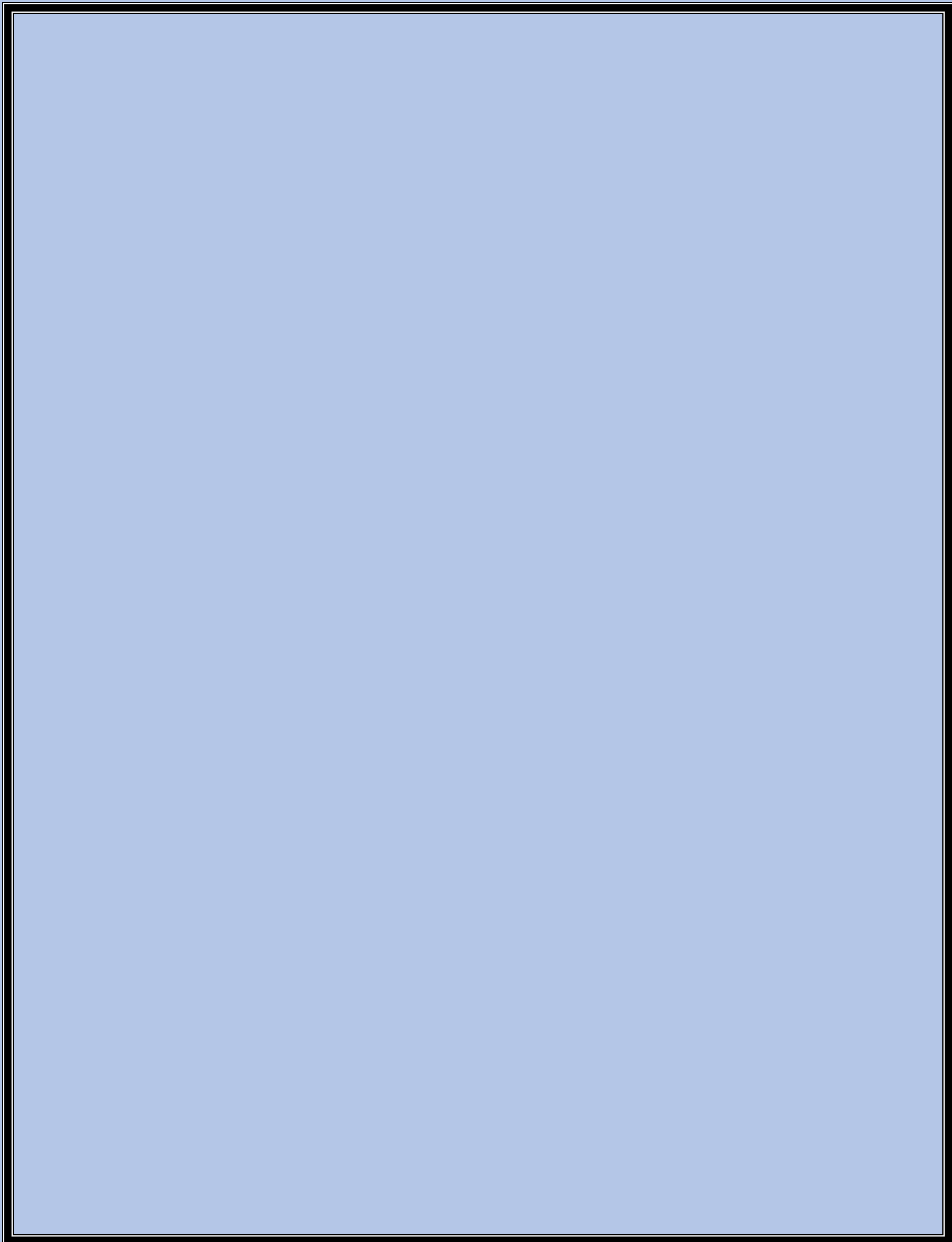


# *VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT*



# *2022 ANNUAL REPORT*



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# *Village of Pewaukee Officials*

## **Village Board Members**

	Current Term Expiration
Village President Jeff Knutson	04/17/2023
Trustee Ed Hill	04/17/2023
Trustee Bob Rohde	04/17/2023
Trustee Chris Krasovich	04/17/2023
Trustee Craig Roberts	04/15/2024
Trustee Kelli Belt	04/15/2024
Trustee Jim Grabowski	04/15/2024

## **Police Commission Members**

	Current Term Expiration
President David Spakowicz	05/01/2024
Secretary Mary McNeill	04/30/2023
Member William Gehrking	04/30/2025
Member Peter Rohde	04/30/2025
Member Jill Bloedow	04/30/2024

## **Village Hall**

Village Administrator Scott Gosse

Village Clerk Cassie Smith

Village Municipal Judge Melissa Murray

Village Prosecutor Lori Fabian



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The Honorable Police Commissioners, Members of the Village Board, & Residents of the Village of Pewaukee:

On behalf of the men and women of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, I appreciate you for taking the time to read our 2022 Annual Report. The purpose of Annual Report is to provide an overview of our department operations, statistics, programs and community involvement. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department provides 24 hour-a-day service to its residents and visitors. It is comprised of 20 full-time sworn officers, 10 part-time Lake Patrol sworn officers, and 2 civilian members.

If you looked at the cover photo of this report, you saw our new 2022 Police Ford Interceptor squad car parked at our lake front. We were extremely proud that our squad car combined with the beautiful Village background was chosen as the cover photo of the Ford Pro Calendar for 2023. Over 65,000 calendars were distributed nationwide, as well as, several hundred were distributed to our residents. The photo was taken by a village resident, Heather Gergen.

We were given only 60 words to formulate a statement which appeared below our photo for the month of August. The caption in the calendar, written by our supervisors, expresses the dedication of our officers, the community presence and connectedness in our village, and of course, its beauty. We are very lucky to work for such a special community.

It reads: The Village of Pewaukee, WI, sits on picturesque Pewaukee Lake located a short drive west of Milwaukee. Established in 1876, our police department proudly drives Ford quality vehicles while engaging with a vibrant community. The highly dedicated and skilled staff serve with integrity, professionalism, and excellence. We welcome all to come and enjoy what Pewaukee has to offer!

As you read this report, I hope you see the passion of the men and women of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department and their commitment to providing the best service available, while treating people with dignity and respect. I am proud to present this Annual Report for 2022 and their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Chief Timothy Heier

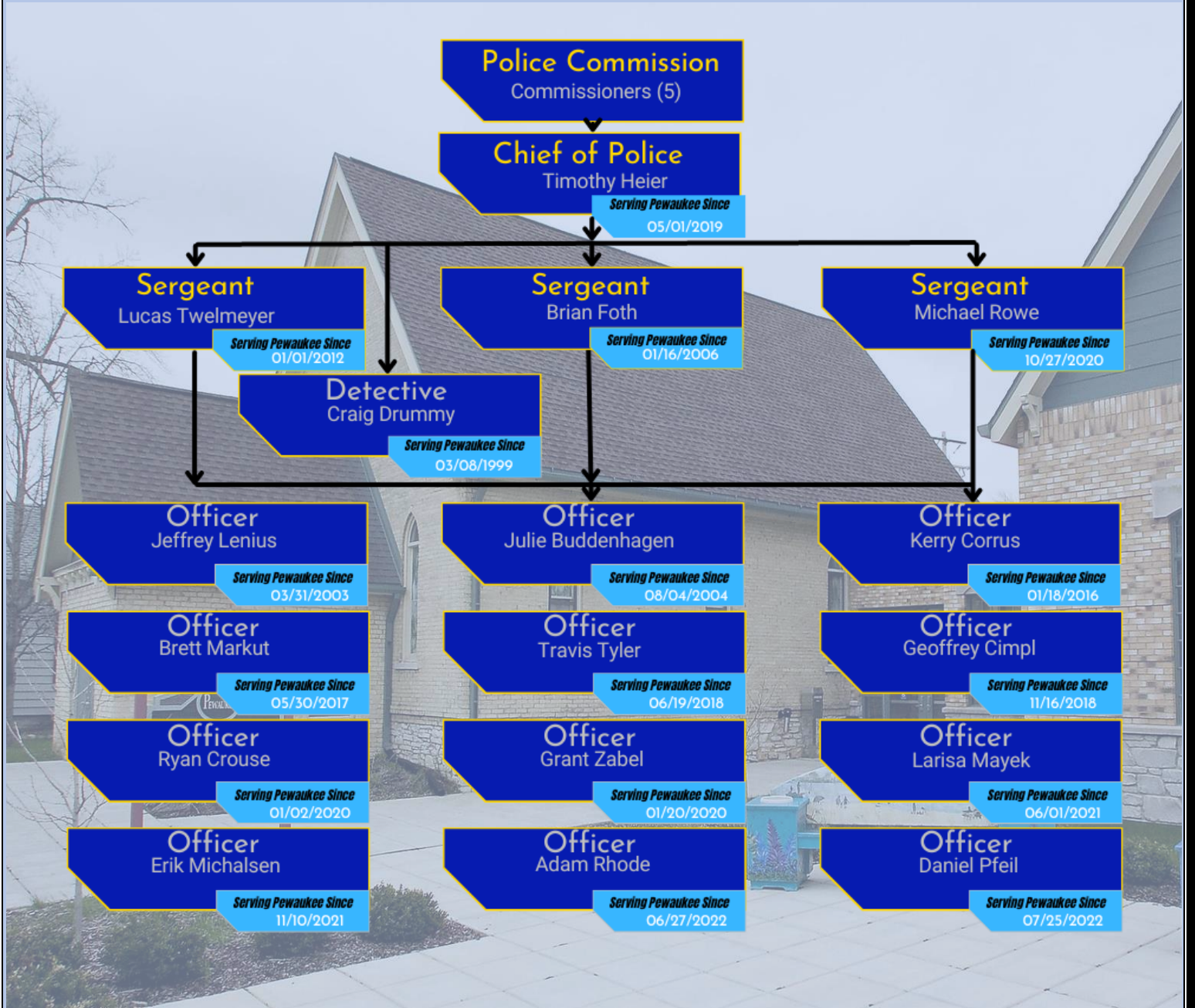


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ESGR National Committee State Chairman Scott Legwold presents Chief Heier the Freedom Award Alumni, in Madison

# Department Roster

(As of 12/31/22)





The Mission of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the Village of Pewaukee by working cooperatively with the public to enforce the law, preserve the peace, reduce the fear of crime, and provide for a safe environment.



### Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.



Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of helping institutions evaluate and improve their overall performance. WILEAG promotes excellence in law enforcement through participation in a voluntary law enforcement accreditation program. Accredited agencies demonstrate compliance with applicable standards covering all aspects of law enforcement administration and operations.

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is an accredited agency through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group.



# Pewaukee police sergeant plans second diaper drive

By Karen Pilarski - Freeman Staff Oct 24, 2022 Updated Oct 24, 2022

# Mark Garry sworn in as Cottage Grove's police chief

By Will Cioci [wcioci@apg-wi.com](mailto:wcioci@apg-wi.com) Dec 6, 2022 Updated Dec 6, 2022

# Pewaukee fatal motorcycle crash on WIS 16 near Capitol

By FOX6 News Digital Team | Published August 30, 2022 | Updated 10:30AM | Pewaukee | FOX6 News Milwaukee

## Pewaukee Police invite children with autism to put autism awareness magnets on squads for Autism Awareness Month

**Drew Dawson** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
Published 1:00 p.m. CT April 4, 2022

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Jacob Krasovich of Pewaukee places a magnet on a Pewaukee squad car with Officer Craig Drummy. [Drew Dawson News Group](#)

## 'All the love': Pewaukee community throws birthday parade for 5-year-old battling terminal brain cancer

By: [Gabriella Bachara](#) [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

## Pewaukee train derailment; no injuries or environmental hazards

By Aaron Maybin | Published March 19, 2022 | Updated 10:19AM | Pewaukee | FOX6 News Milwaukee | [r](#)

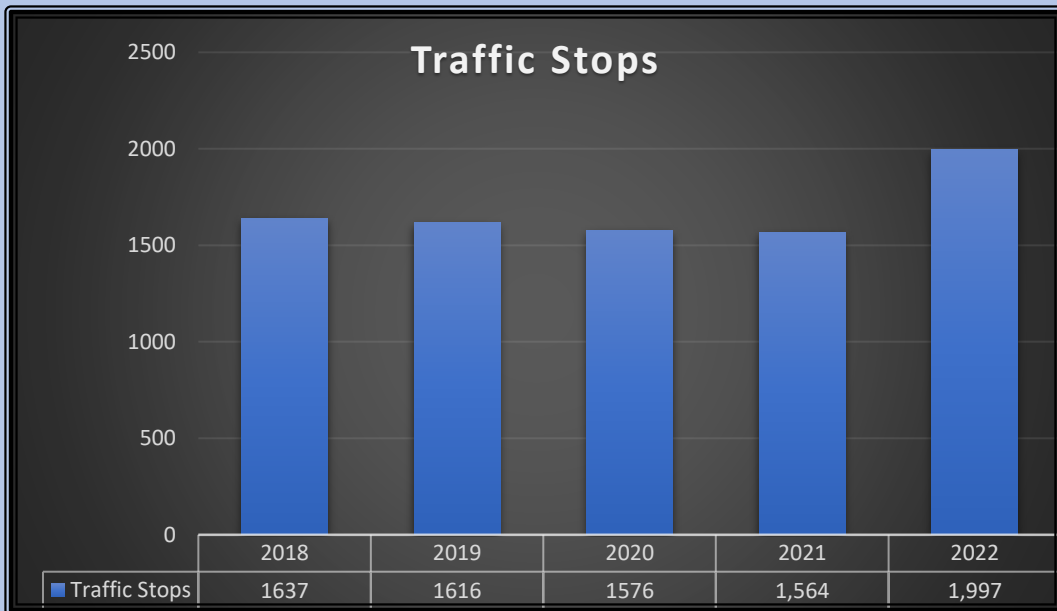
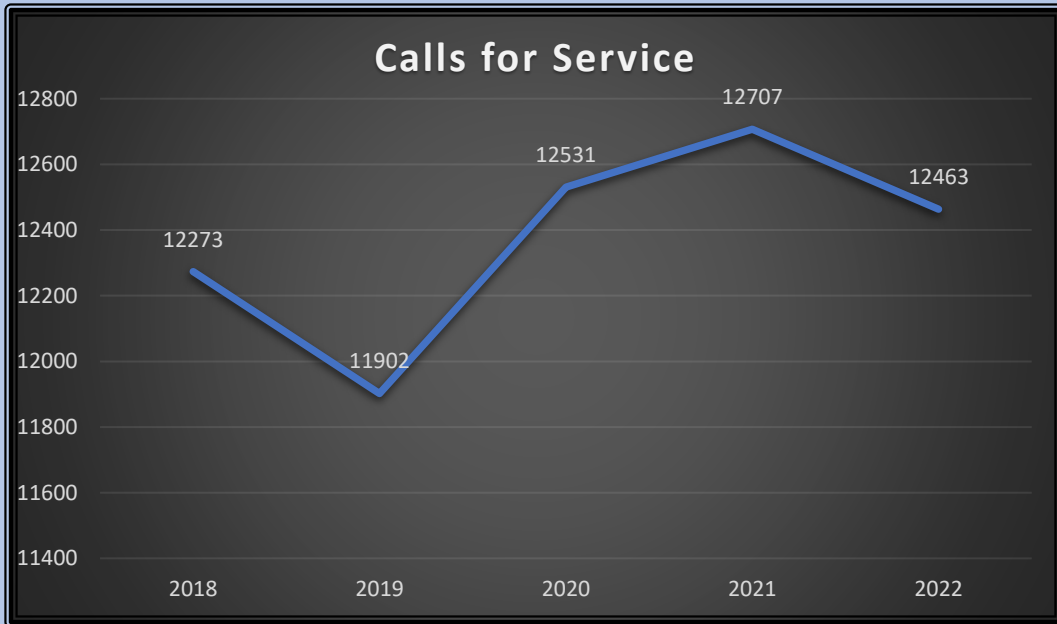


## Village of Pewaukee Police Department featured on cover of 2023 Police Ford Pro Calendar



**Quinn Clark**  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

# Annual Activity



Miscellaneous Collections	Amount Collected
Parking Tickets	\$28,413.00
Parking Permits	\$11,466.00
Fingerprints	\$5,820.00
False Alarm Citations	\$2,500.00

# *Awards*

On March 22, 2022, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department held an Awards Ceremony at Village Hall in order to commend the actions of officers, along with various citizens of the community. Additionally, officers who were not granted a formal swearing in ceremony at their time of hire, due to Covid restrictions, were also formally sworn in in front of their families and citizens who attended. The following are a list of the awards that were received that night:

**Greg Schultz- Letter of Commendation-** (Purveyor of Officer and Community Wellness)

**Chris Lueth- Letter of Commendation** (Positive Community Relations Ambassador)

**William “Bill” Rheingans- Letter of Commendation**

**Gregory “Mac” McDonald- Letter of Commendation** (Beautification of PD Facilities)

**John Gorenc- Letter of Commendation** (Beautification of PD Facilities)

**Jeffrey Kiser, Joan Kiser, Jeffrey Karrasch, Collin Karrasch, Matthew Koss, and Matthew Bright- Citizen Service Award**

**Stanley Zurawski and James Costello- Citizen Service Award**

**Officer Geoffrey Cimpl and Officer Ryan Crouse- Distinguished Service Citation**

On May 24, 2021 at 5:51pm, Officers Geoffrey Cimpl and Ryan Crouse responded to Artisan 179 restaurant for an 84-year-old female choking on food. The victim was not breathing, the subject’s lips were turning blue and she was in cardiac arrest. Without hesitation, Officers Cimpl and Crouse attempted to free the blockage with hand thrusts. They began CPR and put the AED into place until EMS arrived and took over, thereby saving the citizen’s life.

**Officer Ryan Crouse and Officer Travis Tyler- Distinguished Service Citation**

On November 21, 2021, the City of Waukesha suffered a devastating travesty during their annual Christmas Parade when a vehicle drove through the route, both injuring and killing multiple people. Officers from multiple agencies across Wisconsin responded to assist with the incident, including Officers Crouse and Tyler. Officer Crouse transported an 8-year-old boy who was struck by the vehicle to Waukesha Memorial Hospital, ultimately saving his life. Both officers continued to act swiftly and without hesitation to provide aid to those in need throughout the night. At a separate ceremony held by the City of Waukesha Police Department on November 14, 2022, both officers were also awarded a Waukesha Strong Christmas Parade Commemorative Pin for their actions that night.

