

VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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Honorable Police Commissioners, Members of the Village Board, and Residents of the Village of Pewaukee;

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2023 Annual Report of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our department's endeavors and achievements over the past year, offering insight into our commitment to serving and safeguarding our community

Contained within this report are details of the initiatives, activities, and accomplishments across various divisions of our department, from patrol and investigations to community outreach and training programs. Each section reflects our ongoing efforts to adapt, innovate, and enhance our ability to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents of the Village of Pewaukee.

Our commitment to collaboration and engagement with the community remains steadfast. We are deeply grateful for the trust and support you have placed in us, enabling us to work together towards a safer and more secure future for everyone in our Village.

I extend my sincerest appreciation to the dedicated men and women of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department for their tireless dedication and service. Their professionalism and commitment to duty are the cornerstone of our department's success.

I encourage you to explore this report and join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department over the past year. Your feedback and input are invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence and seek new ways to better serve our community.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and support.

Sincerely,

Chief Timothy Heier



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DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Police Commission
Commissioners (5)

Chief of Police
Timothy Heier

Serving Pewaukee Since
05/01/2019

Deputy Chief
Brian Foth

Serving Pewaukee Since
01/16/2006

Sergeant
Lucas Twelmeyer

Serving Pewaukee Since
01/01/2012

Sergeant
Michael Rowe

Serving Pewaukee Since
10/27/2020

Detective
Craig Drummy

Serving Pewaukee Since
03/08/1999

Officer
Jeffrey Lenius

Serving Pewaukee Since
03/31/2003

Officer
Julie Buddenhagen

Serving Pewaukee Since
08/04/2004

Officer
Kerry Corrus

Serving Pewaukee Since
01/18/2016

Officer
Brett Markut

Serving Pewaukee Since
05/30/2017

Officer
Travis Tyler

Serving Pewaukee Since
06/19/2018

Officer
Geoffrey Cimpl

Serving Pewaukee Since
11/16/2018

Officer
Grant Zabel

Serving Pewaukee Since
01/20/2020

Officer
Larisa Mayek

Serving Pewaukee Since
06/01/2021

Officer
Erik Michalsen

Serving Pewaukee Since
11/10/2021

Officer
Adam Rhode

Serving Pewaukee Since
06/27/2022

Officer
Daniel Pfeil

Serving Pewaukee Since
07/25/2022

Officer
Parker Frick

Serving Pewaukee Since
05/15/2023

Officer
Rebecca Polzin

Serving Pewaukee Since
07/01/2023

Officer
Michael Duncan

Serving Pewaukee Since
09/11/2023

Officer
Rob Floral

Serving Pewaukee Since
01/29/2024

BOAT PATROL ROSTER

**Advisory
Committee**

Chief
Timothy Heier

Deputy Chief
Brian Foth

Sergeant
Lucas Twelmeyer

Sergeant
Melissa Schmackle

Officer
Jeffrey Griffin

Officer
William Spankowski

Officer
John "Phil" Horter

Officer
Kelly Zielinski

Officer
Joe Volz

Officer
Mark Rooney

Officer
Ed Ciano

Officer
Kelsey Michalsen

Officer
Jennifer Feather

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS

	Current Term Expiration
Village President Jeff Knutson	4/14/2025
Trustee Bob Rohde	4/14/2025
Trustee Chris Krasovich	4/14/2025
Trustee Heather Gergen	4/14/2025
Trustee Craig Roberts	4/15/2024
Trustee Kelli Belt	4/15/2024
Trustee Jim Grabowski	4/15/2024

POLICE COMMISSION MEMBERS

	Current Term Expiration
President David Spakowicz	4/30/2024
Member William Gehrking	4/30/2025
Member Jeffrey Bublitz	4/30/2024
Member Peter Rohde	4/30/2025
Member Jodie Borckmann	4/30/2026

Pewaukee dog home safe after getting stuck in sewer

Brookfield 'swatting' case; Waukesha woman accused, charged

By Bret Lemoine and FOX6 News Digital Team | Published December 15, 2023 | Updated 5:05PM | Crime and Public Safety | FOX6 News Milwaukee |

TOP STORY

Pewaukee man charged after alleged threats at Walmart

Milwaukee man charged after guns stolen in burglary of Pewaukee funeral home

By Brian Huber - Enterprise Staff | Jul 20, 2023 Updated Jul 20, 2023

Department featured on cover of 2023 Police Ford Pro Calendar

Pewaukee man charged in alleged bestiality case bound over for trial

Freeman Staff | Sep 12, 2023 Updated Sep 12, 2023

A zebra and more at Pewaukee's National Night Out

Freeman Staff | Aug 1, 2023

Pewaukee Police Department hosts Autism Awareness event

Freeman Staff | Apr 4, 2023 Updated Apr 4, 2023

Police pursuit leads to emergency alert activation in Pewaukee



by Adam Roberts | September 29, 2023 | in Crime News

Pewaukee man charged after allegedly recording family members, minors nude

FORD CALENDAR

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department was selected to feature on the cover, and represent the month of August, on the 2023 Police Ford Pro Calendar. 65,000 calendars were distributed across the country which were displayed and given out at trade shows and events. The Village of Pewaukee was chosen in a competitive process against much larger agencies such as Tampa and Tulsa. Calendars proudly displaying the Village of Pewaukee were seen at events as far away as San Diego. A special thank you to Heather Gergen of Gergen Photography for volunteering her time and effort to take a fantastic photo at five in the morning.

Proudly Supporting Your Dedicated Service



2023 Calendar
A SUPPLEMENT TO A BOBIT PUBLICATION

"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 calendar reads. "The highly dedicated and skilled staff serve with integrity, professionalism and excellence. We welcome all to come and enjoy what Pewaukee has to offer."

Calls for Service



DEPARTMENT HISTORY

The Pewaukee Police Department dates back to 1876, when the Village was established along the shores of Pewaukee Lake. As our department approaches our sesquicentennial anniversary, we reflect proudly on our history, while always keeping an eye trained towards the future. Our department has proven the ability to adapt to changing trends in law enforcement, establishing itself as a well-respected staple of the Pewaukee community.

The make-up of the Pewaukee community requires our officers to be versatile in their style of policing, as our community, albeit rather small in terms of geographical size, contains a myriad of different facets. The village holds all of the Pewaukee School District buildings (K4-12th grade), Waukesha County Technical College, several residential neighborhoods, a significant number of rental properties, major thoroughfares in Capitol Dr and STH 16, a downtown business lakefront district, an industrial manufacturing district, a large contingent of retail outlets and a world-class lake which draws visitors from far away throughout the entire year.

In order to meet the needs of our community, our department employs 20 full-time patrol officers, 10 part-time lake patrol officers and two full-time clerical staff members. The department devotes two of our officers to the Pewaukee School District to serve as SRO's (School Resource Officers). Additionally, we devote two of our officers to WCTC to serve as Campus Security officers. One officer is assigned as the department's Detective. Many department members are assigned to various specialty units, such as ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children), SCIT (Suburban Critical Incident Team), Honor Guard, METRO Drug Enforcement, CDU (Civil Disturbance Unit), Community Liaison Officer, etc.

Looking back on the nearly 150 years of our department's history, we are appreciative of where we are today. Although proud of our past, we understand that the world of law enforcement is constantly changing. We remain vigilant in our commitment to provide our citizens with the best possible protection, as we hope to serve for the next 150 years and beyond.



