordinances
- Issues in our Community
- How to be a good Neighbor
- What Services are provided by local law enforcement

Food and Drinks provided by:
The Platteville Police Department



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!

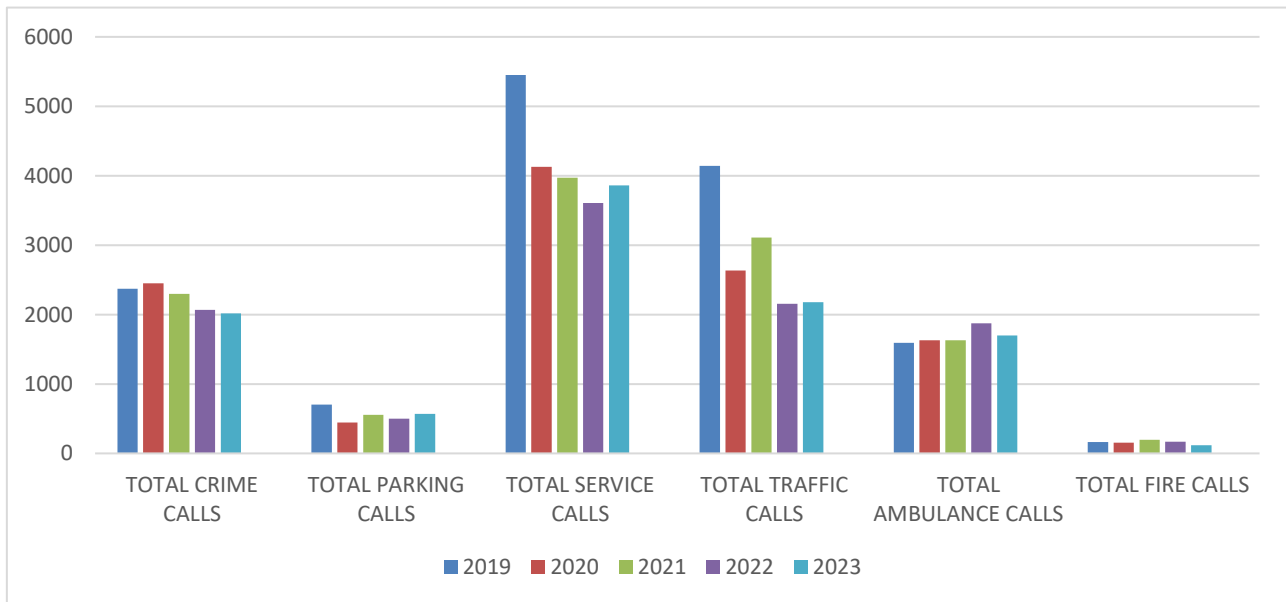


Principal Functions/Major Programs (What does this unit do?)

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, 3 full-time and 3 part-time Dispatchers, 1 full-time Administrative Assistant, and 4 Limited Term Community Service Officers. Together these employees provide the following:

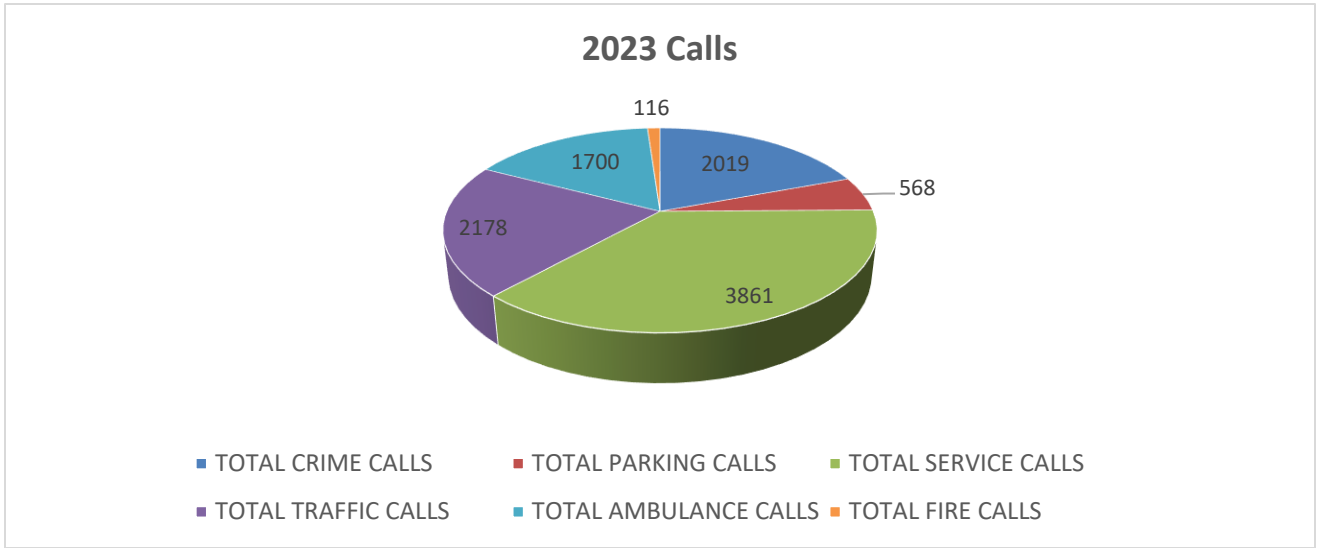
- Emergency Dispatch Services: 24-hours a day for Platteville Police Department Officers, the Platteville Emergency Medical Service, the Platteville Fire Dept., and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Campus Police Dept. Contingency Dispatch Center for the Grant Co. Sheriff's Dept. and back-up 911 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.
- Crossing guard duties at Camp/Lancaster Intersection.