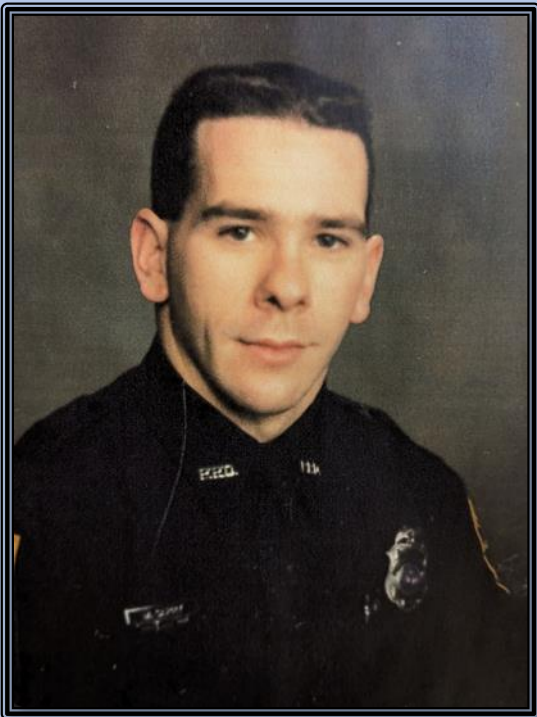


# *A Farewell*

## *Deputy Chief Mark Garry II*

December 18<sup>th</sup> was truly the end of an era for the Village of Pewaukee as Deputy Chief Mark Garry II, after thirty-two years, retired from our department to become the Chief of Police for Cottage Grove. Deputy Chief Garry started his law enforcement career with the Town of Brookfield Police Department and transitioned to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1990. Garry worked as a patrol officer until his promotion to Sergeant in 2006. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013, and Deputy Chief in 2022. Garry took the lead on getting the department accredited through WILEAG, an in-depth and time-consuming process that ensures our department is following best police practices. He spent many nights sleeping at the police department to ensure our agency met our deadlines for accreditation.

Garry took on many roles throughout his tenure. He served as a SCIT team leader, Emergency Management Director, started the motorcycle patrol unit, became an arson investigator, served with the Metro Drug Unit, and traveled out of state to apprehend suspects. These mentions barely scratch the surface of all that Deputy Chief Garry accomplished while at the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. We wish Chief Garry all the best in his new adventure at Cottage Grove. They are truly lucky to have him.





# Municipal Court

Clerk of Court Julie Forrest

The Village of Pewaukee Municipal Court represents the judicial branch of government, handling all citations issued by the Village of Pewaukee Police Department and the Pewaukee Lake Patrol, for traffic and non-traffic ordinance violations. The primary function of the court is to administer justice and hold individuals accountable for their actions when found guilty of these ordinance violations.

The most notable court moment of 2022 occurred when a tornado warning was issued while court was in session. As everyone proceeded to the basement spirits remained high. With nothing better to do except wait and have a laugh at the strange situation, all agreed to continue the court proceedings in the basement amongst the storage shelving. Court proceedings finished just as the storm cleared.

The Pewaukee Municipal Court heard 1,997 cases in 2022. The dollar amount of forfeitures for the citations written in 2022 totaled \$250,614.09. The breakdown is as follows:



<u>Violations</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Traffic	1577
OWI	24
Boat Patrol	30
Adult Non-Traffic	292
Juvenile Non-Traffic	74



The total payments collected for citations in 2022 was \$183,841.02. The court aggressively pursues collection of unpaid fines through various means at its disposal. Violators can incur suspension of their driving privileges for up to one year, their taxes may be intercepted through “State of Wisconsin Tax Refund Intercept Program”, or their debt may be referred to the “State Debt Collection” program (SDC). Utilizing State Debt Collection and the Tax Intercept Program has proven to be quite beneficial, as the court has collected monies from citations that were many years old, which otherwise may have never been received. In 2022, we took in \$37,484.08 from these programs. Tax Intercept collected \$4,708.23 and State Debt Collection recovered \$32,484.08.

The court staff consists of Judge Melissa Murray, Village Attorney Lori Fabian (Pretrials), Village Attorney, Matthew Galinski (Trials), and Clerk of Court Julie Forrest. It is the joint goal of the team to be courteous and respectful to the citizens they serve when adjudicating municipal violations. While receiving a citation and going to court may not be an enjoyable experience, the team strives to make the process as stress-free as possible.

# *Recruitment*

*Officer Adam Rhode*

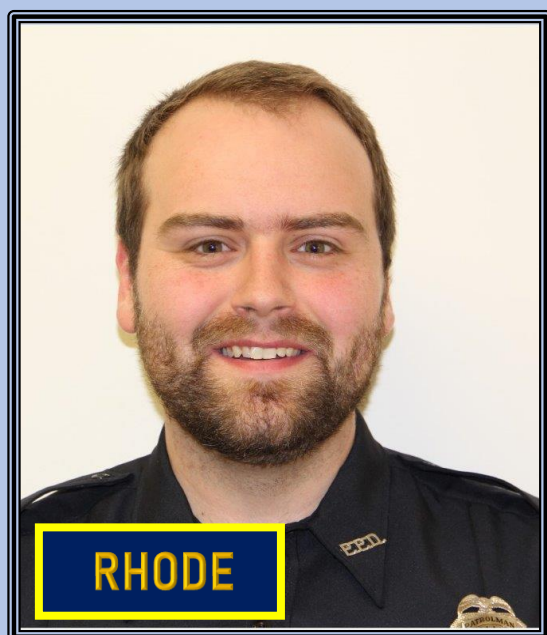
2022 saw the addition of two new officers to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. Each new officer comes with prior law enforcement experience and a solid reputation from their previous department. After being sworn in, both officers began their field training period with the department. During the field training process, the new officers learned policies and procedures for the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, as well as local ordinances. After successfully completing their field training phase, the new officers began patrol duties on their own.

**Adam Rhode:** Officer Rhode started his career with the Waukesha County Sheriff Department in 2020. During that time, he was assigned to the Sussex contract. Officer Rhode joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Daniel Pfeil:** Officer Pfeil started his career with the Waukesha County Sheriff Department in 2020. During that time, he worked patrol in the City of Pewaukee on third shift. He frequently assisted our department on various calls and built a strong working relationship with officers from the Village of Pewaukee. It was only natural that Officer Pfeil joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout their time at the Village of Pewaukee, both officers have responded to over 1,200 calls for service. They have consistently demonstrated intelligent policing, compassion, and strong investigative skills.

Beginning in 2023, Officer Rhode will be assigned to the night swing shift from 6:45pm to 3:00am. Officer Pfeil will be assigned to third shift patrol from 10:45pm to 7:00am. Both officers look forward to the community events that the department has planned for 2023, in which they can engage more closely with the community that they both proudly serve. The new officers are also excited to branch out within the department and become members of the specialty units the Village of Pewaukee Police Department offers, such as Honor Guard and Suburban Critical Incident Team (SCIT).

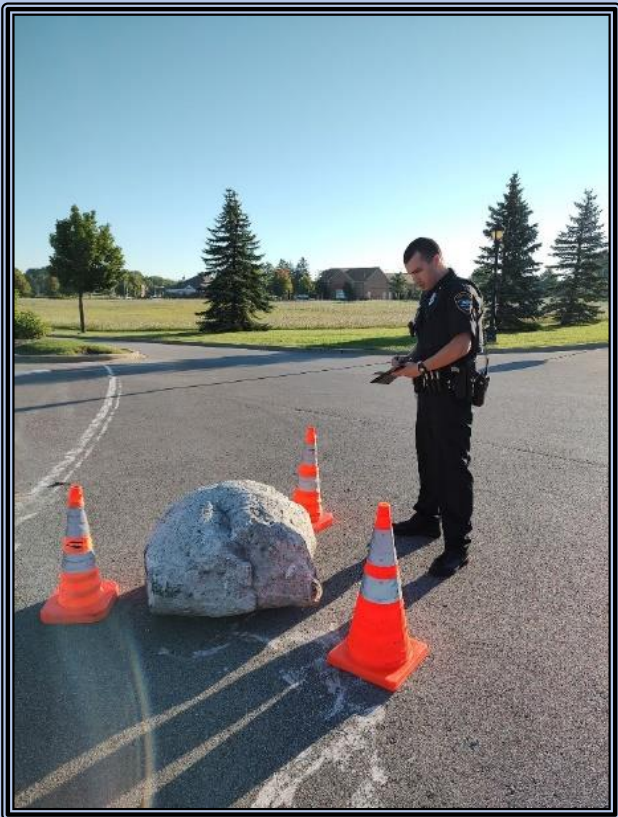


# *Field Training Program*

*Officer Grant Zabel*

Field training is a critical step for all new officers on their path with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The field training program consists of three phases, with each phase lasting approximately one month. Each new officer is paired with a different Field Training Officer (FTO) throughout each phase so they can learn from different perspectives and styles. The field training process includes daily reviews, weekly reviews, scenario-based learning, and of course real world on the road training. The goal of the field training program is to produce successful officers who are confident in their abilities.

