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PLATTEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Mission Statement

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.

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Letter from the Chief of Police

January 12, 2026

Platteville Residents
Council President Barb Daus
Common Council Members
Police & Fire Commissioners
Acting City Manager Mark Rohloff

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

I'm going to change things up as I compose the cover letter for the 2025 annual report. Typically, I recount the accomplishments of the PD or recap the year that was but this year I'm feeling a bit nostalgic and introspective. I have announced my retirement from law enforcement after 35 years and I'm thinking a lot about the changes in policing and the Platteville PD in particular that I've seen during my career.

Advances in technology and a new police facility are the obvious changes I could cite when I look back at my career in Platteville. Yes, these advances have been very impactful. They affect how we do business at every level. In spite of this, I firmly believe the process of seeking and ultimately obtaining accreditation status through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) has been the single biggest improvement I've experienced during my tenure. The accreditation standards are stringent, and they require our staff to consistently perform to the level of the standards in everything we do. This enhances the professionalism of our staff and the level of pride we have in our department. Professionalism in policing equates directly to improvement in the level of service we provide to the Platteville community. We emphasize customer service and compassion in our agency culture, and we derive a lot of satisfaction from knowing that we're doing everything we can to deliver a quality work product in everything we do.

I've had people ask me what I want my legacy in policing to be. My first thought is that legacies are things that presidents and world leaders are concerned with. I never really aspired to be the Chief of Police until I'd done it as the acting Chief for several months, and I definitely didn't accept the position in order to leave a legacy of any kind. My goal today is the same as it's always been; do the right thing, in the right way, for the right reason(s) and hopefully at the right time. It's not a guarantee but if you can live up to these goals, the rest usually takes care of itself.

It's been the honor of my professional life to be a Platteville Police Officer and to serve the City of Platteville. I feel very confident about the future of the Platteville Police Department because we've got a culture grounded in service, compassion, and professionalism.

THANK YOU and Take Care!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug McKinley".

Doug McKinley
Chief of Police #300/#324
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.

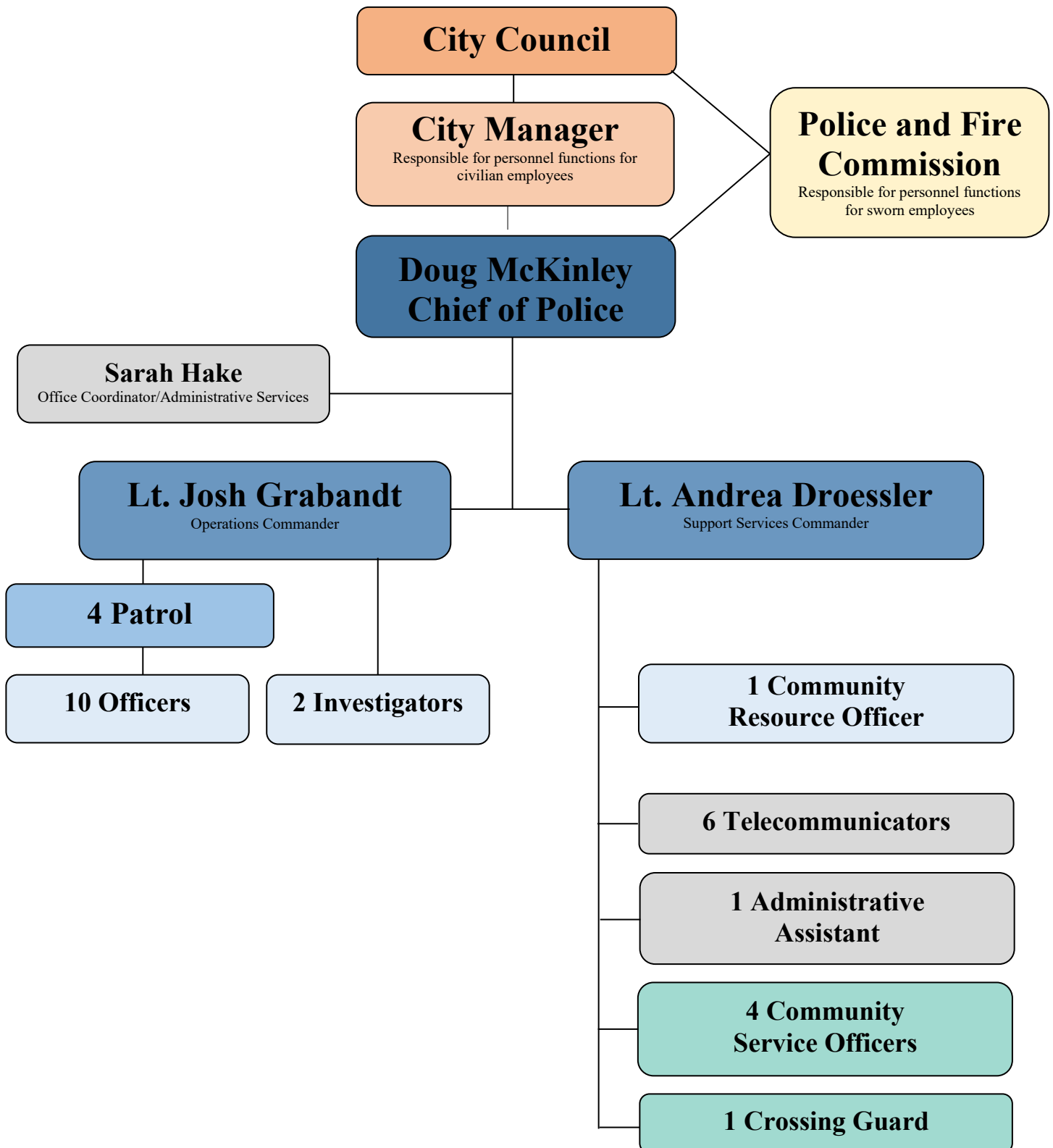
Professionalism: We shall serve the community with the utmost respect by demonstrating humility, competence, and compassion.