5-YEAR COMPARIBLE					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL CRIME CALLS	2372	2449	2296	2067	2019
TOTAL PARKING CALLS	702	444	555	499	568
TOTAL SERVICE CALLS	5450	4130	3973	3606	3861
TOTAL TRAFFIC CALLS	4144	2633	3110	2157	2178
TOTAL AMBULANCE CALLS	1592	1628	1630	1872	1700
TOTAL FIRE CALLS	164	154	195	168	116



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Crime	Parking	Service	Traffic	Ambulance	Fire
2019	568	3861	2178	1700	116



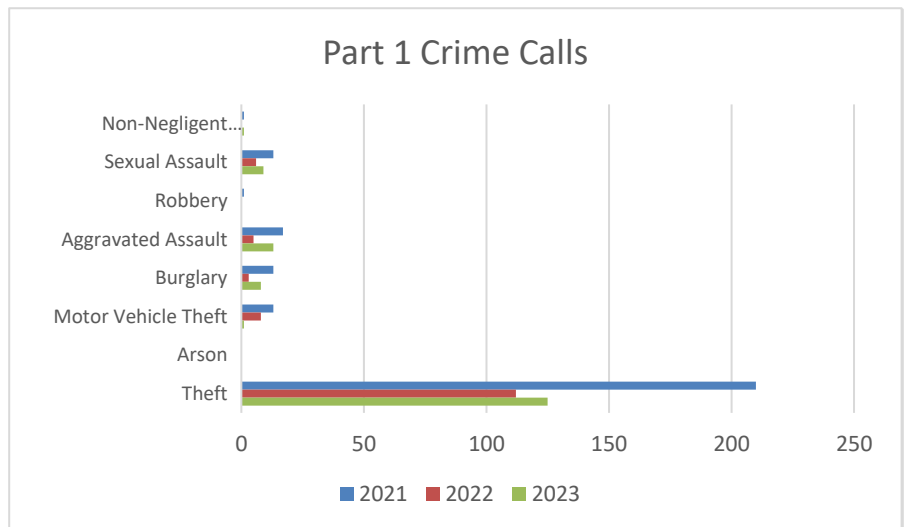
PART 1 CRIME CALLS

In Wisconsin, all sheriff 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. **Non-Negligent Manslaughter** – Recklessly causes the death of another under circumstances that show utter disregard for human life.
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.

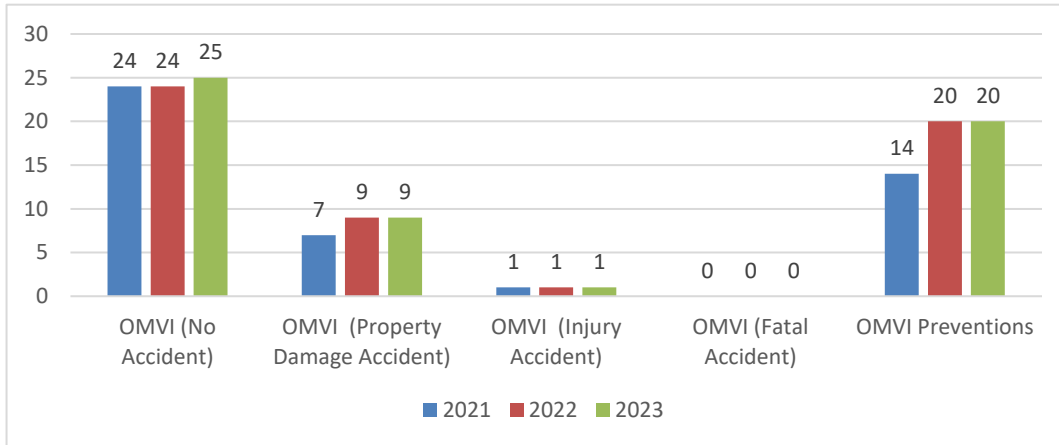
	2021	2022	2023
Non-negligent Manslaughter	1*	0	1*
Sexual Assault	13	6	9
Robbery	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	17	5	13
Burglary	13	3	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	8	1
Arson	0	0	0
Theft	210	112	125