MUNICIPAL COURT

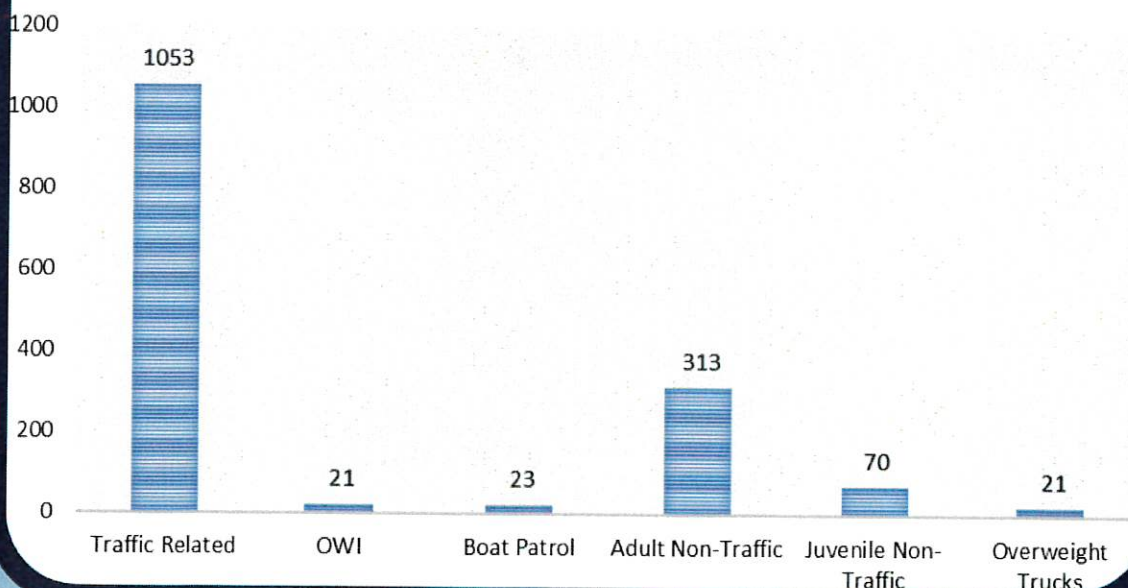
The Village of Pewaukee Municipal Court represents the judicial branch of local government, handling all citations issued by the Village of Pewaukee Police Department and the Pewaukee Lake Patrol for traffic and ordinance violations. The primary function of the court is to administer justice and hold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

The Village of Pewaukee Municipal Court made history in 2023 with its first "Contempt of Court Motion" during a trial for a speeding citation. The defendant was loud, rude, and accusatory. The defendant further threatened the Judge with loud threatening words "I'm coming after you. The blood is on your hands". The defendant was ultimately handcuffed in court, charged, fined \$200.00, and was escorted to the Waukesha County Jail by officers.

The Pewaukee Municipal Court processed 1,501 cases in 2023. The dollar amount of forfeitures for the citations written in 2023 totaled \$261,857.14.

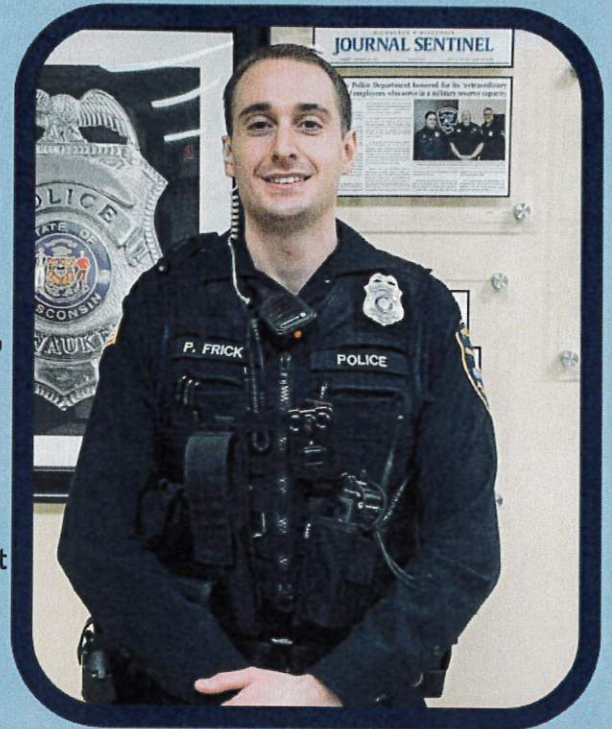
The total payments collected for citations in 2023 was \$166,660.23. The court aggressively pursues collection of unpaid fines through various means at its disposal. Violators can incur suspension of their driving privileges for up to one year, their taxes may be intercepted through "State of Wisconsin Tax Refund Intercept Program", or their debt may be referred to the "State Debt Collection" (SDC). The amount collected through the Tax Intercept Program in 2023 was \$3036.04. The number of debts collected through SDC in 2023 was \$31,142.92. Utilizing SDC 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. The court staff consists of Judge Melissa Murray, Village Attorney Lori Fabian (Pretrials), Village Attorney, Matthew Gralinski (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.

2023 PROCESSED CASES



NEW HIRE PERSPECTIVE

I have been a member of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department since May 15th, 2023. I am a Pewaukee native, having graduated from Pewaukee High School in 2018. I attended the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and graduated in 2022 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice & Criminology. I then put myself through the Waukesha County Technical College Law Enforcement Academy and graduated in May 2023. Shortly before graduating from the law enforcement academy, I was offered a job by the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. Accepting this job was an easy decision, considering the reputation that the department has, and the fact that I would be serving my hometown that has been so good to me over the years. I been on solo-patrol since September where I continue to learn more every day. It is my hope that in a few years I will be able to become a member of the Suburban Critical Incident Team (SCIT) or a member of the Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU). It is on one of these teams that I hope to become a drone operator. I have found that the Village of Pewaukee Police Department is a very rewarding place to work, and I can't see myself working at any other department.



PARKER
FRICK

My dream to be in law enforcement started 20 years ago when I attended college in hopes to complete a degree in Criminal Justice. I took a step back from college to be a military wife and a mother of two, one with special needs. I finally pursued my dream of a career in law enforcement, and was hired with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office in 2016. In April 2023, I graduated with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. After hearing all of the positive attributes about the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, I applied for a Police Officer position, and was sworn in with the Village of Pewaukee on July 1st, 2023. Since then, I have enjoyed getting to know the community, the residents, and the visitors. I look forward to a long and fulfilling career with the Village of Pewaukee.



REBECCA
POLZIN

NEW HIRE PERSPECTIVE

I spent portion of my childhood in the Lake Country area and always had the goal of being in law enforcement. After completing college, I first started my career as a Deputy with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department back in 2019. After spending three years with KSD, I decided to transfer and pursue the opportunity to work in my hometown. I always considered Lake Country to be my home and the opportunity to serve this community was too good to pass up. I came to know Officers Brett Markut and Travis Tyler through the military. Both of whom spoke very highly of the department and what being a Pewaukee Police Officer had to offer. Subsequently, I decided that Pewaukee PD would be a great fit and I applied in December of 2022. Despite being deployed overseas with the military for several months, the department held an open position for me, and I was immediately hired upon my return. Now that I have finished field training, I will be assigned to third shift patrol. Being dual military and law enforcement is not easy, and the support the department has given me in both careers has been above and beyond. I'm excited to serve the citizens of Pewaukee for the foreseeable future.



**MICHAEL
DUNCAN**



FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

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 and have a basic understanding of law enforcement.

Our field training program added one new FTO in 2023, Officer Pfeil. 2023 also saw a continued effort rework of our field training curriculum to better prepare new officers and provide them with more resources throughout their time training. Four officers successfully completed field training in 2023.