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 policies 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

Platteville Police Department Organizational Chart 2025



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 served for many years as the department's Lead Detective and Patrol Sergeant. 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 for many years. 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)

(plus 5 years as Task Force Office Manager from 1999-2004)

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 2009. In February 2018, she was promoted to full time Office Coordinator. When not at work she is a volunteer firefighter and first responder. She also serves as her fire department's treasurer, as a steward of her church, and as the secretary/treasurer of a cemetery board. 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 training courses 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, Scenario Instructor and is 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

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 assignments at the police department and is currently assigned to the Platteville Bureau of Investigations.



Officer Simeon Morell

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, Liberty University

Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, FVTC

Hired: Dec 12, 2016

Officer Simeon Morell is a 2014 graduate from Fox Valley Technical College. He served as a community service officer at the Appleton Police Department before relocating to Platteville. Simeon achieved the rank of Officer in Charge (OIC) in 2020. He is a Field Training Officer (FTO), a Tactical Response instructor, and Assistant Team Leader on the Southwest Wisconsin Emergency Response Team.



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 was in the Marine Reserves from 2017-2023. His career began with the Platteville Police Department in 2016 as a Community Service Officer. He was assigned to the Community Resource Officer position from 2020-2023. Officer Stowe is also on the Crisis Negotiations Team and one of the department drone operators.



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. Jarad became one of the department's drone operators in 2025. 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 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. Brendan became one of the department's drone operators in 2025. He is originally from McHenry, IL. When not working, Brendan likes to visit family and friends, hike, and watch sports.



Officer Nick Eddinger

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, UW-Platteville
2025 Southwest Technical College Law Enforcement Academy
Hired: January 6, 2025

Officer Nick Eddinger is a 2025 graduate of the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Law Enforcement Academy. He was born and raised in Sterling, Illinois. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family, friends, and his dogs. Officer Eddinger also enjoys fishing, hunting, working out, and watching sports.

Officer Ava Jorin

Education: B.S. Criminal Justice and Sociology, University of Dubuque
2025 Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy
Hired: June 2, 2025

Officer Ava Jorin is a 2025 Graduate of the Western Technical College Law Enforcement Academy and is currently in the FTO process with the Platteville Police Department. She is originally from Staten Island, New York and moved to the Midwest in 2021. She got her law enforcement career start with the Dubuque Police Department as an intern for 3 years. Ava would like to pursue training in Drug Interdiction and Domestic Violence Prevention. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her two dogs and cat, running, and hiking. She is looking forward to working as a police officer in the City of Platteville and getting to know the community!



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 Mikayla Hollingsworth
Education: B.S. Criminal Justice/Minor in Forensics Inv, UW-Platteville
Hired: May 22, 2024

Mika began working as a part-time Telecommunicator for the Platteville Police Department in May 2024. Mika graduated from UW-Platteville in 2024 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Forensic Investigation. This is her first job out of college and has found it to be a great fit for her skillset. When not working, she enjoys playing video games and longboarding around campus.

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 (as a Dispatcher)

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.

2025 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 assists 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.

CSO Cassidy Gagner
CSO Olivia Terwilliger
CSO Ross Rudich
CSO Charles Crouse



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.



Drone Project

In 2023, Officer Stowe initiated the fundraising efforts to acquire a drone for the police department. By the end of 2024, the necessary funds were secured to purchase the drone! Enough funds were procured to cover the cost of the drone, training, and licensing. While fundraising, Officer Stowe conducted thorough research into the training and licensing requirements for drone operations. This involved exploring certifications and training needed for law enforcement agencies to ensure that officers would be equipped with the skills to operate the drone safely and effectively. The drone will be utilized in a variety of scenarios, including search and rescue missions and crime scene documentation. Officer Stowe has also been working closely with local agencies that already utilize drones in their operations. This collaborative effort will strengthen the department's ability to deploy drone technology effectively, improving outcomes in both search and rescue operations and crime scene investigations.

Thank You to the following for their contributions to the Drone Project!