*Overdose deaths being investigated as non-negligent Manslaughter



OMVIs

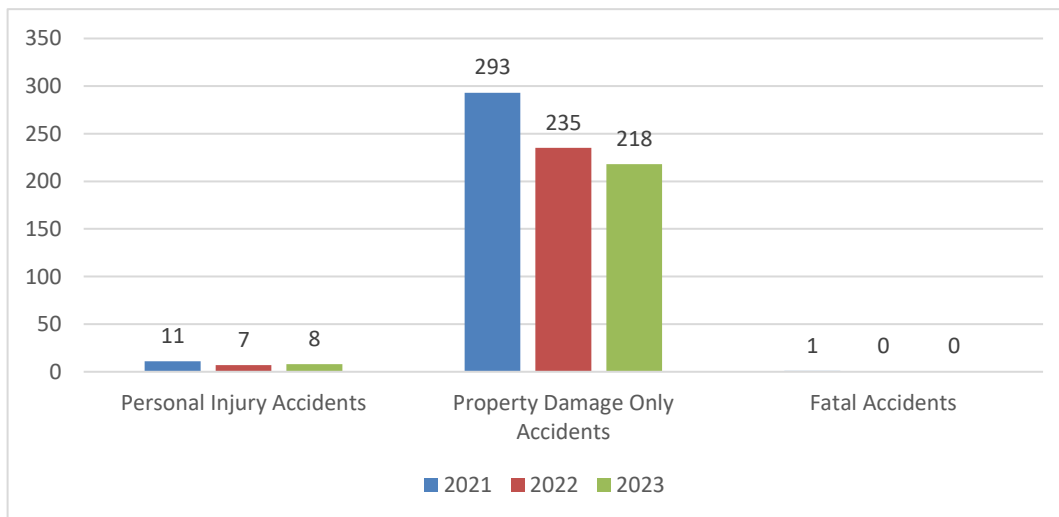
OMVIs	2021	2022	2023
OMVI (No Accident)	24	24	25
OMVI (Property Damage Accident)	7	9	9
OMVI (Injury Accident)	1	1	1
OMVI (Fatal Accident)	0	0	0
OMVI Preventions	14	20	20



ACCIDENTS

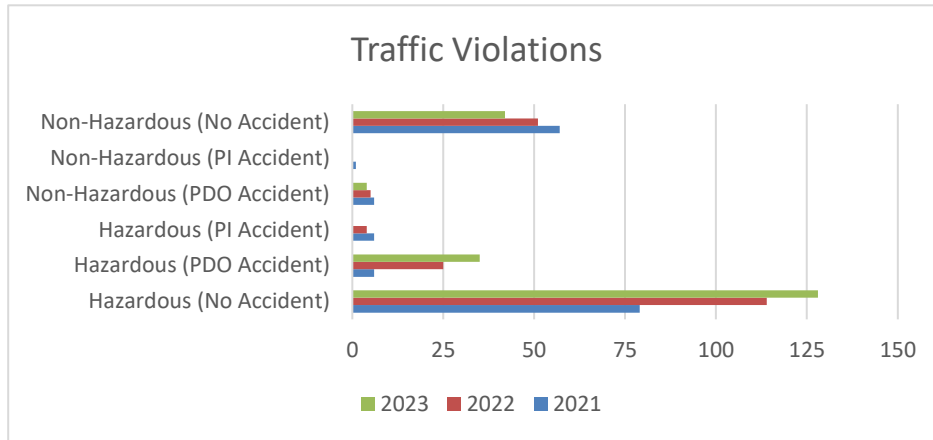
Accidents	2021	2022	2023
Personal Injury Accidents	11	7	8
Property Damage Only Accidents	293	235	218
Fatal Accidents	1	0	0