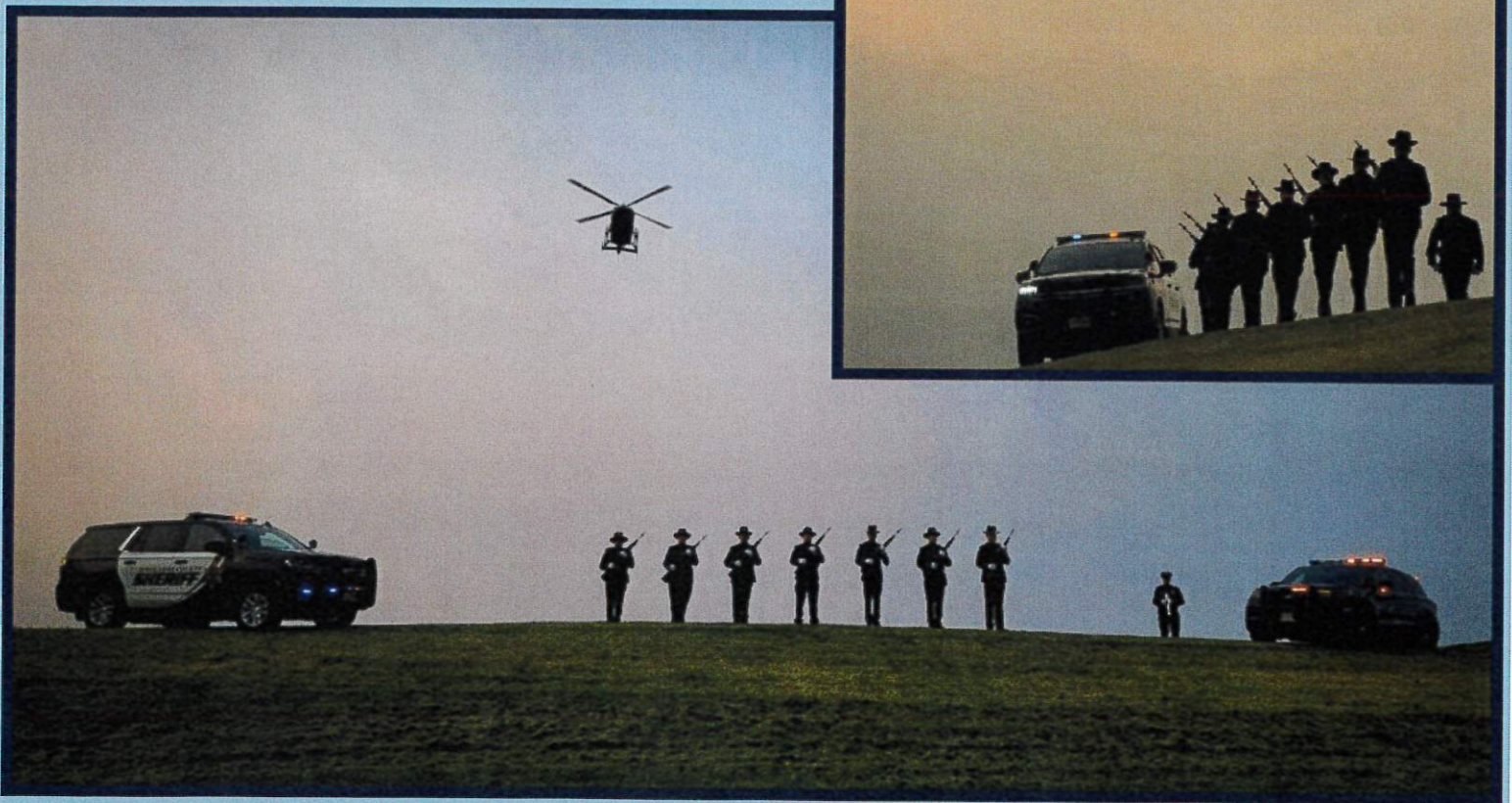
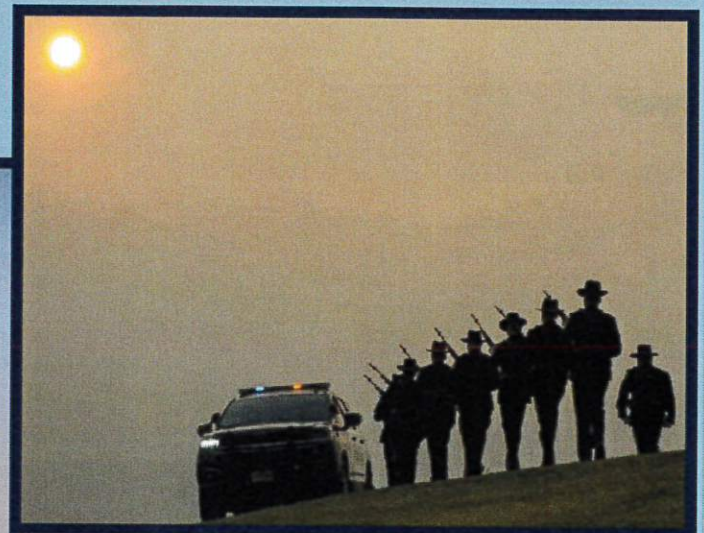
HONOR GUARD

2023 marks the eighth year that the Pewaukee Police Department has served with pride in the Waukesha County Honor Guard Unit. Currently serving on this unit are Deputy Chief Foth, Sergeant Twelmeyer, and Officer Pfeil.

The Honor Guard Unit participates in various events which include funerals and memorials for fallen officers. As these occasions can be very emotional for those who attend, honor guard members make it their top goal to perform at their very best. The Honor Guard Unit can also be seen leading parades around Waukesha County for holidays, such as parades for the 4th of July and Memorial Day. The Honor Guard Unit also participates in law enforcement graduation ceremonies for recruits as they begin their career in public service.

Unit members participate in bi-monthly trainings throughout the year with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and Muskego Police Department. The trainings include but are not limited to various marches, different formations, and other tedious drills. These drills strengthen and maintain an officer's discipline in casket guard, parade formations, presenting and posting the colors, the final salute, and more. With members being held to very high standards during events, such trainings are crucial to help officers strengthen and perfect their duties when called upon for different ceremonies.

Throughout this year, the community has been served by the Honor Guard Unit on memorable family events, ceremonies, and funerals. Department members are committed to serving as one of the most highly-regarded and respected units in the county.



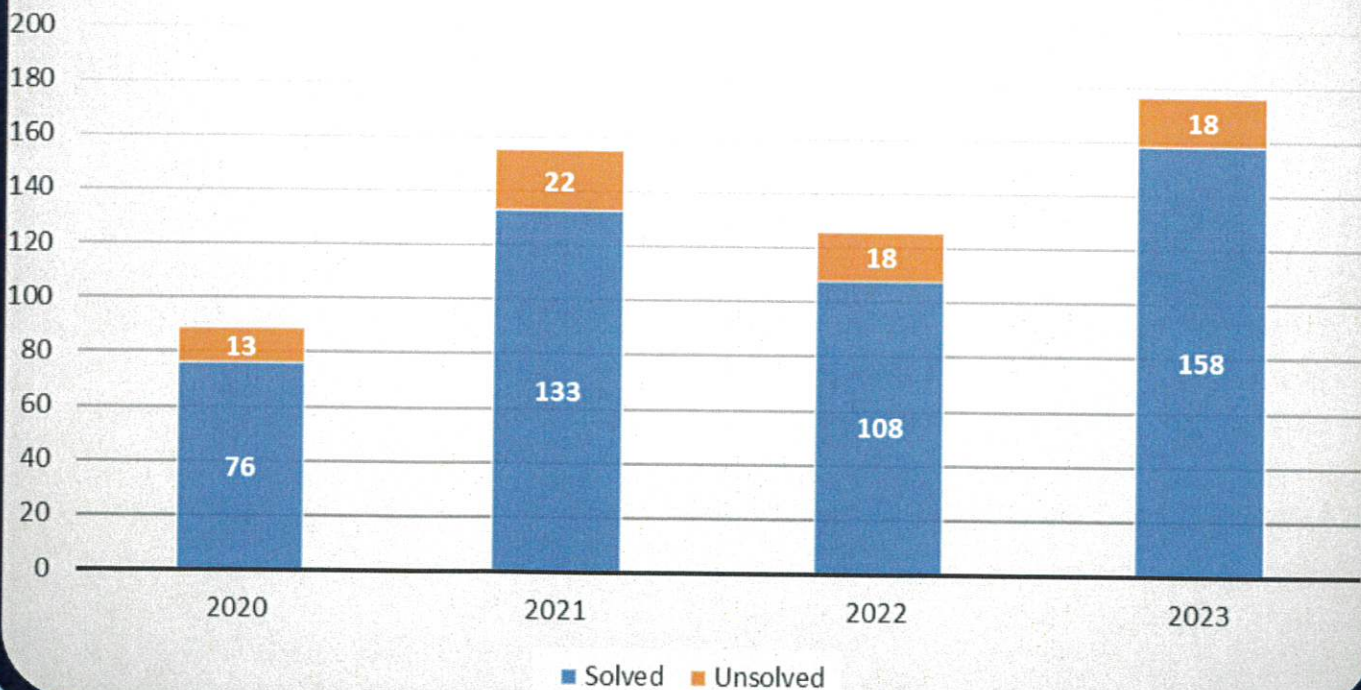
INVESTIGATIONS

The Village of Pewaukee Police assists our local businesses with conducting investigations of felony, misdemeanor, and municipal retail thefts. Retail thefts have been on the rise the last few years and in 2023 rose once again. As the crime rate has risen our clearance rate has also risen. Most of the investigations involve people that do not live or work in Pewaukee. Technology and interagency cooperation has played a large part in solving these cases quickly and efficiently. The subjects involved either receive municipal citations or are charged through the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office. 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 are stolen get sold and turned into street value money. Items commonly stolen for this purpose are: diapers, formula, health and beauty products, alcohol, security cameras, copper wire, power tools, TV's, vacuums, cell phones, video games, clothing, and home electronic devices just to name a few.

The FBI national clearance rate for larceny-theft in 2022 was 12.4%. We are extremely proud of our clearance rate of 90% in 2023 and will continue to aggressively pursue these cases. We will continue to ensure the Village of Pewaukee is a safe place to shop, visit, and raise a family.

Retail Thefts



INVESTIGATIONS

2023 was another year in which large scaled investigations absorbed the time of the officers. A few of the cases that were worked by our team are as follows:

*02/01/23 An armed robbery investigation started in 2022 which led to an arrest of a 31-year-old male from the Village of Pewaukee. The replica gun used in the robbery was located.

*03/2023 - 04/2023 An upswing in scams and retail thefts were occurring at the Walmart which included till tapping, fraudulent returns, price tag switching, under scanning, use of stolen credit cards to purchase gift cards, and using fake currency to obtain product.