Platteville Community Fund	\$2,500	Dodgeville Walmart	\$1,000
Alliant Energy	\$1,000	Galena Walmart	\$ 250
Kwik Trip	\$1,000	Platteville Walmart	\$2,750
Dubuque Sam's Club	\$ 250	Prairie du Chien Walmart	\$ 750
		Dubuque Walmart	\$ 250



Public Relations and Outreach Events

↓ Stuff-The-Cruiser Event

Sergeant Rehlinger, Officer Bartelt, UWP Officer Tuescher, Lieutenant Droessler, and UWP Officer Bonilla 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!



Special Olympics Torch Run ↓

In June, 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.



Open House/Community Picnic ↓

The police department hosted an Open House/Community Picnic at the Police Department in May. We estimate that around 100 people toured the PD, watched demonstrations about Tactical Equipment, Squad Cars, Fingerprinting, DAAT, and other general law enforcement functions, enjoyed grilled hotdogs, and played bean bags with officers!



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! Pictured: Officer Auz and Officer Bartelt pose with this well-dressed trick-or-treater!

TRICK
OR
TREAT



Shop with a Cop

Officers Jarad Bartelt and Ava Jorin teamed up with others from the Grant County Sheriff's Office and other agencies in December for our Shop with a Cop Event. Several families were assisted with gifts and needed items for the holiday season!



School Crossing Helpers!

Santa and the Grinch assisted with School Crossing duties once again! Santa was quite excited for this opportunity to check on the good girls and boys. Somehow the Grinch also found time in his busy schedule of self-loathing, staring into the abyss, and wallowing in self-pity to also visit Neal Wilkins Elementary School.



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!

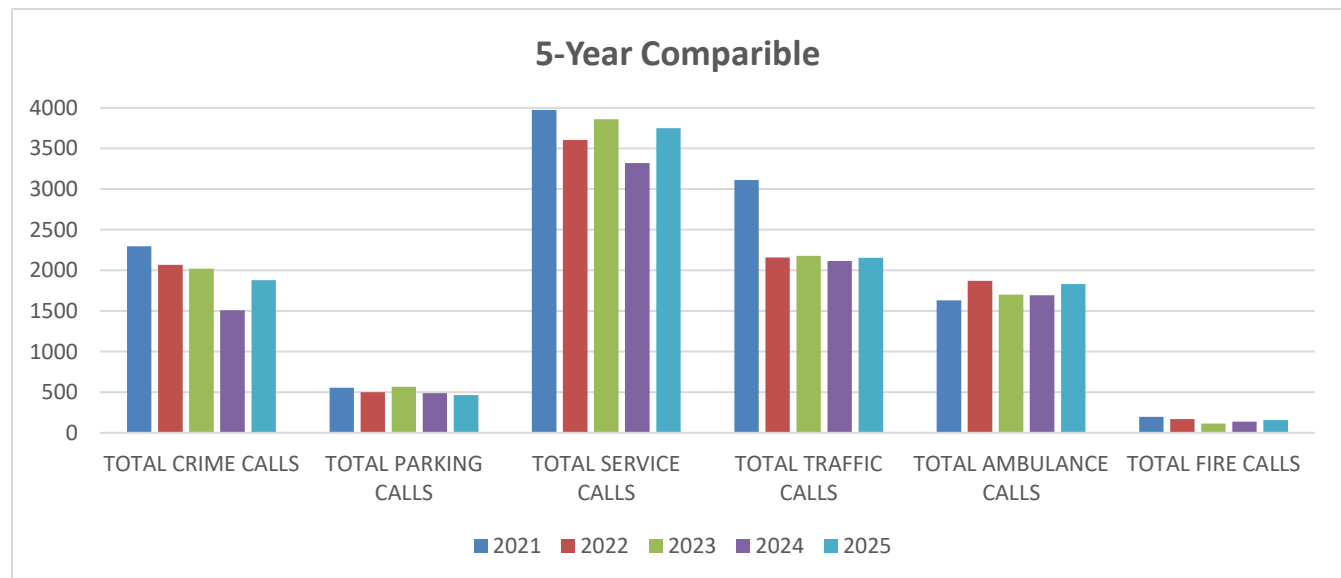
He still goofed and taunted the man in red,
"But helping the kids is best," is what he said.

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

The City is served by 20 full-time sworn Officers (this number includes 11 Patrol Officers, 2 Detectives, 4 Sergeants, 2 Lieutenants, and a Chief), 1 full-time 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: Enforces state statutes, local ordinances, and traffic laws.
- Specialized Investigations: 2 detectives pursue matters requiring time-intensive investigation or incidents requiring expertise not typically possessed by line officers.
- Patrol: 24-hours a day to detect criminal activity and to provide a police presence.
- Community Policing: Engaging members of the community to resolve issues of mutual concern.
- School Officer (CRO): Works extensively in the schools and coordinates community events and outreach for the PD.
- 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.