Our field training program added two new FTOs in 2022, Officer Crouse and Officer Zabel. Our field training officers currently consist of Officer Buddenhagen, Officer Markut, Officer Crouse, and Officer Zabel. 2022 also saw an in-depth rework of our field training curriculum to better prepare new officers and provide them with more resources throughout their time training. We are continually improving and striving to help our newest officers.





# *New Hire Perspective*

*Officer Dan Pfeil*

I was hired by the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on 7/25/2022. I graduated from Menomonee Falls High School in 2013. With full aspiration to have a career in law enforcement, I put myself through technical school at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) while still working full-time. After three years of hard work, I was proud to earn an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from WCTC in December of 2018.

I was first hired by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department (WKSJ) on 1/03/2020, at which time I completed the 720-hour law enforcement training academy at WCTC, before beginning field training as a patrol deputy in June of 2020. I spent the majority of my time at WKSJ as a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol deputy in the City of Pewaukee. Over time, I became acquainted with several officers of the Village of Pewaukee PD through mutual aid requests on calls.

Over time, I decided that the Village of Pewaukee PD would be a better fit for me. It was only fitting that this would be the department that I wanted to apply for, as I already had a rapport with several officers at this department following many calls for service. I was sworn in as a patrol officer on 7/25/2022, undergoing the field training program to learn geography, village ordinances, policies and procedures, as well as taking part in community events such as "Taste of Lake Country".

Following completion of the PVPD field training program, I began my probationary period on solo patrol on 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, responding to many different types of calls, whether it was calls for service or self-initiated patrol activity. I have also joined the Honor Guard Unit, as I was a previous member of this unit at WKSJ. I also aspire to hold a position as an evidence technician and other specialty units, as I continue my journey at this department.

I have found that the Village of Pewaukee PD holds great opportunities for me. As I have become acquainted with my new partners, responded to many different types of calls, and interacted with the Village of Pewaukee community in a great deal of ways, I have found that the Village of Pewaukee PD is a fulfilling and rewarding department, where I believe I will spend the rest of my career in law enforcement.





# *Honor Guard*

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

Established in 2015, Pewaukee PD's *Honor Guard Unit* has established itself as being one of the most active units in Waukesha County. Since its inception, Sgt. Twelmeyer and Sgt. Foth have been team members. In 2022, we welcomed Officer Pfeil to the unit. Officer Pfeil brings prior experience, as he was an Honor Guard member during his time as a deputy with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department.

Throughout 2022, our Honor Guard members attended bi-monthly, full-day, training sessions in order to maintain the high standards needed to be on the team. During these training sessions, members are drilled on protocols, movements and disciplines required for ceremonial duty. With the primary role of the Honor Guard being to provide funeral honors for fallen officers, our members are expected to perform crisp, mistake-free honors when called upon.

In 2022, our members attended several funerals of retired law enforcement officers throughout Wisconsin. Members fulfilled various roles, such as casket guard, door guard, final salute, etc. Most importantly, our Honor Guard members showed the proper respect and honor to our fallen comrades, while also assisting the families of the fallen in their time of grieving.

In addition to law enforcement funerals, our members also participated in numerous public events in order to provide representation of law enforcement. Some of these events included Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades, various community dedications and events, officer retirement ceremonies, and 09/11 tributes.

Our department understands the importance of paying homage to fallen officers and honoring the valued traditions of law enforcement. We look forward to representing Pewaukee PD in 2023. We are committed to continuing to meet the high expectations that come along with this most highly esteemed and regarded method of showing appreciation.



# *Investigations*

*Detective Craig Drummy*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is in its 146th year of making our community a safe place to visit and raise your family. We have proven that we get great results when we share information about crime and are able to link crimes with the use of open communication through Metro Milwaukee Fraud Investigators Group and agents from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. In 2022 we had an increase in more violent crime and felony cases than in years past. Here are a few cases that have been worked:

**01/09/22** A male subject was robbed of an Xbox at a restaurant parking lot during a Facebook Market Place sale. A male subject from Milwaukee has been officially charged with felony robbery. The same male suspect was linked to four other similar crimes.

**02/11/22** A group of male subjects were involved in a burglary to a business. The target was money, construction equipment and tools. This same group of males were linked to four other area burglaries in both Waukesha and Washington Counties. One of the males has been identified and charges have been forwarded for felony burglary.

**02/22/22** Overdose death investigation involving a male from Milwaukee providing a fentanyl laced pill to a female from Pewaukee who later died at her residence. 1st Degree Reckless Homicide charge have been filed against the male and a court trial is pending.

**03/15/22** A lone male actor was involved in an armed robbery with the use of a knife at a downtown business. Officers located the male was located within minutes of the crime and taken into custody and charged with felony armed robbery.

**04/26/22** Overdose death investigation involving a drug ring out of Milwaukee. A middle person obtained fentanyl laced heroin which was provided to a 30-year-old male subject who ingested the drug and later died. Pewaukee PD worked with the WI Dept of Justice and identified two females who are being charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide. Three simultaneous search warrants were conducted with over 1300 grams of fentanyl, \$13,000 in cash, and six firearms seized.

**08/04/2022** Overdose investigation where a 28-year-old male became unresponsive while in a parked vehicle. Multiple drug related charges were forwarded.

**10/11/22** A burglary to a downtown business occurred during the late evening hours. Money and personal property were targeted. Pewaukee PD worked with Greenfield PD and Fox Point PD and linked two additional burglaries to the same suspect. A search warrant in Milwaukee was conducted and evidence found linking the Pewaukee case to a male from South Milwaukee. Felony burglary charges have been filed.

**11/29/22** A burglary to a restaurant occurred overnight. Money was targeted. Pewaukee PD and nine other agencies shared info and were able to develop a suspect. A 36yr old female and her female accomplice was taken into custody for felony burglary. Charges are being forwarded.

**12/10/22** A downtown bar was robbed at gunpoint by a masked lone male actor just after midnight. Money was the target. No one was injured during the incident. A 31-year-old male was arrested and armed robbery charges have been filed.

# Investigations

Detective Craig Drummy

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department assists our large box stores with conducting investigations of misdemeanor and felony crimes. Theft rates have been on the rise all across the country the last few years. While retail thefts have increased, our clearance rate has remained impressively high. For a case to be cleared, a suspect must either receive a municipal citation or be charged through Waukesha County Court. Any retail theft of merchandise over \$500.00 is now a felony offense. Retail thefts have become increasingly dangerous and we deal with aggressive criminal behavior.

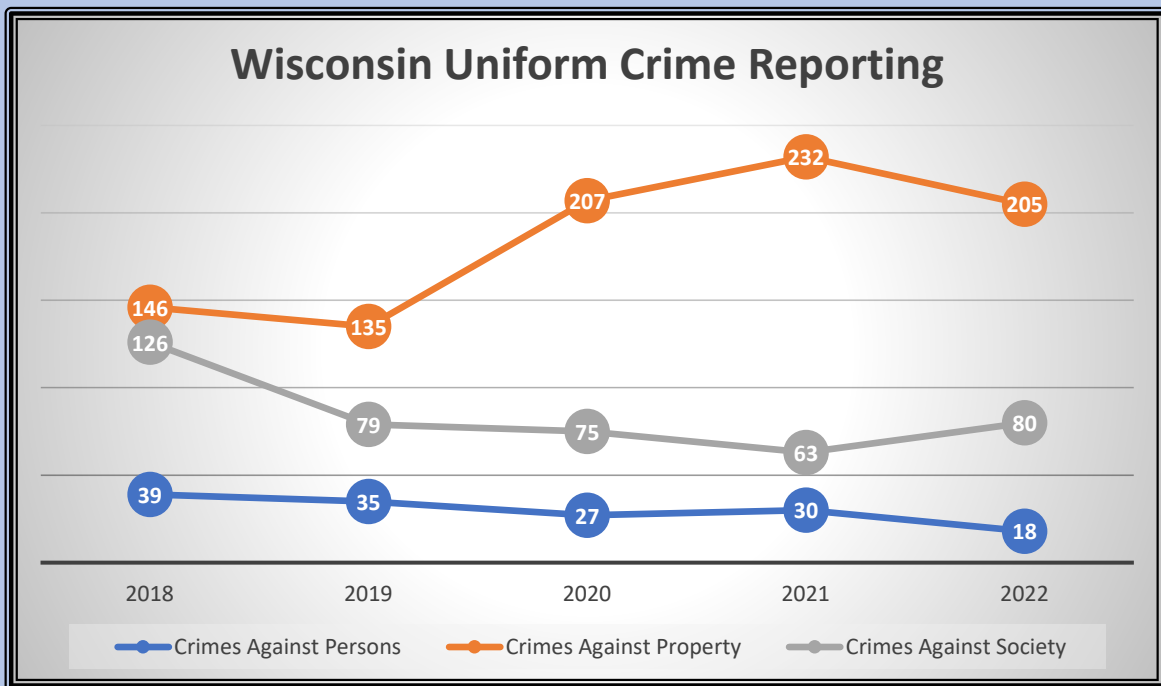
Some of the items that get stolen are turned into street value money such as: diapers, formula, health and beauty products, alcohol, electronics, security cameras, copper wire, power tools, tv's, vacuums, cell phones, video games, clothing, and home electronic devices... just to name a few.

In 2020 we had **89** reported retail thefts. The clearance rate was **85%**.

In 2021 we had **155** reported retail thefts. The clearance rate was **86%**.

In 2022 we had **126** reported retail thefts. The clearance rate was **86%**.