*excludes OMVI accidents, see OMVI stats for those



TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

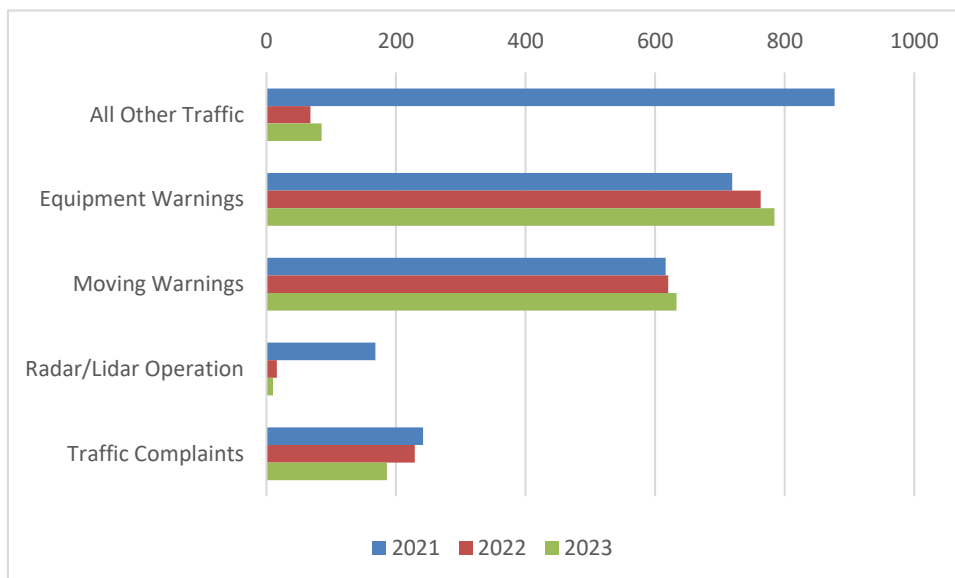
	2021	2022	2023
Hazardous (No Accident)	79	114	128
Hazardous (PDO Accident)	6	25	35
Hazardous (PI Accident)	6	4	0
Non-Hazardous (PDO Accident)	6	5	4
Non-Hazardous (PI Accident)	1	0	0
Non-Hazardous (No Accident)	57	51	42



Other Traffic

	2021	2022	2023
All Other Traffic	877	68	85
Equipment Warnings	719	763	784
Moving Warnings	616	620	633
Radar/Lidar Operation	168	16	10
Traffic Complaints	242	229	186

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



SERVICE CALLS

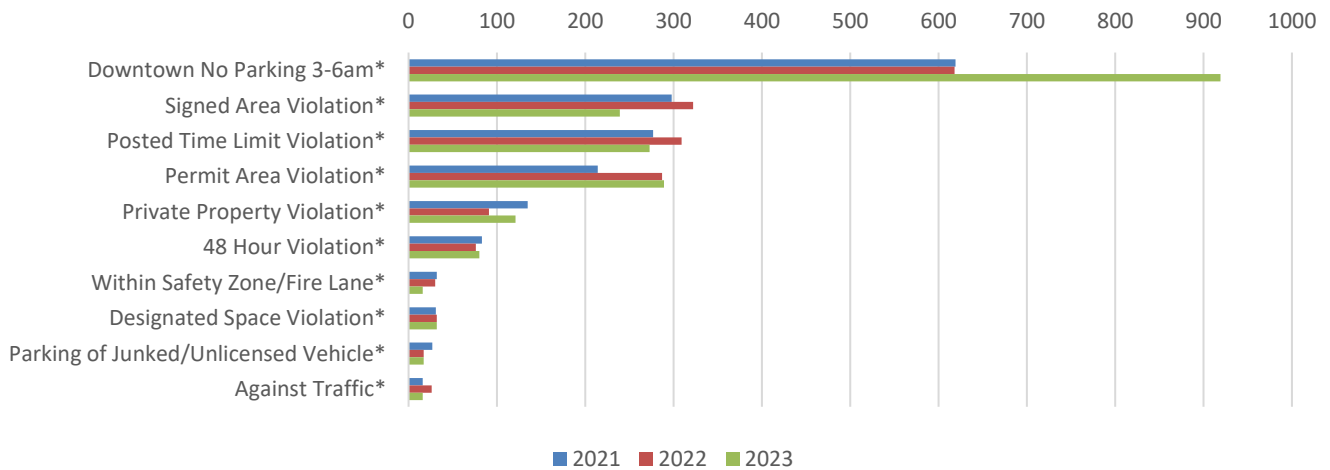
In addition to Crime and Traffic Prevention/Enforcement, the Platteville Police Department responds to a great number of calls for service. Below is a breakdown of Service Calls comparing the last 3 years.