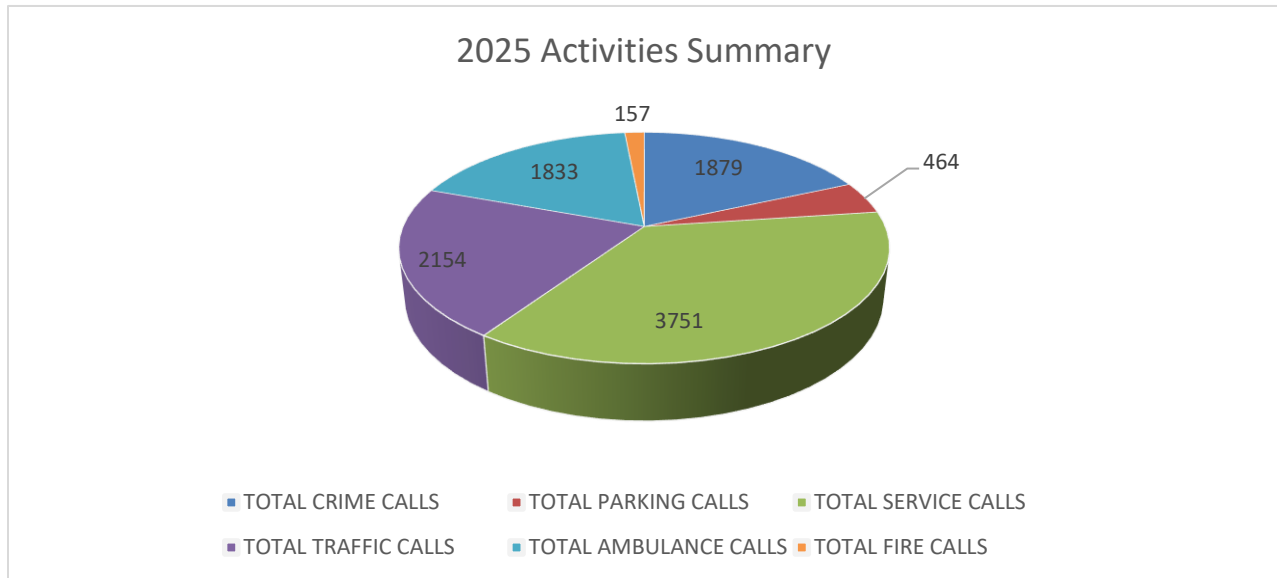
5-YEAR COMPARIBLE INCIDENT CATEGORY COUNTS					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
TOTAL CRIME CALLS	2296	2067	2019	1510	1879
TOTAL PARKING CALLS	555	499	568	490	464
TOTAL SERVICE CALLS	3973	3606	3861	3321	3751
TOTAL TRAFFIC CALLS	3110	2157	2178	2115	2154
TOTAL AMBULANCE CALLS	1630	1872	1700	1695	1833
TOTAL FIRE CALLS	195	168	116	138	157



2025 ALL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT

Crime*	Parking	Service	Traffic	Ambulance	Fire
1879	464	3751	2154	1833	157

*Crime Segment includes Part 1 Crimes and other “crime” calls such as DCs, Alcohol Violations, Simple Assaults, Animal Calls, Fraud, Criminal Damage to Property, Suspicion Calls, etc.



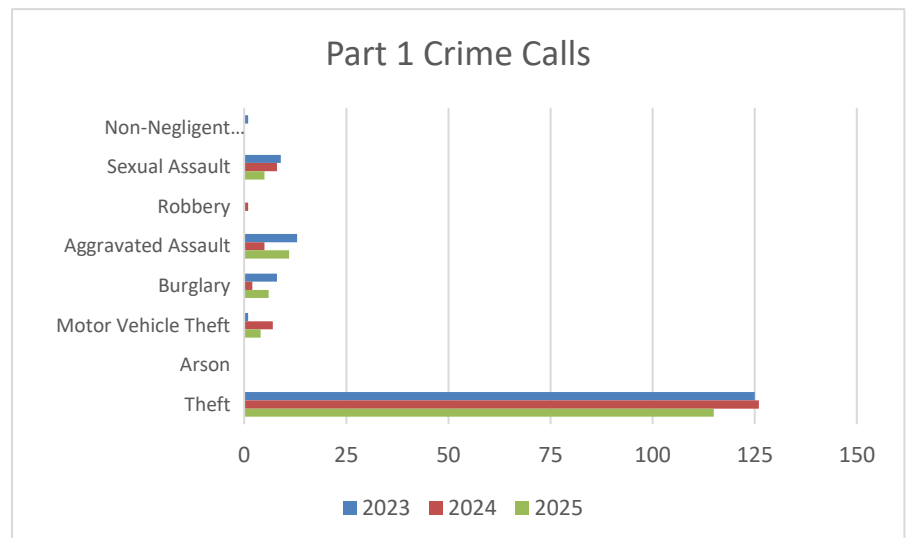
PART 1 CRIME CALLS

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. (This includes Overdose deaths being investigated as non-negligent manslaughter)
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.