*On 04/19/23 A bank fraud investigation ID'd a 67-year-old female from Bronx, New York. She was involved in felony ID theft to obtain funds at a Wells Fargo/Pewaukee bank branch. We received a tip from Bloomingdale Police Department (Illinois) which verified her identity. She was wanted from Pennsylvania to Texas to Wisconsin.

*04/18/23 The WIORCA Conference (Wisconsin Organized Retail Crime Association) recognized Detective Drummy and the Village of Pewaukee Police Department in recognition of their partnership and dedication to combating organized crime in the State of Wisconsin.

*05/14/23 A stolen/recovered motor vehicle from an overnight vehicle theft. This was a 2017 BMW stolen from a residence on Park Avenue. Pewaukee Police Department worked with the City of Brookfield Police Department and Waukesha County Sheriff's Department to stop the uptick in stolen vehicles in Waukesha County.

*05/21/23 A large sum of money was taken from a restaurant on Capitol Drive. The actor posed as a worker and took money from the safe. This case is still being investigated.

*06/07/23 A Bestiality case was investigated and an arrest was made on 08/02/23. A 49-year-old male who was once a village residence has been charged with 10 separate counts. A \$3000 cash bail was paid and court is pending.

*09/07/23 The Pewaukee Police Department identified a 53 yr. old male suspect involved in two separate felony retail thefts from the Menard's on 09/07/23 and 09/09/23. There are active warrants out for the suspect's arrest.

*11/28/23 Theft of a \$2000.00 check from a victim who resided at a senior living facility. Case still being investigated.

MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Lake Country Area Major Investigations Unit is made up of agencies in Waukesha County that assist each other on large scale investigations and search warrants. Each agency has a team leader and members that have specialty training to assist during call outs. The Pewaukee PD team leader and Commander of the unit is Det. Craig Drummy. Chief Timothy Heier is the MIU President. The members from Pewaukee PD are:

Deputy Chief Brian Foth, investigator,
Det. Craig Drummy, evidence technician and investigator.
PO Julie Buddenhagen, investigator, evidence technician, sensitive crimes and ICAC.
PO Kerry Corrus photographer and evidence technician.
PO Adam Rhode photographer and evidence technician.

The agencies that make up the unit are from 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 worked and assisted on the following investigations in 2023:

*02/01/23 Armed Robbery Investigation in Pewaukee. Search warrant on residence. A 31 yr old male suspect arrested after vehicle pursuit. Weapon used was located. Suspect still confined in WI State Prison System.

*02/14/23 ID Theft Investigation in Pewaukee. Electronic Recovery and Access to Data (ERAD) member from Delafield PD ran stolen credit cards used by a suspect. Two females ID'd and charged with 6 felonies and 1 misdemeanor.

*07/26/23 Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation in Elm Grove. PVPD assisted with evidence collection.

*08/02/23 Bestiality Investigation by Pewaukee PD. Arrest made on 49 yr old male suspect during a traffic stop. Search warrant done at his residence. Charged with 10 felonies and \$3000.00 cash bail requested.

*08/03/23 Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. A 41 yr old male suspect arrested. Search warrant done on vehicles and residence. Charged with 17 different felonies, from Sexual Assault of an Unconscious Person to Sexual Exploitation of a Child, and \$1 million dollar cash bail requested. Pled guilty on 2/23/2024 to 5 felonies.

*08/31/23 Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation in Hartland. PVPD assisted with evidence collection.

*11/10/23 Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation by Pewaukee PD. A 57 yr old male taken into custody. Search warrant done at the residence. Charged with 10 counts of Possession of CSAM and \$5000.00 cash bail requested.

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

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. Officers Julie Buddenhagen and Larisa Mayek, along with Deputy Chief Brian Foth, are members of the ICAC task force.

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 CyberTips are then sent all over the country to different ICAC task forces including the Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department received several of these CyberTips throughout 2023. These investigations often take multiple months, and throughout 2023, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department conducted two residential warrants regarding Internet Crimes Against Children.

One of these search warrants led to a multi-state investigation, involving both the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the Texas Department of Public Safety. A residential search warrant served in the Village on 8/03/23 uncovered a suspect who was involved in producing and distributing images of child sexual abuse material. This investigation led to the arrest of two suspects in Texas and one suspect in Tennessee. As a result of this investigation, 9 children were saved from being further victimized and assaulted. As of now, our suspect from Pewaukee is still being held with no bail, and pled guilty on 2/23/2024 to 5 out of the 17 felony charges, with a sentencing hearing in April of 2024.

The Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force continues to make protecting children the top priority in 2024. 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 citizens academies as well as presentations conducted at the schools partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

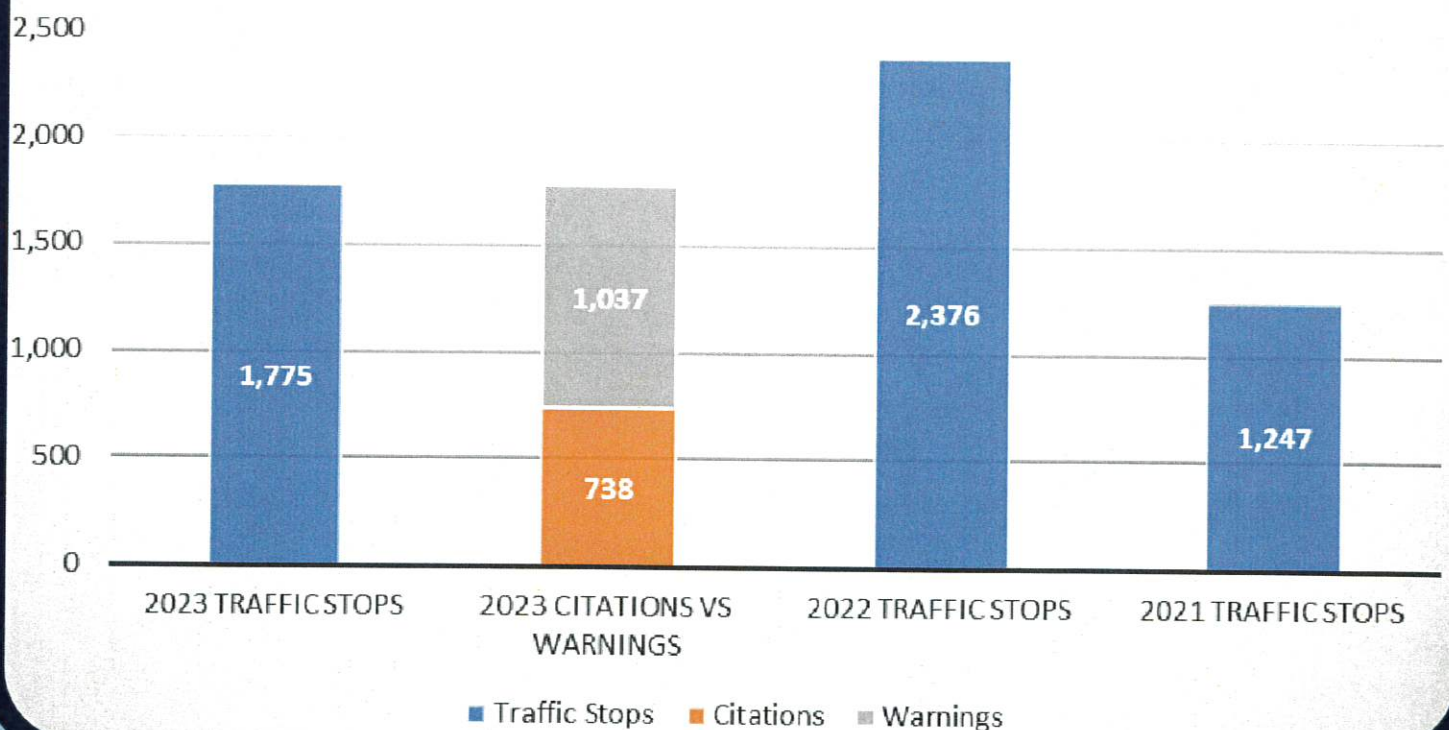


TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Officers continue to have a strong presence on our roadways. In 2023 we saw 1,775 traffic stops, an average of nearly 5 traffic stops a day. At times drivers may receive multiple citations as a result of multiple traffic law violations. During the 738 traffic stops that resulted in a driver being cited 1,053 citations were issued. Our goal is to educate drivers and change driving behavior in order to make our roadways safer, not to simply issue citations. 58% of traffic stops conducted in 2023 resulted in a verbal warning.