The FBI national clearance rate for larceny-theft in 2021 is 19.2%. Our clearance rate is so high because we work together as a team to combat crime in the Village of Pewaukee; and, make the Village of Pewaukee a safer place to live.



Retail thefts fall under the *Crimes Against Property* category. Retail thefts make up the majority of crimes against property.



# *Major Investigations Unit*

*Detective Craig Drummy*

The Lake Area Major Investigations Unit is made up of the following agencies that assist each other on large scale investigations, death investigations and search warrants: Butler PD, Chenequa PD, Delafield PD, Elm Grove PD, Hartland PD, Oconomowoc Lake PD, Pewaukee PD, Summit PD and Waukesha Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Pewaukee PD assisted on the following investigations in 2022:

**02/22/22** 1st Degree Reckless Homicide Investigation in Pewaukee. Search warrant at residence in City of Milwaukee. Suspect and drugs located.

**09/09/22** Internet Crimes Against Children investigation in Hartland.

**10/11/22** Search Warrant relating to a drug trafficking ring with some operations in Pewaukee. Multiple arrests.

**10/21/22** Structure Fire / Multiple Death investigation in Hartland.

**10/26/22** Internet Crimes Against Children investigation in Pewaukee. Search warrant. Arrest made of adult male.





# *Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)*

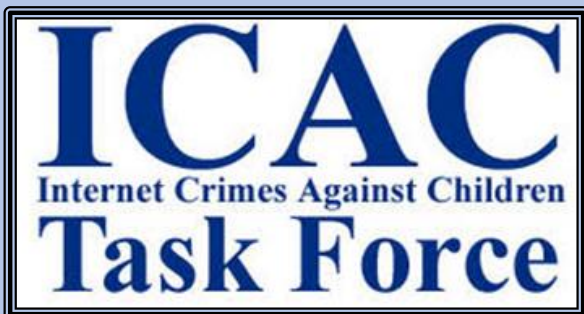
*Officer Ryan Crouse*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department recognizes that protecting our community's children is one of the most important tasks we are entrusted with. Our department's commitment to safeguarding the innocence of children is demonstrated with our active involvement with Wisconsin's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Our department prides itself in being an affiliate of this task force, which is nationally recognized and respected for being a leader in fighting crimes against children.

Often when there is suspicious activity conducted on the internet involving a child, NCMEC (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children) will generate what is called a CyberTip. These CyberTip's are then sent all over the country to various different ICAC task force including the Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department received several of these CyberTips throughout 2022. These investigations often take multiple months, and throughout 2022 the Village of Pewaukee Police Department conducted three residential warrants regarding Internet Crimes Against Children. This led to multiple arrests for a combined total of 27 felony charges.

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department had multiple sextortion cases involving juveniles in 2022. After speaking with other ICAC Investigators across the country, it appeared sextortion cases involving minors were on the rise across the country. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department after investigating these sextortion cases, determined that the suspects were in the Ivory Coast of Africa. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigations and eventually forwarded the cases to them for further investigation.

The Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force continues to make protecting children the top priority. This includes educating children about safe online practices, and the dangers of unsafe behavior on social media. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department organized multiple presentations given to citizen's academy's as well as presentations conducted at the schools partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).



# Traffic Grants

Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

The main objective of the task force is to gain and maintain voluntary and continued compliance with the targeted traffic laws, thereby improving individual motor vehicle crash survivability rates and the reduction of long-term disabilities. The task force incorporates a High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) effort by utilizing the following local agencies.

The task force agencies involved are:

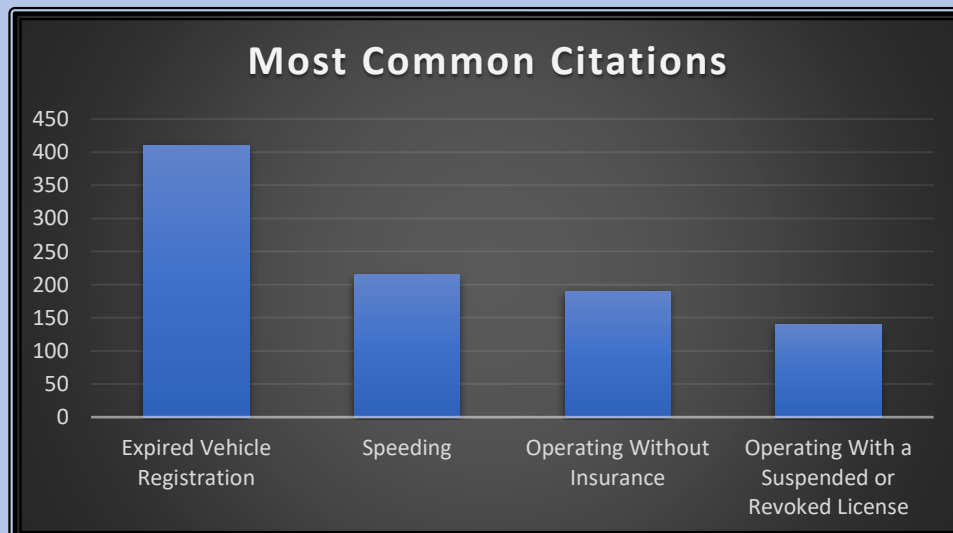
- Village of Chenequa PD
- Village of Hartland PD
- City of Oconomowoc PD
- Village of Oconomowoc Lake PD
- Village of Pewaukee PD
- Administered By: Village of Summit PD



Sworn personnel saturate pre-selected highway corridors/sections best determined to be advantageous in the detection of targeted violations.

Specifically, the Village of Pewaukee is awarded \$6500.00 to utilize throughout the federal fiscal year for over time expenses that stem from the task force. Officers deploy between the hours of 6:00 PM and 4:30 AM in four-hour blocks with targeted violation requirements. In most cases officers are assigned OWI saturation patrols, on dates pre-selected by the task force, often times on holidays and major sporting events.

Ultimately, The Village of Pewaukee utilizes Federal Grant money to augment patrol operations, and become a force multiplier to keep the streets, roads, and throughfares a safer place for the motoring public.



# *Truck Enforcement*

*Officer Erik Michalsen*

In 2022 the Village of Pewaukee Police Department added the ability to enforce heavy truck limits. The Village of Pewaukee has had 5-ton weight limit signs posted for a number of years. Overweight trucks cause roadway damage and significantly reduce the lifespan of the road surface. With prior truck enforcement experience from the sheriff's department, Officer Michalsen was able to train our officers on the ins and outs of truck enforcement. The Truck Enforcement program started in September 2022. Since September the program has yielded 6 citations, bringing in approximately \$20,400 to the Village of Pewaukee. The money does not go to the police department and is used to maintain and improve local roads.

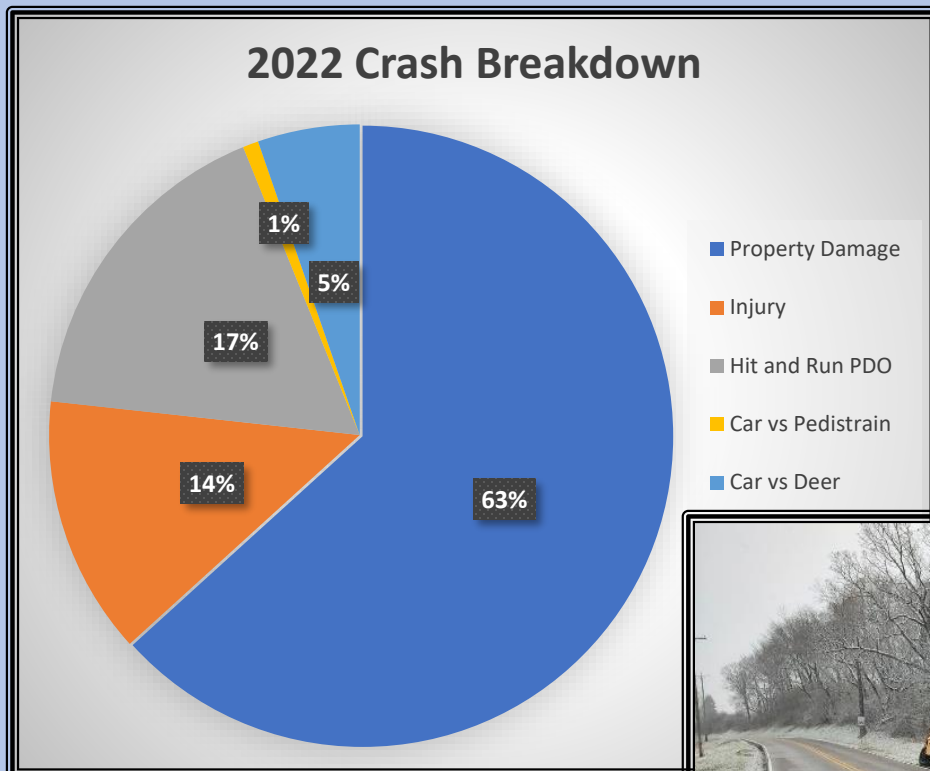




# Traffic Crashes

Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

Throughout 2022, Village of Pewaukee Officers investigated approximately 245 calls for motor vehicle related incidents. This total is slightly lower than 2021, where we investigated 254. Our department utilizes High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) saturation deployments to deter crashes. We use multiple speed signs which gather vehicle speed data and alert passing drivers if they are speeding. This speed data is used to identify locations with frequent speed violations. Once a location with a high number of violations is identified, a saturation deployment is put in place to enforce traffic laws in the area. Most crashes are caused by inattentive driving and speed. By enforcing traffic laws, we hope to prevent more serious incidents.