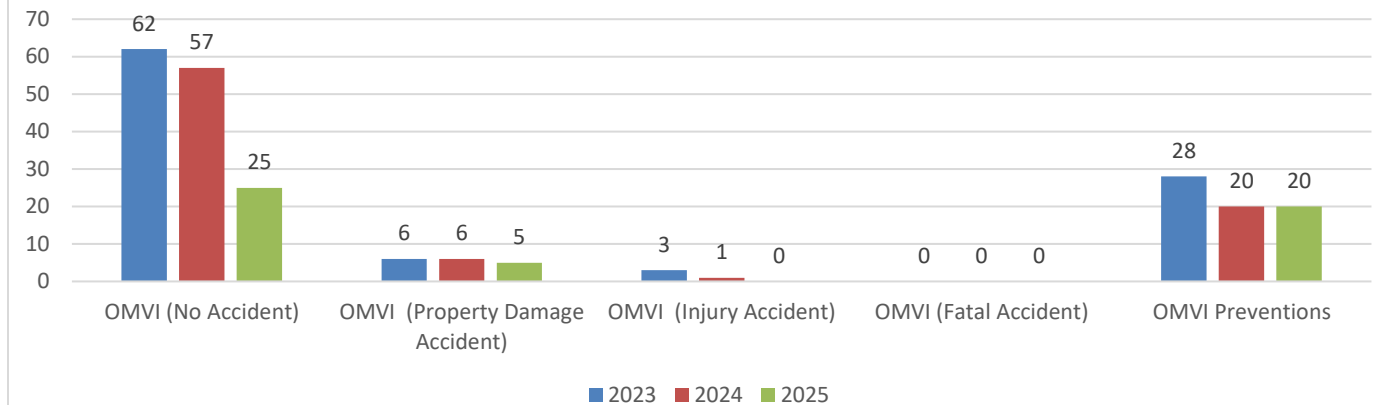
	2023	2024	2025
Non-negligent Manslaughter*	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	9	8	5
Robbery	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	13	5	11
Burglary	8	2	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	7	4
Arson	0	0	0
Theft	125	126	115

*Overdose deaths being investigated as non-negligent Manslaughter



OMVIs

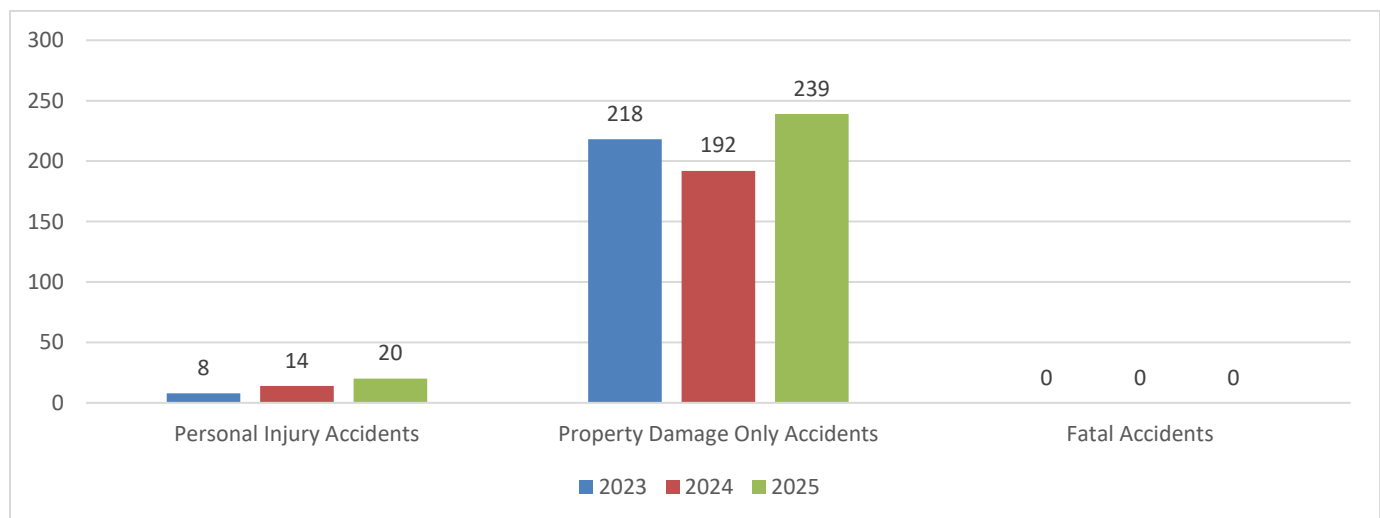
OMVIs	2023	2024	2025
OMVI (No Accident)	62	57	25
OMVI (Property Damage Accident)	6	6	5
OMVI (Injury Accident)	3	1	0
OMVI (Fatal Accident)	0	0	0
OMVI Preventions	28	20	20



ACCIDENTS

Accidents	2023	2024	2025
Personal Injury Accidents	8	14	20
Property Damage Only Accidents	218	192	239
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0