In 2022 the Village of Pewaukee Police Department added the ability to enforce heavy truck limits on roadways. The Village of Pewaukee has 5 ton weight limit signs posted in a number of areas and is being enforced by officers. Truck weight enforcement helps maintain the quality of the roads and prevents large trucks from entering areas in which they cannot safely maneuver. The most egregious violator of 2023 was a truck that was 35,780 lbs over the weight limit. In 2023, the program has yielded 20 citations, totaling \$56,809.46. Citations are issued to the trucking company. The money is used to maintain and improve roads in the Village.

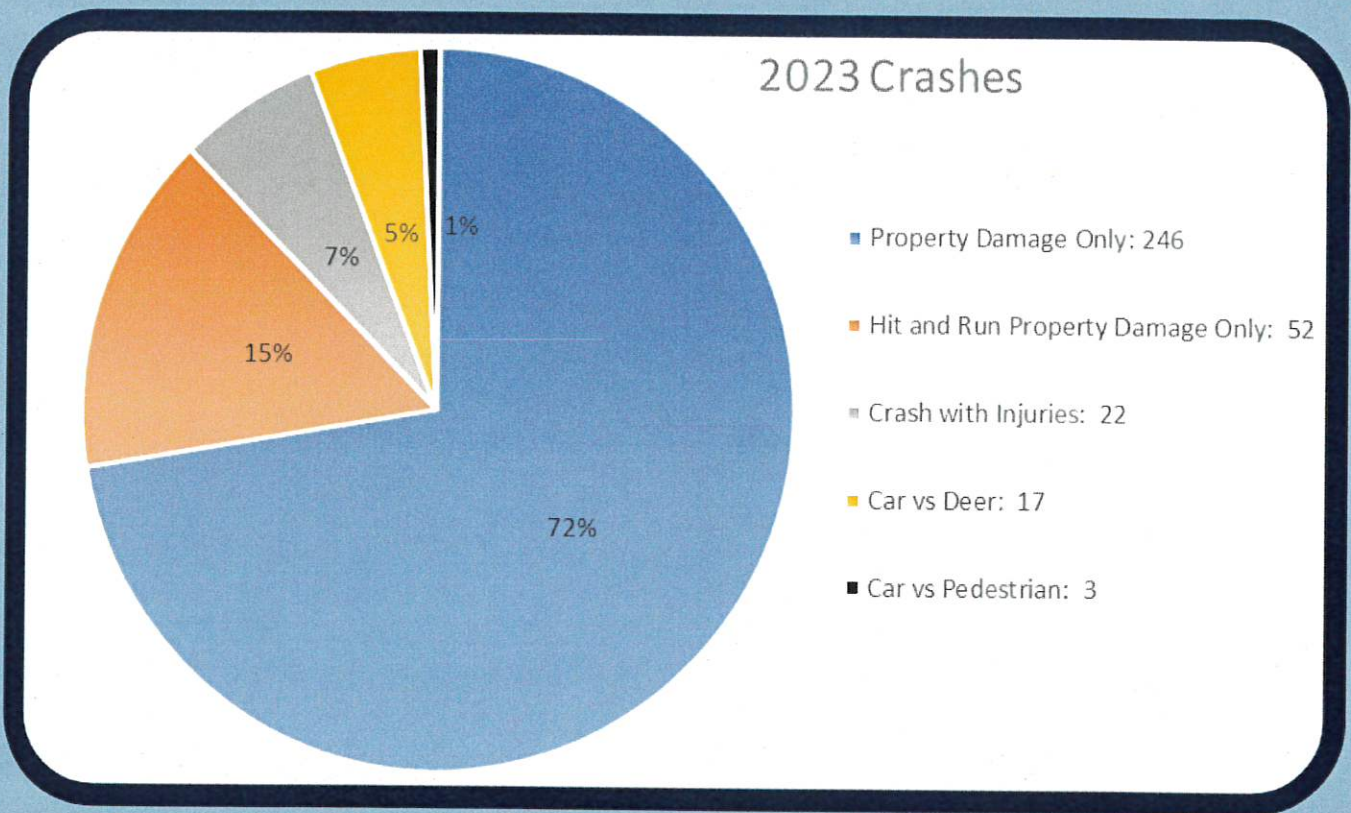
Traffic Enforcement



TRAFFIC CRASHES

Upon arriving at the scene, Police Officers must quickly assess the accident, determine how to position their squad car to protect the crashed vehicles, how to reroute traffic around the affected area, the severity of the crash, and if any additional resources are needed.

Unfortunately, there is no way to quantify the motor vehicle crashes prevented from Officers presence and diligent patrol functions. These investigations encompass a wide variety of circumstances. Officers responded to 340 crashes in 2023 with the vast majority of crashes being minor fender benders with no injuries.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

In 2023, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, like many other agencies across the country, focused heavily on combating impaired driving. The Police Department received numerous complaints about reckless drivers, possible impaired drivers, and overall poor driving behavior that were reported by the motoring public. These incidents were thoroughly investigated and at times subsequent arrests were made for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

In total, the Pewaukee Police Department arrested 29 individuals for impaired driving during 2023. These arrests included persons that were charged with municipal (1st Offense), misdemeanor (2nd offense and 3rd offense), felony offenses (4th offense and above), Operate with a Restricted Controlled Substance, and Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration.

Each year, Officers from the Pewaukee Police Department do their best to combat those who are impaired while operating a motor vehicle. It is heavily encouraged that concerned citizens continue to assist with this effort by reporting those who exhibit poor driving behavior and/ or signs of impaired driving. If you see something, say something.



METRO DRUG UNIT

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department continued its long-time partnership with the Waukesha County Drug Task Force (formally known as 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 the WCDF, 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 the WCDF, 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 WCDF develop skills and relationships that are brought back to PVPD. The WCDF 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.

The Waukesha County Drug Task Force began 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 WCDF 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 and will 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.

2023 DRUG TAKEBACK TOTALS

WAUKESHA COUNTY: 5,687 LBS
STATE OF WISCONSIN: 109,159 LBS

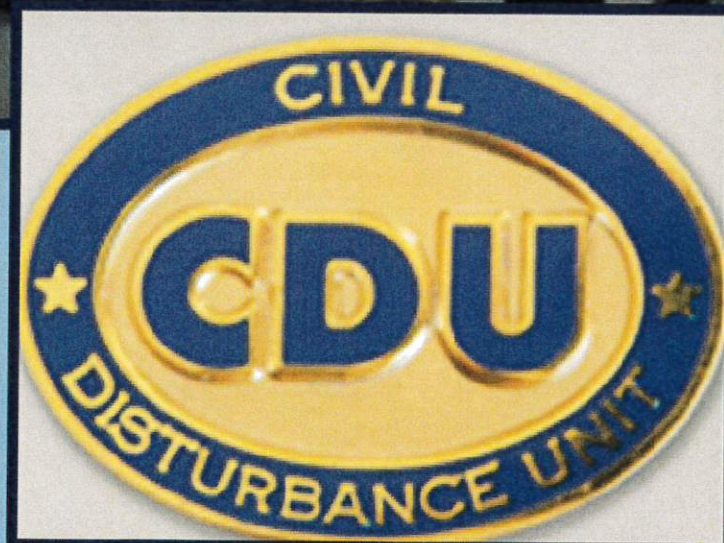
The Village of Pewaukee has collected over
1,500 LBS of unwanted prescription
medications since 2021



CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT

The civil disturbance unit is a multi-jurisdictional team that acts as fast response force civil unrest such as riots. The unit also provides standard security for large civil events.

In 2023 the team was not requested for any incidents of civil unrest but did partake in quarterly training. Moving into 2024, the civil disturbance unit is preparing for the Republican National Convention which is expected to take place in July.



SUBURBAN CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM

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 2023, and deployed 21 times. Some of these incidents included search warrants, barricaded suspects, dignitary protection details, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigations, suicidal subjects as well as security for local events.

SCIT is excited for the recent addition of Tactical Emergency Medics (TEMS) and the Technology Resource Group (TRG). TEMS will provide immediate treatment to injured bystanders, operators and suspects. TRG members are responsible for deployable technology equipment during training and operations. TRG is able to assist agencies in rescue operations (missing persons), overwatch, and community events, as well as document major crime scenes. 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.