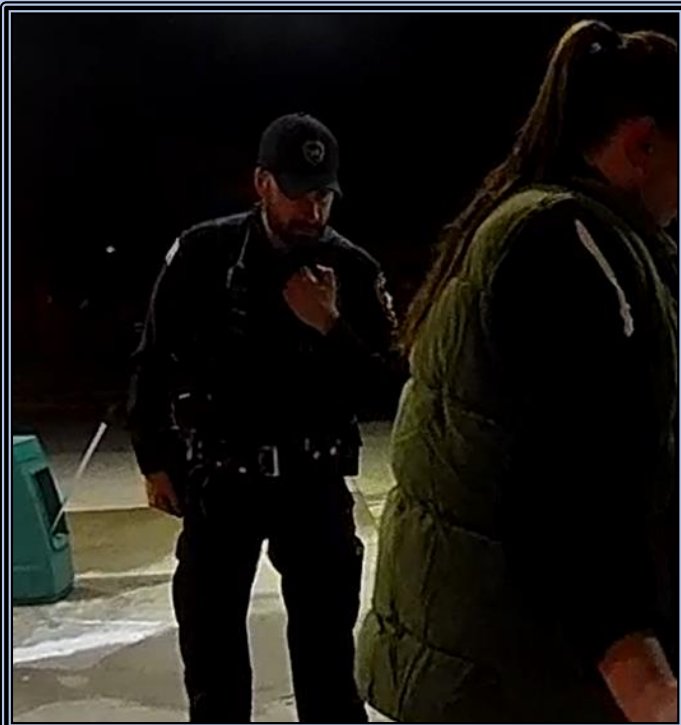
# *Driving Under the Influence*

*Sergeant Michael Rowe*

In 2022, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department continued to focus heavily on combating impaired driving. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department received numerous complaints about reckless drivers, possible impaired drivers, and overall poor driving behavior that were reported to us by the motoring public. These incidents were thoroughly investigated and, in some cases, subsequent arrests were made for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

In total, the Pewaukee Police Department arrested 37 individuals for impaired driving during 2022. These arrests included persons that were charged with municipal (1<sup>st</sup> Offense), misdemeanor (2<sup>nd</sup> offense and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense), and felony offenses (4<sup>th</sup> offense and above). In a particularly egregious case, officers arrested a driver for 6<sup>th</sup> offense OWI. These arrests also included persons that were charged with Operating with a Restricted Controlled Substance and Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration.

Every year, Officers from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department do their best to combat those who are impaired while operating a motor vehicle. We would like to thank all of the concerned citizens who continue to assist with this effort by reporting those who exhibit poor driving behavior and/or signs of impaired driving.



# Metro Drug Unit

Officer Geoffrey Cimpl

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department continued its long-time partnership with the Waukesha County Drug Task Force (METRO). PVPD contributes an officer to Metro on a part time basis. This officer becomes a dually sworn officer (PVPD and Waukesha County Sheriff Department) and works as a Detective for the Unit. While assigned to Metro, the Detective investigates drug crimes, not only in the Village of Pewaukee, but also throughout Waukesha County. Part of the assignment is to work in a plain clothes (undercover) capacity. While assigned to Metro, PVPD officers assist in search warrants, overdose investigations, investigating of Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's), as well as other investigations that might develop. Officers assigned to the Metro Unit develop skills and relationships that are brought back to PVPD. The Metro officer also runs the DEA Drug Take Back program in the spring and fall. This program alone has been responsible for removing thousands of tons of unused prescription drugs from circulation in the State of Wisconsin.

As of late 2022, the Waukesha County Drug Task Force will begin partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (H.I.D.T.A), both federal law enforcement agencies. METRO will become Task Force # 69. This will allow full time METRO detectives to become dually sworn as Federal Task Force Agents. This new initiative allows Waukesha County Detectives to pursue narcotic investigations across Waukesha County lines. The new jurisdictional capabilities benefit Waukesha County greatly due to most of the investigations conducted by METRO leading back into the City of Milwaukee and across state lines.

PVPD sees benefits of this partnership, not only for the officer's experience, but also in the resources PVPD gains access to from being a member of the Unit.

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is proud of its long-standing relationship with the Waukesha County Metro Drug Unit. As one of its longest serving partner agencies, we expect this relationship to only strengthen and grow as we look towards the future.

## **2022 Drug Take Back Program**

<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL WEIGHT</u></b>
Village of Pewaukee	537.4 lbs
Waukesha County	10,411.02 lbs
State of Wisconsin	112,591 lbs



# Lake Patrol

*Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer*

The Lake Patrol is a multi-jurisdictional agency comprised of the Town of Delafield, City of Pewaukee, and Village of Pewaukee. The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is responsible for maintaining a safe recreational environment for all lake users year-round. Officers focus on education, and establishing voluntary compliance with local ordinances and state laws. Officers accomplish these goals by building a rapport with lake goers, issuing warnings, and issuing municipal citations only when required.

In addition, the Lake Patrol is responsible for responding to emergencies which occur on the lake. Lake emergencies may consist of accidents, medical crises, overdue boaters, and/or disabled boats. The Lake Patrol has cultivated a relationship, and training regime, with the Pewaukee Fire Department to cohesively operate with their agency in the event of a medical emergency.

New for the 2022 season, the Officers attended a Tacticle Emergency Casualty Care class. Moreover, we refreshed our medical bag to include Homeostatic Dressings, Israeli Bandages, Tourniquets, and an AED.

Additionally, we were awarded two Grants. DNR Grant RBF-1831 for 30 Slow no Wake Buoy's, 12 Hazard Buoys, and one Dam Buoy. The DNR awarded us 50% of the total cost being \$4,677.00. The second grant we were awarded is Wisconsin Department of Justice Grant #2023 BWC-01-17719 for \$2,587.50. This Grant will cover 50% of Body Worn Cameras for our Officers.

## Most Common Citations

1. No Personal Flotation Devices
2. Registration Violations
3. Navigation Rules
4. Careless/Negligent/Reckless Operation

## Lake Patrol Members

Jeff Sutter

Jeffery Griffin

William Spankowski

Mark Rooney

Melissa Schmackle

Joe Volz

John "Phil" Horter

Kelsey Michalsen

Eric Miller



# *Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU)*

*Officer Kerry Corrus*

The Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) is a specialized team through the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. The unit is comprised of officers and deputies specifically selected from participating agencies within Waukesha County. CDU serves as a "ready-response" team for incidents requiring enhanced intervention to protect life, property and civil liberties. CDU consists of multiple platoons of twenty-seven personnel each. Each platoon consists of a platoon leader and a minimum of two squads. These squads consist of a squad leader and a minimum of three teams, with the teams consisting of a team leader and three officers/deputies.

In the year of 2022, the Civil Disturbance Unit gained many new members from different agencies across the county. The team was on standby for the trial involving Darrell Brooks, but were lucky to never be needed. In August, a small team was called out to the Waukesha County Expo Center Grounds for a political event involving Donald Trump and Tim Michels. Lastly, the Civil Disturbance Unit conducted a mass training event with Walworth County at the Walworth County Fair Grounds. The team was able to utilize their heavy armored vehicles, and learned how to march in formation with an armored vehicle in motion.





# *Suburban Critical Incident Team (SCIT)*

*Officer Travis Tyler*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is a proud member of the Suburban Critical Incident Team (S.C.I.T.). This team is comprised of tactical officers from nine different departments including: Brookfield, Chenequa, Delafield, Hartland, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, Elm Grove, and the Village of Pewaukee. Officers Travis Tyler and Brett Markut have been assigned as Tactical Operators within S.C.I.T since October 2021. Officer Adam Rhode was accepted into the Technology Resource Group in the fall of 2022.

The mission of S.C.I.T. is to respond when requested by member agencies, or other law enforcement entities, to potentially life-threatening situations and/or incidents requiring specialized skills, tactics and/or equipment. The team's goal is to secure, isolate and resolve situations in a manner consistent with the proper use of force. S.C.I.T. provides a diverse and professional life saving response capability to the community. S.C.I.T. covers the majority of the population of Waukesha County and also assists agencies outside of Waukesha County.

S.C.I.T. was used in some of the area's most significant and high-profile incidents during 2022, and deployed over 21 times. Some of these incidents included search warrants, barricaded suspects, dignitary protection details, internet crimes against children operations (ICAC), security for Pewaukee Lakefront events, suicidal subjects and man with a gun incidents. With the addition of an Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) in 2020, S.C.I.T. now has more capabilities and protection for both officers and citizens during operations.

This year, SCIT is excited to announce the formation of the Technology Resource Group (TRG). This group was approved by the SCIT policy board to supplement tactical operators. TRG members are responsible for deployable technology equipment during training and operations. TRG will be able to assist agencies in rescue operations (missing persons), overwatch, and community events, as well as document major crime scenes and motor vehicle crashes.

S.C.I.T. continues to adapt to the ever changing social and environmental climates based on the needs of the communities it serves. The Village of Pewaukee's affiliation with the Suburban Critical Incident Team has never been more important to ensure our police department has the resources needed to handle any situation we might encounter.