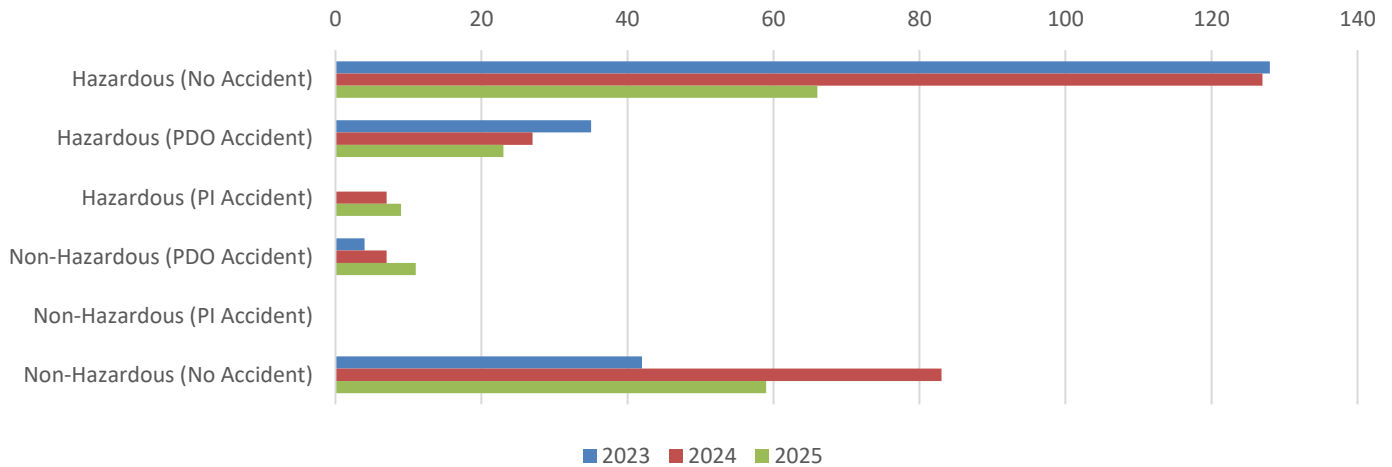
*excludes OMVI accidents, see OMVI stats



TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (INCIDENT COUNT)

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	2023	2024	2025
Hazardous (No Accident)	128	127	66
Hazardous (PDO Accident)	35	27	23
Hazardous (PI Accident)	0	7	9
Non-Hazardous (PDO Accident)	4	7	11
Non-Hazardous (PI Accident)	0	0	0
Non-Hazardous (No Accident)	42	83	59

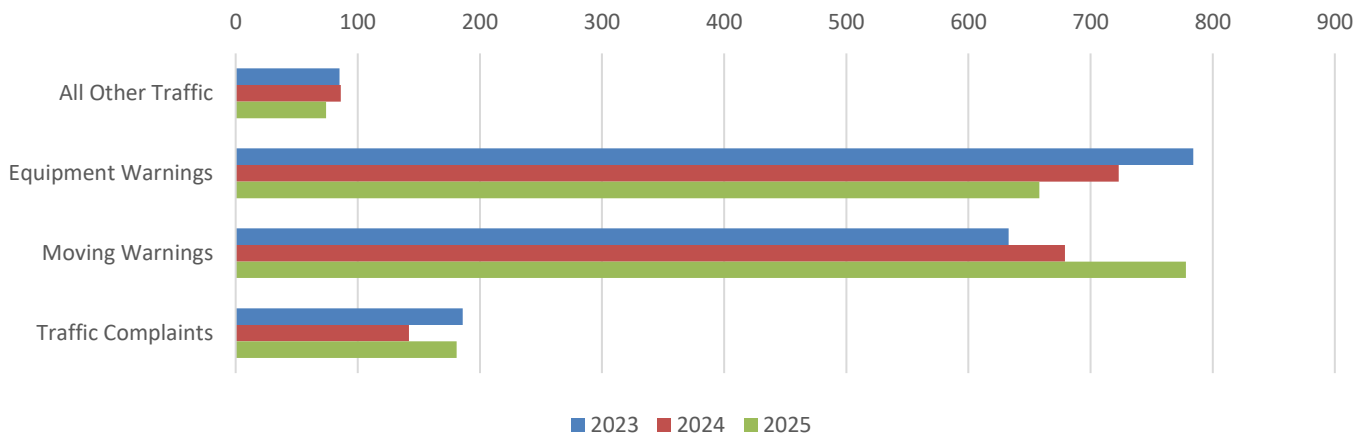
Traffic Violations (Incident Count)



OTHER TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

OTHER TRAFFIC INCIDENTS	2023	2024	2025
All Other Traffic	85	86	74
Equipment Warnings	784	723	658
Moving Warnings	633	679	778
Traffic Complaints	186	142	181

Other Traffic (Incident Count)