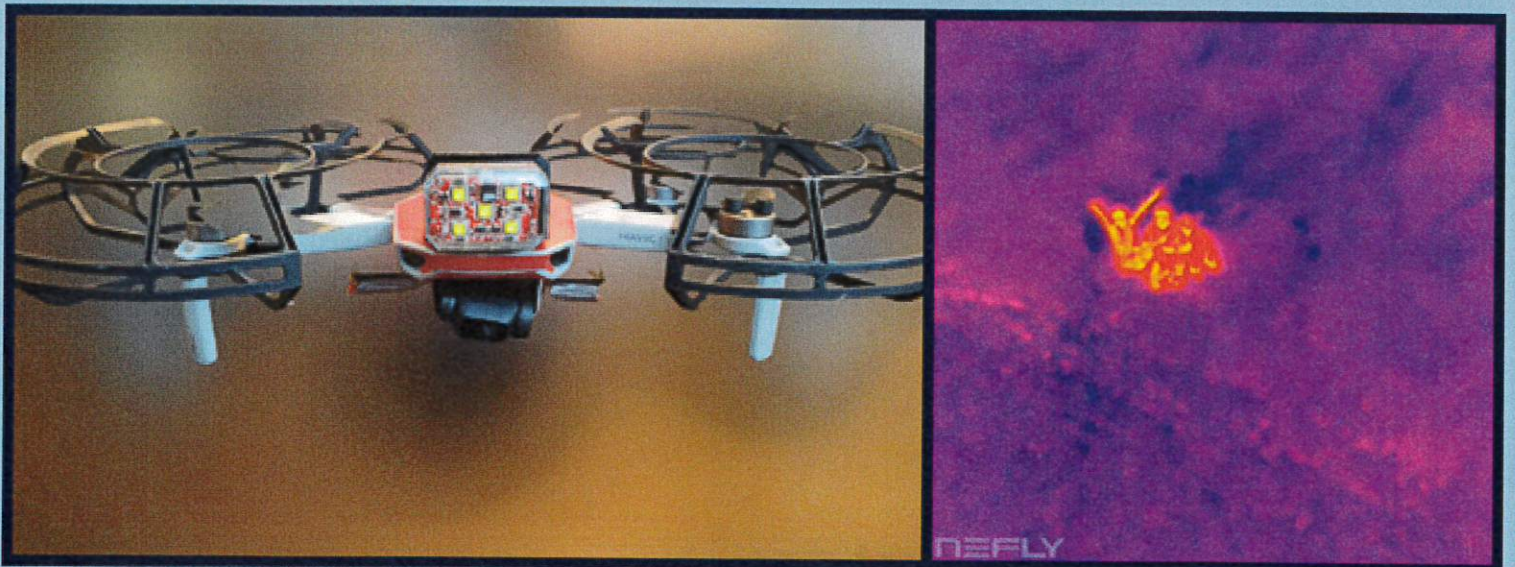


TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE GROUP

At the beginning of 2023, the Suburban Critical Incident Response Team (SCIT) created a new unit, designated "Technology Resource Group" (TRG). TRG is comprised of selected officers from the SCIT agencies who are responsible for purchasing, maintaining and operating the team's deployable technology equipment (drones and remote-controlled robots) during training and operations (search warrants, hostage rescue, active assailant etc.). In addition to the tactical applications of TRG, this group also benefits the member agencies with search and rescue operations (missing persons), overwatch of large gatherings of people (parades, festivals, protests), natural/manmade disasters, and enhanced documentation of major crime scenes and serious motor vehicle accidents.

TRG is comprised of two teams: TRG-North (Brookfield, Chenequa, Delafield, Elm Grove, Hartland, and Pewaukee) and TRG-South (Mukwonago, Muskego and New Berlin). Each group is comprised of one team leader and six operators. Each TRG member has passed and maintains a Part 107 FAA license which allows for the operation of unmanned aircraft in controlled airspaces. Each operator has approximately 6 to 8 days of training per year to maintain flight hours and stay up to date on the ever-changing technology being used in the unit. TRG also works in conjunction with other area drone units such as the City of Waukesha Police Department and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department.

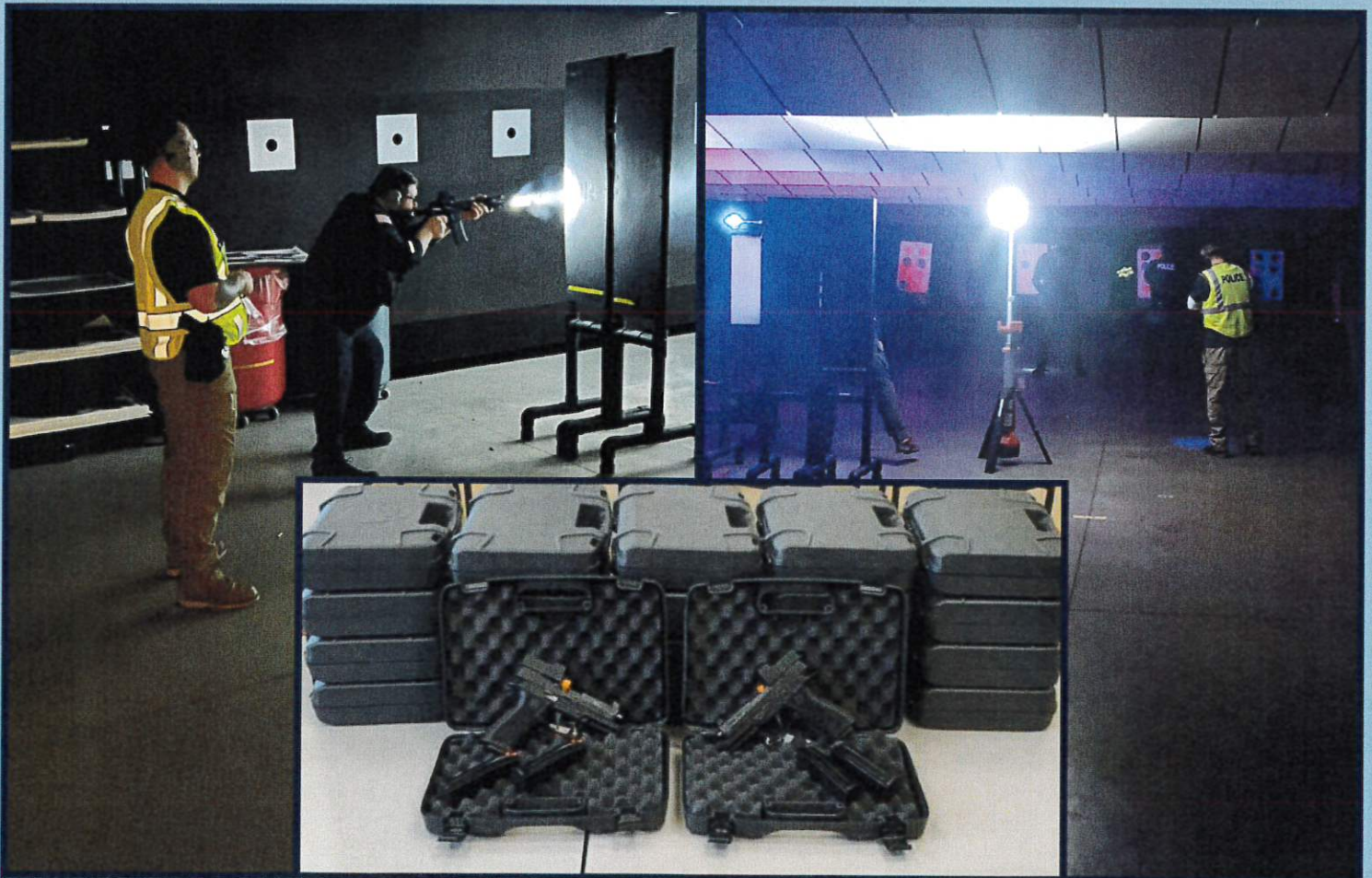
Since its creation, the TRG unit has had approximately 6 mission deployments this year ranging from search warrant missions to subject search and locate missions. TRG has access to several drones with advanced zoom and thermal capabilities along with interior drones that can be sent into structures to clear rooms making it safer for tactical operators. In 2024, TRG will be adding newer and more advanced drones to its inventory to better serve the communities our agencies protect.



FIREARMS PROGRAM

Officers attend quarterly firearms training with the Lake Area Firearms Training Group. This group consists of firearms instructors from several different agencies in the Lake Country area. Training with this group gives our department opportunities to train with officers from other departments that we work with on a regular basis while on patrol. Trainings consist of firearms fundamentals, advanced tactical movements, and scenarios. Firearm instructors are certified by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB). Officer Tyler and Officer Markut are the departments current firearm instructors. Officer Tyler is tasked with the maintenance and upkeep of the department's firearms, as well as the inventory of these firearms and their ammunition.