	2021	2022	2023
Alarms (Alarms and Alarm Tests)	12	110	105
All Other Service	525	506	434
Attempt to Locate	21	16	12
Bicycle Patrol	0	9	6
Civil Assist - Child Exchanges	14	20	12
Civil Assist - Code Violations	42	22	25
Civil Assist - Other	339	274	252
Civil Assist - Other City Department	147	129	152
Civil Assist - Paper Service	26	45	35
Civil Assist - Probation and Parole	0	2	0
Civil Assist - Social Services	13	18	5
Community Policing	89	86	93
Community Policing - Schools	41	102	145
Crossing Guard (when service provided by Officers)	7	0	1
Elevator Assistance Call	6	1	3
Foot Patrol	133	85	71
Lost and Found Articles	317	208	252
Law Enforcement Assist	179	197	196
Locked Vehicle/Residence Assistance	310	277	265
Motorist Assist	79	106	75
OMVI Prevention	14	20	18
Open Door	16	14	22
Police Escort	0	0	0
Ride Along	10	17	12
Salvation Army Requests	40	52	31
Security Checks	450	570	580
Special Patrol	472	241	353
Tavern Checks	9	17	33
Welfare Checks	302	247	219
911 Hang-Up/Mis Dials	225	225	461

PARKING

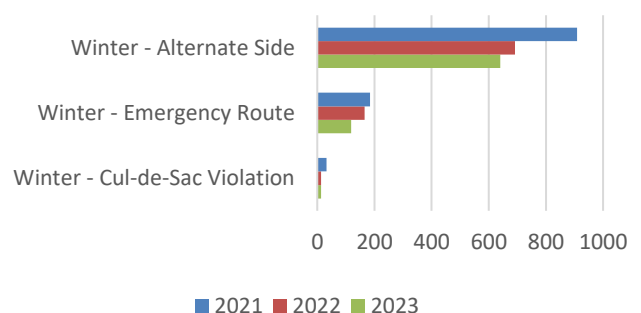
YEAR-ROUND VIOLATIONS	2021	2022	2023
Downtown No Parking 3-6am*	619	618	919
Signed Area Violation*	298	322	239
Posted Time Limit Violation*	277	309	273
Permit Area Violation*	214	287	289
Private Property Violation*	135	91	121
48 Hour Violation*	83	76	80
Within Safety Zone/Fire Lane*	32	30	16
Designated Space Violation*	31	32	32
Parking of Junked/Unlicensed Vehicle*	27	17	17
Against Traffic*	16	26	16
Parking within 4 feet of driveway or across driveway	12	9	14
Improper Parking or Stopping	12	12	12
Fire Hydrant Parking Violation	9	14	17
Within 15 feet of Crosswalk	5	3	11
Parking on a Sidewalk	3	0	5
Block Intersection or Crosswalk	2	4	5
Handicap Parking Violation	1	5	7
Double Parked	0	0	2

*Top 10 Violations (Year Round Violations)



WINTER PARKING VIOLATIONS	2021	2022	2023
Winter - Cul-de-Sac Violation	32	13	13
Winter - Emergency Route	185	166	118
Winter - Alternate Side	909	692	640

Winter Parking Violations



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2023 Lifesaving Awards

At the February 2024 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees for their critical roles in lifesaving incidents:

Officer Simeon Morell, Telecommunicator Ian Schulte, Officer Kevin Murphy,
and Officer Jake 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. 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.

2023 Awards of Merit

At the February 2024 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees who were nominated for an Award of Merit:

Sergeant Kris Purkapile, Officer Ethan Glendenning, Officer Nate Auz, Officer Kevin Murphy, Telecommunicator Pilar Arroyo Magana, Detective Amy Hartwig, Officer Jake Brown, Telecommunicator Ian Schulte, and Officer Jeremy Tyler.



2023 Commendations

At the February 2024 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees who were nominated for a Award of Commendation:

Administrative Assistant Alex Watson, Officer Ethan Glendenning, Officer Kevin Murphy, and Telecommunicator Brooklyn Goldthorpe.



2023 Officer 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 2023 Recipient is Officer Ethan Glendenning.