# *Firearms Program*

*Officer Travis Tyler*

Officers attend quarterly firearms training with the Lake Area Firearms Training Group. This group consists of firearms instructors from different agencies from the Lake Country area. Training with this group gives our department opportunities to train with other officers that we work with on a regular basis while on patrol.

Firearm instructors are certified by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB). Officer Tyler and Officer Markut are the departments current firearm instructors. Instructors are tasked with the maintenance and upkeep of the department's firearms, as well as the inventory of these firearms and their ammunition. Trainings consist of firearms fundamentals, advanced tactical movements and positions of fire as well as scenarios. Officers are required to pass an annual firearms qualification, in which they must demonstrate proficiency with their department issued sidearms.

Department issued sidearms currently consist of Sig Sauer semi-automatic pistols of various models and calibers. Officer Tyler has taken a stance to add uniformity to the firearms program and will be implementing same model and caliber sidearms to all Pewaukee officers in 2023. All new sidearms will be equipped with red dot style optics which improve accuracy and assist greatly in low light conditions. Marked squads are outfitted with rifle mounts and Bravo Company carbines with suppressors on squad rifles. The purpose of a suppressor is to dampen the sound of the firearm and ultimately help protect the hearing of bystanders and officers. Our department continues to invest in equipment so officers can be prepared for any call they face.



# *Department I.T.*

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

Pewaukee PD understands the importance of technology in policing. We were among the first departments in Waukesha County to implement body-worn cameras, having done so nearly ten years ago. With every officer is equipped with a body-worn camera and every squad car is outfitted with multiple cameras. Nearly every interaction we have with citizens is video and audio recorded.

During 2022, our department started the process of becoming “paperless” in terms of our communication with the district attorney’s office. This transition is quite complex and a challenging undertaking; however, we are confident that it will greatly benefit the department when completed.

Our department also received a generous donation from Positively Pewaukee that included new computer monitors for our squad room and two new cameras for evidence collection. We always appreciate the support from our community with donations that ultimately help make our jobs a lot easier.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to being on the cutting edge of technology for our department, as we understand the importance it plays in having complete transparency with the citizens we serve.





# *School Resource Officer*

*Officer Jule Buddenhagen*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2021-2022 School Year brought an exciting new roll for Officer Buddenhagen. In Spring of 2022, Officer Buddenhagen taught a new program to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Horizon Elementary School) and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Asa Clark Middle School) students called Life Skills. This program has 8 different lessons that cover important topics: Self-Esteem, Decision-Making, Smoking Information, Advertising, Dealing with Stress, Communication Skills, Social Skills, and Assertiveness.

When Officer Buddenhagen was not teaching Life Skills, she continued to be proactive in building relationships with staff and students, speaking in classrooms, patrolling the schools, attending after school events, and attending safety committee meetings.

In March 2022, Officer Buddenhagen teamed up with FBI Agent Sarah Dettmering, to speak to students and parents about Internet Safety. Internet Safety has always been a high priority for Officer Buddenhagen. Unfortunately, in the winter and spring of 2022, high school students around the United States became the target of scammers who were looking to extort money from them. This is a form of “sextortion” that unfortunately some of our local students fell victim to.

The first day of school for the 2022-2023 School Year was September 1, 2022. The school year started off with the heightened awareness of increased gun violence in schools around the United States. There also was an increase in “Hoax” or “Swatting” calls reference bomb threats and school shootings. Superintendent, Dr. Mike Cady, has always been supportive of the School Resource Program and immediately began to move forward with plans to add an additional School Resource Officer on the Pewaukee School District Campus in the beginning of 2023. Officer Buddenhagen worked diligently with PSD School Safety Coordinator, John Stangler, to ensure that the schools were safe during normal school hours and at after school activities.





# *Waukesha County Technical College Security Services*

*Officer Jeffrey Lenius*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been proudly providing security at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) campus in Pewaukee for 42 years. WCTC is the only technical college in the State of Wisconsin to have a full-time police presence on campus. WCTC police service is provided under contract from 7am-11pm, Monday through Friday. In 2022, Officer Jeff Lenius served as the dayshift (7am-3pm) WCTC liaison officer and Officer Kerry Corrus served as the second shift (3pm-11pm) WCTC liaison officer.

In 2022, there were 1,197 calls for service on campus; approximately a 14% decrease from 2021. Common calls for service included vehicle accidents, vehicle lockouts, EMS rescue calls, and numerous incidents of recovered property. A unique challenge in 2022 was a theft & identity theft case involving a WCTC instructor victim, The Home Depot and 2 suspects; criminal charges were referred to the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office. In addition, WCTC liaison officers helped coordinate the 2022 spring and fall graduation ceremonies in the Anthony J Natalizio (AJN) Conference Center on campus. Officers managed traffic control and interior security during the events.

WCTC will be celebrating 100 years of higher education instruction in 2023. Many special events are planned to take place throughout the anniversary year. WCTC recently unveiled the redesigned owl mascot design known as Oliver Lindholm Steele.

The police department has a very good working relationship with the WCTC Security Department. The WCTC Security Director is Peter Latona, a retired officer from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The WCTC liaison officers patrol the campus along with student security officers employed by the WCTC Security Department.



# Auxiliary Program

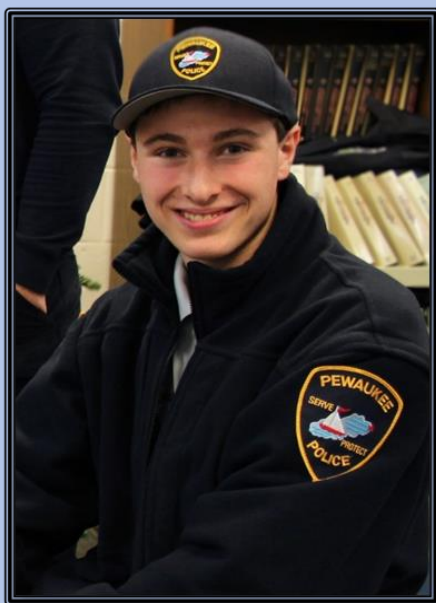
Hello, my name is Gage McCartney. I am an Auxiliary Officer at the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, among other various positions. I am a college student at WCTC and will finish my technical degree in Criminal Justice in March of 2022. I am 19 years old and joined the Auxiliary program when I was 18 years old in April of 2022. Some of my general interests of mine include; range shooting, snowboarding, playing video games, and hanging out with friends.

My career goal is to work at a police department and obtain experience to eventually go into specialized teams like the bomb squad, the SWAT, or K9. I additionally plan to transfer to the railroad police which is the end goal for my career. I plan on achieving this by obtaining my associate's degree in criminal justice, going through the academy, working in a department, obtaining experience, transferring to the railroad police, and applying for specialized teams.

I was asked to describe what the Auxiliary program does for individuals who take the time to apply and join the Pewaukee Police Department. This is a simple question, yet it has an extensive explanation. The Auxiliary program does a lot for individuals who put forth the time and effort. I have learned many lessons throughout the program and met a variety of people throughout my time at the department. I have brushed shoulders with some cool amazing people and a few people who didn't have a positive attitude toward the police. I have developed countless skills throughout the program which include, verbal skills, academy knowledge, on-the-road policing knowledge, and community-building knowledge. Each of these new skills will provide me with an excellent step up on applications, and the academy, and it will undoubtedly assist me in my career in law enforcement.

The department has a great atmosphere and the officers at the department are always giving a helping hand teaching me countless lessons and giving me advice to use in my future career. The officers also help me with general life skills giving me advice such as not having only police officers as friends and branching out having friends that aren't in the first responder field. The officers including Seargant Twelmeyer assisted me in fixing my flat tire and replacing it with a spare while at the department. I learned how to exchange a flat tire with a spare tire without powertools and instead using the basic base tools the car is provided with.

When I am asked the question, what is Auxiliary program like at the Village of Pewaukee? I have nothing but positive responses to that question. This opportunity helps me build my resume, build essential skills in life and law enforcement, ready me for life, and so much more. I recommend the Auxiliary program for anyone who fits the requirements. It is an amazing opportunity that should be taken advantage of. This is what I think about when someone asks me about the Auxiliary program at the Village of Pewaukee Police Department.



The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has an Auxiliary Police Program that is perfect for young adults to explore a career in law enforcement. My name is Austin. I am 17 years old and I started as an Auxiliary Officer in the Village of Pewaukee in September of 2022. Since September, I have learned tons about a career in law enforcement and the many different events that police participate in. One event is Shop With Cops. It is a community event where law enforcement officers shop with kids around Christmas time. Additionally, the Police help with a drug take back program for unwanted prescription medications and host other community events like gingerbread house making. These are just a few examples as police help out in the community in so many ways. I receive hands-on experience by riding along with officers. I get to see them in action as they make traffic stops, participate in special assignments, and I also get to witness conflict resolution. In my opinion this is the best way to gain knowledge of what the career entails.

My future goal is to become a police officer with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The Auxiliary Program is perfect because it allows me to see what a normal day looks like for a police officer and helps better prepare me for a career in law enforcement. The Auxiliary Program gives real world experience in the field and allows an inside look at policing. This program provides a great opportunity to meet people in the law enforcement field and build good relationships with possible future co-workers. Each officer has a unique perspective and approach to their job and I enjoy learning from all of them. Finally, this program helps build a great college resume for a major in criminal justice.