Marked squads are outfitted with rifle mounts and Bravo Company brand carbines with suppressors. The purpose of a suppressor is to dampen the sound of the firearm and ultimately help protect the hearing of bystanders and officers. In 2023, all Patrol officers transitioned to a uniform sidearm model and caliber. Patrol officers are currently issued Sig Sauer sidearms with a Red Dot Sight (RDS) optic. All new sidearms will be equipped with red dot style optics which improve accuracy and assist greatly in low light conditions. Our department continues to invest in equipment so officers can be prepared for any call they face.



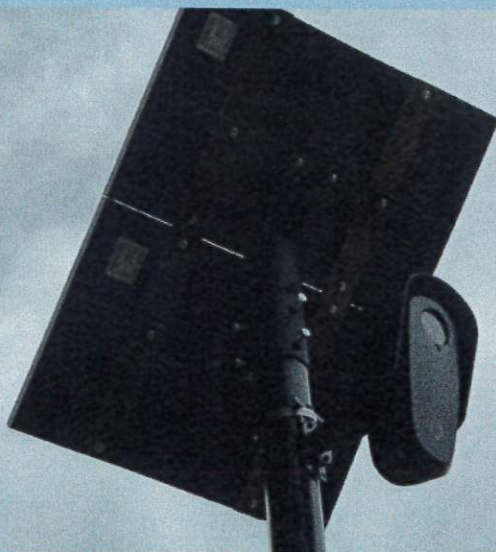
DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY

The Pewaukee Police Department is continuing to implement new and cutting-edge technology into its daily activities, making it easier for officers to better serve the community. The department has implemented a new report writing software known as "Dragon", which allows officer to dictate their reports rather than typing out reports allowing officers to spend less time at the department and more time actively patrolling the community.

In the effort to continue to be paperless with the District Attorney's Office, the department has fully transitioned to cloud based video sharing in which body camera footage, squad camera footage, or security camera footage can be uploaded and immediately shared with the District Attorney's Office. This streamlines the process and cuts down on the wait time for cases to be charged.

Throughout 2023, the department has seen an increase in the utilization of our mobile fingerprint reader known as "MORPHO" or "FAST ID". This device allows officers to capture fingerprints from individuals who are lying about their identity and allows officers to search national databases to confirm a positive identity in seconds. This device is frequently requested by other law enforcement agencies and is a great asset to lake country.

As we enter 2024, we remain committed to being on the cutting edge of technology for our department and surrounding agencies.



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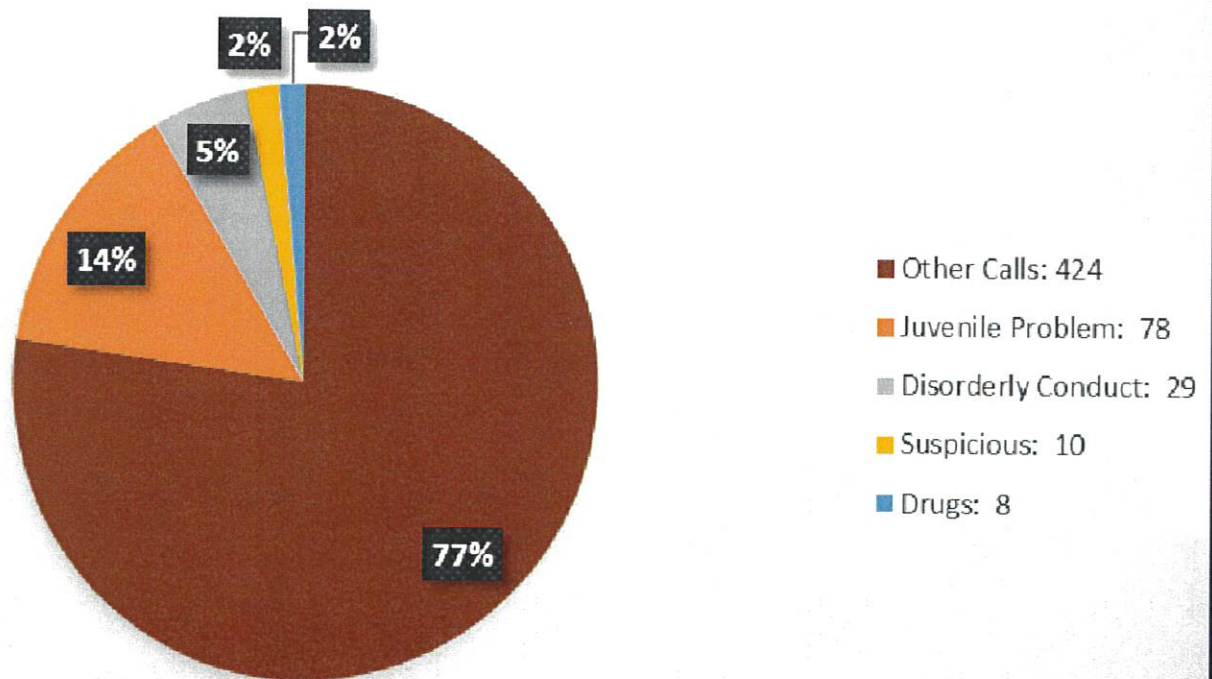
Officers Julie Buddenhagen and Kerry Corrus are assigned as School/Community Resource Officers for the Pewaukee School District.

In the beginning of January 2023, the Community Resource Officer position was created within the Pewaukee School District. This position was created with a funding agreement through the Pewaukee School District to establish a presence within both the community and schools. The CRO works directly alongside the SRO in maintaining safe schools for all students and staff. The CRO position is held by Officer Corrus who covers the Pewaukee Lake Elementary School and ASA Clark Middle School. The SRO position is held by Officer Buddenhagen who covers the Pewaukee High School and Horizon Elementary school. Both the CRO and SRO work together to handle all calls at all schools, share and distribute workloads.

In 2023 the CRO and SRO, as well as all other officers, participated in RTF (Rescue Task Force) training with the Pewaukee Fire Department to work through active threat scenarios. This included room clearing, movement drills, as well as treating and evacuating patients.

School officers integrate into the school community and give presentations, attend extra curricular events, and build relationships with students.

2023 School District Calls



WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE OFFICER

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been proudly providing security at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) campus in Pewaukee for 43 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 2023, Officer Jeff Lenius served as the dayshift (7am-3pm) WCTC liaison officer and Officers Erik Michalsen, Geoff Cimprich and Larisa Mayek served as the second shift (3pm-11pm) WCTC liaison officers.

In 2023, there were 846 calls for service on campus, approximately a 29.32% decrease from 2022. Common calls for service included vehicle accidents, vehicle lockouts, EMS rescue calls, and recovered property. One unique investigation for the year was a theft complaint from the WCTC Bookstore; a student was using his financial aid account to purchase electronics and then claiming fraud on his account. In addition, WCTC liaison officers helped coordinate the 2023 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 celebrated 100 years of higher education instruction in 2023. There were many special events across the campus throughout the anniversary year. Faculty, staff and students were greeted by the newly redesigned WCTC 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 Coordinator 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.





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LAKE PATROL

The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is responsible for enforcing marine laws and local ordinances, all while providing high-visibility patrol on Pewaukee Lake. The Lake Patrol also investigates boating accidents, related crime scenes, and hosts boater education courses. These measures allow Officers to focus on education, and establish voluntary compliance. The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is also an essential asset for providing search and rescue services and medical care as an initial response unit.

The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is also responsible for enforcement of winter ordinances and ice safety. This year the agencies which make up the Lake Patrol (Town of Delafield, City of Pewaukee, and Village of Pewaukee) worked collaboratively to purchase a new UTV. This vital piece of equipment allows for much faster response times, ability to carry personnel/equipment, and has an electric winch for ice rescue.

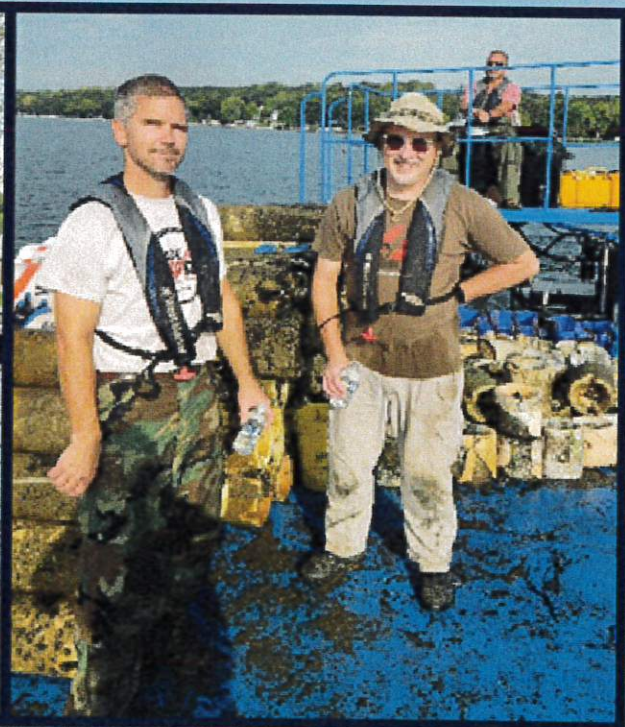
Lake Patrol has secured another mooring location, and purchased a boat lift. With the recent addition, both boats are stored on their respective boat lifts on the water. This saves vital time when responding to emergencies

In addition, the Lake Patrol secured a lease agreement with the Pewaukee Lake Sanitary District for the use of their flat barge. This collaborative relationship ensures the Lake Patrol is able to use the barge to deploy 180 Slow No Wake Buoys, and 11 Hazard buoys. In turn the Sanitary District uses the lease payment to upgrade equipment vital to the cleanliness of the lake and its water shed.