SERVICE CALLS

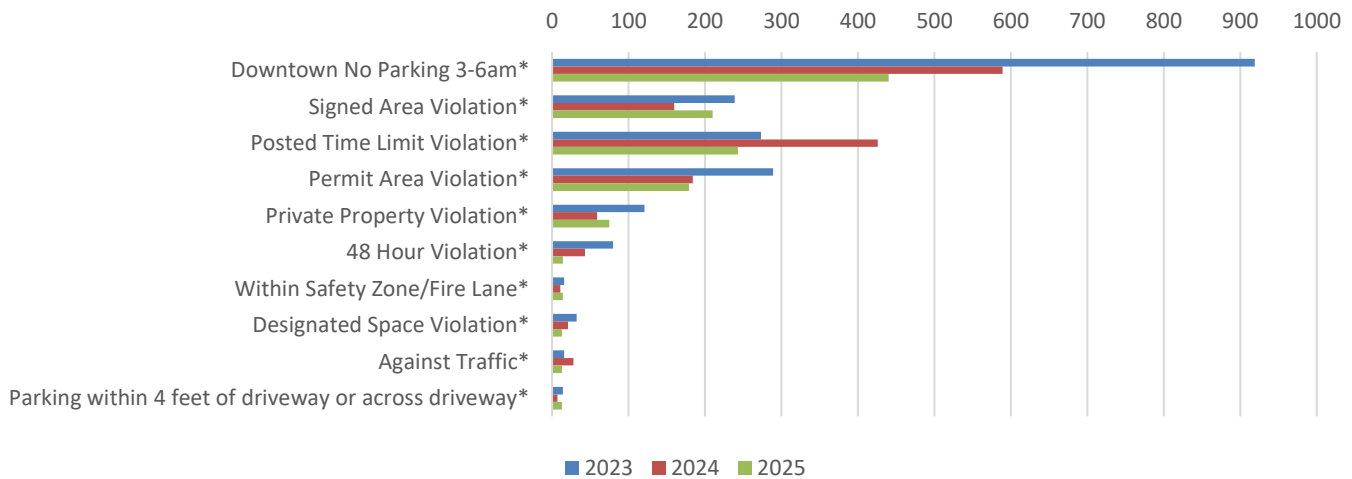
In addition to Crime and Traffic Prevention/Enforcement, the Platteville Police Department responds to a great number of calls for service. Below is a breakdown of Service Calls comparing the last 3 years.

SERVICE CALLS	2023	2024	2025
ALARMS/ALARM TEST	107	89	95
ALL OTHER -SERVICE	512	391	451
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	27	15	32
BICYCLE PATROL	6	2	1
CIVIL ASSIST -CHILD EXCHANGE	18	26	10
CIVIL ASSIST -CODE VIOLATIONS	31	42	35
CIVIL ASSIST -OTHER	287	226	245
CIVIL ASSIST -OTHER CITY DEPARTMENT	153	131	161
CIVIL ASSIST -PAPER SERVICE	35	25	44
CIVIL ASSIST -PROBATION & PAROLE	2	1	5
CIVIL ASSIST -SOCIAL SERVICES	7	10	5
COMMUNITY POLICING	92	117	114
COMMUNITY POLICING SCHOOLS	148	135	182
E911 HANG-UP / MIS DIAL	484	244	234
ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE CALL	3	6	6
FOOT PATROL	73	73	78
FOUND ARTICLE	215	181	160
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSIST	204	196	224
LOCKED VEHICLE/RESIDENCE ASSIST	270	240	255
LOST ARTICLE	52	51	85
MOTORIST ASSIST	75	106	81
NO TRESPASS ORDER DOCUMENTED	9	10	1
OMVI PREVENTION	28	20	13
OPEN DOOR	39	31	20
POLICE ESCORT	0	1	4
RIDE ALONG	12	14	20
SALVATION ARMY REQUEST	35	40	33
SECURITY CHECKS	585	430	437
SPECIAL PATROL	351	378	405
TAVERN CHECKS	37	37	38
WELFARE CHECK	255	235	252

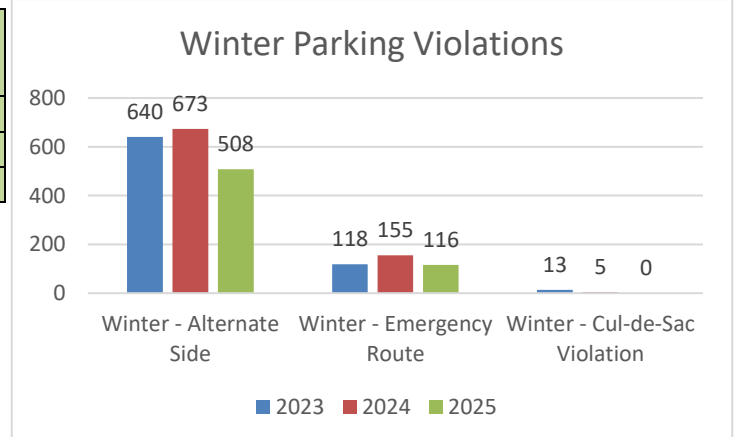
PARKING

PARKING TICKET YEAR-ROUND VIOLATIONS	2023	2024	2025
Downtown No Parking 3-6am*	919	589	440
Signed Area Violation*	239	160	210
Posted Time Limit Violation*	273	426	243
Permit Area Violation*	289	184	179
Private Property Violation*	121	59	75
48 Hour Violation*	80	43	14
Within Safety Zone/Fire Lane*	16	11	14
Designated Space Violation*	32	21	13
Against Traffic*	16	28	13
Parking within 4 feet of driveway or across driveway*	14	7	13
Parking of Junked/Unlicensed Vehicle	17	8	5
Improper Parking or Stopping	12	10	4
Fire Hydrant Parking Violation	17	6	3
Within 15 feet of Crosswalk	11	9	2
Parking on a Sidewalk	5	8	0
Block Intersection or Crosswalk	5	4	1
Handicap Parking Violation	7	4	1
Double Parked	2	0	1