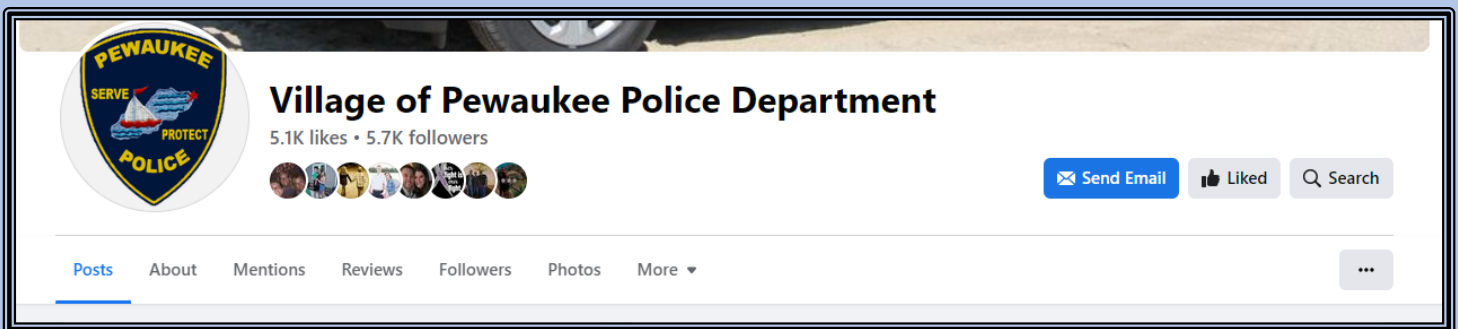
I feel very fortunate to have this unique opportunity to serve as an Auxiliary Officer and learn about the daily policing operations. I highly recommend the Village of Pewaukee Police Department if you are thinking about exploring a career in law enforcement.

# Social Media

Officer Grant Zabel

We significantly grew our social media presence during 2022. Throughout 2022, our Facebook posts were viewed over 200,000 times, significantly higher than our 2021 total of approximately 50,000 views. Our Facebook page is primarily used to notify residents of major incidents, promote the Pewaukee community, and advertise the positive impact our department is making.

Our department added a new social media platform to our roster in 2022, Neighbors by Ring. Neighbors is a free to download app that streamlines direct information sharing. Neighbors is solely focused on sharing crime and safety information, and acts as a neighborhood watch group for the entire community. We can share crime alerts, photos, and videos. Residents are also able to create their own posts and share their own information. Every post that is created is then pinned to a virtual map of the Village of Pewaukee so we can easily track incidents. This system allows us to quickly alert residents of incidents and request camera footage or witness statements from a broader audience than we would traditionally be able to. This system has been very helpful in gathering information which has helped solve multiple crimes. We look forward to expanding the program in the future.





# Community Events

Officer Grant Zabel

Our department strives to be a positive presence and add to the community in a variety of ways. Throughout 2022, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department hosted or participated in over thirty-five community events. A few of our favorite events included our annual National Night Out event, the Waukesha County Trunk-or-Treat event, Shop with Cops, and our multijurisdictional Citizens Academy.

2022 was hard on many families in the area and our department made an extra effort to support charity events that directly helped Pewaukee residents. Our most notable charity event of 2022 was our holiday diaper drive. With community donations our department received over 10,000 diapers, wipes, baby formula, and food items for families in need. As always, we look forward to expanding our community presence next year.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Date: October 22, 2022  
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Where: Waukesha Expo Center  
1000 Northview Road  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Contact Kristi Deputy if you would like to decorate your trunk or if you have any other questions.  
kdeputy@fwaukesha.org

HOSTED BY: **LOLA'S HOPE** **family service**

**PAC** PEWAUKEE AREA COUNCIL

JOIN US FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE-MAKING**

**DECEMBER 7TH**

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
235 HICKORY ST.

**DOSE OF REALITY**

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

LOCATION: Village of Pewaukee, 235 Hickory St.  
DATE: Saturday, October 29th, 2022  
TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm  
HOSTED BY: Village of Pewaukee Police Department

**BRING**

- Prescription (controlled and non-controlled)
- Over-the-counter medications
- Antibiotics, antibiotics, and over-the-counter
- Cocaine, crack, and pot medications

**DO NOT BRING**

- Illegal drugs, needles/needles, syringes, or alcohol cans
- Biocumulative materials (anything containing metals, lead or toxic)
- Aerosol (deodorant or personal care products)
- Chemicals, spray, lacquer, solvents, etc.
- Household hazardous waste (antifreeze, antifreeze, oil, etc.)

Substance division of all containers, unopened or sealed medications. Participants who choose not to take their drug medications by returning the medication from the event and dropping it off at the event will be placed in a clear plastic bag. All drug packages are acceptable, whether the medication is in its original container or not. All drug packages must be in their original packaging.

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VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

FAMILY EVENT

KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FREE FOOD AND DRINK  
RAFFLES AND MORE!

AUGUST 2nd, 2022  
5:00-9:00 PM

P.C. DEPUTY VILLAGE PARK  
261 DANTON AVENUE  
PEWAUKEE, WI 53188

BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY AND GET ENTERED TO WIN A CHILDREN'S BIKE!

**LAKE COUNTRY CITIZENS ACADEMY**

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION  
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION  
COMPUTER CRIMES  
FIRE RESPONSE  
CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE  
DISPATCH TOUR  
OPR TRAINING  
SCENARIO BASED LEARNING

**TOPICS COVERED**

TO APPLY

Applications due by: **MARCH 16th, 2022**

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM  
MARCH 16th - MAY 11th  
8:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

**Youth Academy**

Meets at 235 Hickory Street

Every Tuesday

April 26th 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
May 24th 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Learn About a Career in Law Enforcement  
For Ages 14-18  
No Cost  
Applications due by April 20th

Topics Covered

- K-9 Demonstration
- Mock Traffic Stops
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Fingerprinting
- Radio Communications

CONTACT OFFICER ZABEL FOR APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS  
gzabel@fwaukesha.com

**DIAPER DRIVE NOV 19TH**

10 AM - 2 PM

Serving Waukesha County Food Pantries

**BETTER TOGETHER**

**PB & J DRIVE**

**WHAT WE NEED**

- DIAPERS
- BABY WIPES
- INFANT FORMULA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON:  
NOV. 19TH BETWEEN 10 AM - 2 PM  
235 HICKORY ST  
PEWAUKEE, WI 53188

SPONSORED BY THE PEWAUKEE POLICEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

**Quadco**

**BOATER'S SAFETY COURSE**

Sponsored by Lake Country Boats

Monday, June 13 5:00 - 9:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 15 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Pewaukee Village Hall  
Board Room  
235 Hickory St, Pewaukee

Registration is required. Visit the Pewaukee Police Department in person to register.

Attendees are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement.

Wisconsin boating safety certification or out-of-state equivalent certification is required for operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1959. Anyone is eligible to take the class and receive a safety education completion certificate, however, courses are designed at a 5th-grade level or up.

**Pewaukee POLICE**



# *Shop with Cops*

*Officer Julie Buddenhagen*

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, The Village of Pewaukee Police Department joined forces with the Village of Hartland and City of Delafield Police Departments to host our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Shop with Cops Event.

We are very appreciative of our long and supporting sponsors and volunteers who help to make this event a success. Holiday Shop with Cops was held at Queen of Apostles Church and Walmart in Pewaukee. Go Riteway Bus Company also donated a bus to transport officers and children between these venues. Thanks to fundraising efforts, as well as our generous donors, we were able to assist 39 children and 25 families.

We had many community members, police officers, and dispatcher from the Lake Country Area volunteer their time to make our event a success. Members of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, Village of Chenequa Police Department, Village of Hartland Police Department, City of Delafield Police Department, Waukesha County Communications, WCTC Police Recruit Academy, City of New Berlin Police Department, Village of Elm Grove Police Department and City of Brookfield Police Department all volunteered their time to foster positive relationship with the children of our communities.



# *Photo of the Year*

## *"Three Hour Tour"*

Each annual report acts as a historical record of our department. Every year we look forward to seeing all the photos and reflecting on the year we've had. Every picture tells a story but we would like to share this particular one with you.

In the early morning hours of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a large summer storm was wandering through the area, and bringing with it a heavy downpour that would not cease. Keeping with the traditions and nature of police work; with the weather at its worst Sergeant Rowe and Officer Michalsen were advised of a stranded boat on the lake. Due to the heavy storm conditions both officers grabbed the police boat and began to search the lake for any boaters in distress. Unfortunately, officers were not relayed the message that the boat was able to exit the water shortly before they arrived. With this key information missing officers began searching the lake for a boat that was no longer there. Just as the famous Gilligan's Island song goes, they began their "three-hour tour". Due to the night-time conditions, heavy winds, and rain, visibility was nearly zero. It took nearly an hour just to complete the first pass across the lake. After an hour of searching officers learned the boat was no longer on the lake and no one was in danger. The next challenge was returning to the boat launch. With no shore lights visible this proved to be a difficult task. After another hour of low-speed cruising, they returned the eastern side of the lake. Through superior navigation skills, and a considerable amount of luck, they spotted a nearby road which they were able to follow to the boat launch. Once they were back on shore, they were soaked to the bone and exhausted. We believe the photo you now see very accurately summarizes their little adventure.