2023 BOAT STOPS

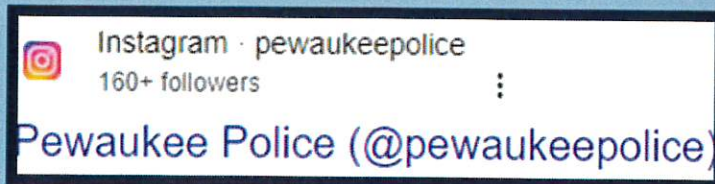
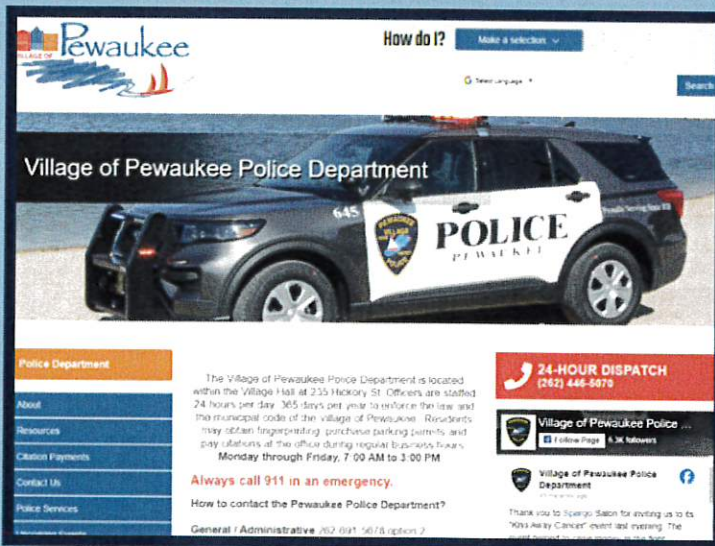
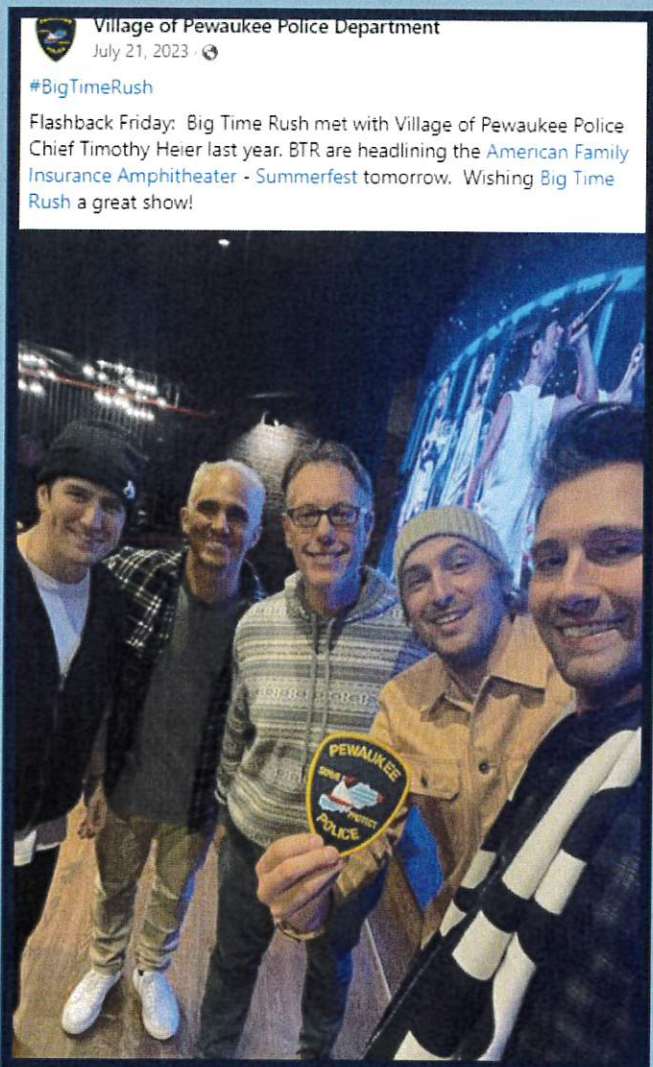
62 Boat Stops

19 Citations



Without question, the use of social media by law enforcement has evolved into being one of the most effective ways for an agency to transmit information to the community it serves. Pewaukee PD has embraced the use of social media by employing several different methods. The department's Facebook page has over 6,000 followers and has proven that the internet has no geographical restrictions, as we have received communications from dozens of countries across the world. Our most viewed post of 2023, a photo of the band Big Time Rush holding our patch, was viewed over 60,000 times. During 2023, our department utilized our "Neighbors" app on the RING Doorbell platform several times to send out crime alerts, share general safety tips, as well as to solicit help from residents in solving local crime.

As the world of social media changes on a daily basis, we understand the importance of keeping up to date in order to meet our goal of communicating with citizens in the most effective way possible. Looking forward to 2024, we look forward to growing our presence and increasing our outreach through our various social media platforms.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our department strives to be a positive presence and add to the community in a variety of ways. Throughout 2023, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department hosted or participated in over thirty-seven community events. A few of our favorite events included our annual National Night Out event, our Youth Academy program, the Waukesha County Trunk-or-Treat event, Shop with Cops, and our multijurisdictional Citizens Academy.

National Night Out was another success with a large turnout. This event is focused on providing free family entertainment for the whole community. Local businesses partner with the police department to fund this event. The highlight this year was a zebra which was a part of the petting zoo display.

Our Youth Academy program allows high school students who are interested in law enforcement to get a better understanding of what the job is really like. Participants spend time learning how crimes are investigated, how evidence is collected, and arrest tactics just to name a few. We have received very positive feedback when discussing real incidents that have occurred in Pewaukee. We look forward to expanding this program in the future.



SHOP WITH COPS

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, The Village of Pewaukee Police Department joined forces with the Village of Hartland and City of Delafield Police Departments to host our 17th 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.

We had many community members, police officers, and dispatchers 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 Menomonee Falls Police Department and North Prairie Police Department all volunteered their time to foster positive relationship with the children of our communities.

Our department would like to give a special shout out to our own Officer Julie Buddenhagen as well as Detective Paula Hoffa from Hartland PD. In 2004, Officer Buddenhagen and Detective Hoffa created the Lake Country Shop With Cops Program. Through their hard work and dedication, the program was able to grow into what it is today. In 2024, Officer Buddenhagen and Detective Hoffa will be stepping down from their roles and passing it along to Officer Larisa Mayek and Officer Matthew Shea from Hartland PD. We want to thank them for everything that they have done for the program over the last 20 years. It has a very special place in all of our hearts and wouldn't have been possible without them.



Gone In The Wind

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. Here is a snapshot after a successful outcome involving a complex investigation leading to a felony apprehension of a violent robbery in 2023.

This photo was taken during the final stages of an armed robbery investigation that had started months earlier. Nearly every officer had some impact on the case through the initial call, the months of investigating, the follow-up, the search warrant, and the pursuit.

During the winter of 2022, a local individual committed an armed robbery at a local business and fled the scene without much of a trace. A few weeks later, and a few blocks away, officers were investigating a drug overdose and attentively noted that an involved party resembled the description of the armed robbery suspect. Some digging revealed the subject had previously been arrested for armed robbery. After a lengthy amount of surveillance and investigative work, a search warrant was obtained and executed. Unfortunately our suspect was not home at the time but with a stroke of luck he tried to return home while we were executing the search warrant. Officer Mayek observed the suspect vehicle and attempted a traffic stop but he fled. After a lengthy multi-jurisdictional pursuit, the suspect crashed into a snowbank and attempted to flee on foot. He was apprehended nearly immediately. While conducting a search of the suspect vehicle, evidence of the original crime was located which validated everyone's work over the previous months. The investigation was truly a team effort with a great outcome.