*Top 10 Violations (Year Round Violations)



WINTER PARKING VIOLATIONS	2023	2024	2025
Winter - Alternate Side	640	673	508
Winter - Emergency Route	118	155	116
Winter - Cul-de-Sac Violation	13	5	0



Platteville Police Department Re-Accreditation

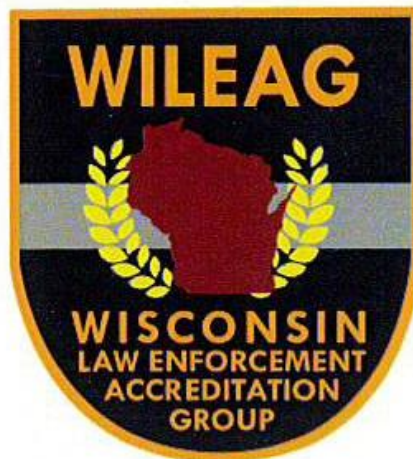
The Platteville PD was notified in January 2025 that we have again successfully met all the required standards of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) and as a result we have been accredited for a second 3-year term. We are very pleased to have achieved this status again and we consider it to be a validation of the efforts of all the staff at the PD. To achieve full accreditation, agencies must comply with 262 standards and provide ongoing documentation of this compliance. The standards detail the best professional practices in the field of law enforcement, and they are deemed to be essential to the protection of life, safety, and the rights of citizens. Everything about how we do business internally was scrutinized by the WILEAG assessors during our 3-day audit in October 2024. The finding of compliance with the accreditation standards means our policies, practices and procedures are in line with Federal and State law, current case law, and the best practices in the field of law enforcement. Overall, we believe accreditation will help us continue to deliver quality, professional service to our community.

- Doug McKinley, Chief of Police

WILEAG's primary mission is to offer a voluntary and affordable method of achieving professionalism through the accreditation of law enforcement agencies and to assist those agencies to better serve their communities.

Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. The key to any successful accreditation system lies in the consensus of published standards obtaining a clear statement of professional objectives.

WILEAG promotes excellence in law enforcement through participation in a voluntary law enforcement agency accreditation program. Accredited agencies demonstrate compliance with applicable standards covering all aspects of law enforcement administration and operations.



49th Assembly District's 2025 First Responder of the Year

Congratulations to our very own Police Chief Doug McKinley as he was named the 49th Assembly District's 2025 First Responder of the Year during a special ceremony at the Wisconsin State Assembly on October 14, 2025, nominated by his peers and selected by Representative Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) with support from Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green).

Chief McKinley has been serving Platteville and Southwest Wisconsin for 35 years, leading with compassion, dedication, and a true community-based mindset. In March 2026, Chief McKinley will retire, leaving behind a lasting legacy built on a simple but powerful principle: doing the right thing, for the right reason. Congratulations, Chief McKinley — and thank you for everything you do for Platteville!

Pictured: Representative Travis Tranel, Connor, Chief McKinley, Lori, Ella and Senator Marklein

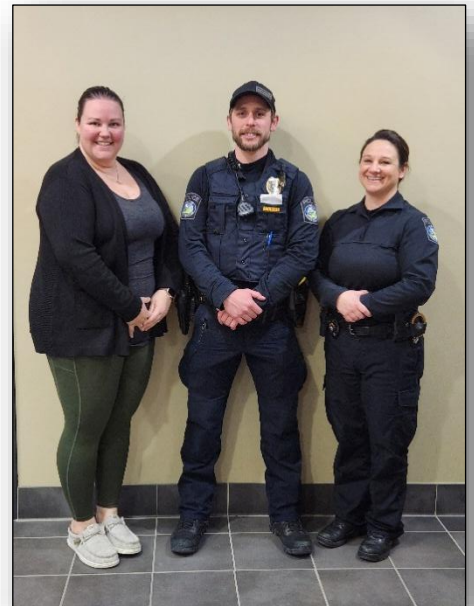


2025 Commendations and Year of Service Milestones

Commendations are awarded to employees for exceptional performance, successful completion of a project, or going above and beyond typical duties. At the January 2026 Department Meeting, we recognized the following employees who were nominated for an Award of Commendation.

Telecommunicator Amy Dillman, Officer Josh Stowe (for two incidents), Telecommunicator Ian Schulte, Administrative Assistance Alex Simmons, Telecommunicator Pilar Magana, Officer Ethan Glendenning, Sergeant Froiseth, Lieutenant Grabandt, Detective Hartwig.

Years of Service Milestones: Brooklen Dietzel-Goldthorpe 10 years, Matt Froiseth 15 years, Andrea Droessler 25 years.



2025 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 2025 Recipient is Detective Amy Hartwig.

