

2019



Annual Report

Mount Pleasant Police Department



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Message from the Chief of Police

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is proud to present this 2019 annual report. The purpose of our annual report is to keep the community informed of our progress, changes and activities of the past year. As you page through the report you will get a sense of our commitment to community engagement through the community-oriented policing philosophy we subscribe to. While a career in law enforcement can be both challenging and rewarding, the many community outreach events we participate in reinforce why we choose this profession. It's about connecting with people and displaying empathy and compassion while hopefully making a difference in the lives of others.



This team of sworn and civilian personnel continue to work with pride and dedication to accomplish the department's mission of providing quality service to the community. Our community policing philosophy is the beacon in which we strive to continuously improve. Together, through trusted collaboration with our community partners, we are able to solve problems more effectively and efficiently.

Our Mead Street COP House continues to provide us with a place to meet with the community and hold events aimed at bringing us together. In 2019, we participated in an abundance of community events; to include Shop with a Cop, Torch Run for Special Olympics, National Night Out and our COP House Halloween Party and Bike Rodeo to name a few.

We experienced several personnel changes in 2019 to include five new hires, one resignation and four promotions. We held a police applicant written and physical agility testing process in April. We continue to challenge our recruitment and hiring efforts with the goal of selecting applicants that meet and exceed our qualifications. Furthermore, we strive to promote employee retention by providing opportunities for growth and development. In 2019, two of our command staff members completed the nationally recognized School of Police Staff and Command course through Northwestern University. We also had our civilians, officers and supervisors attend numerous trainings and seminars to enhance their current abilities while also learning new skills that can be used to better serve the community.

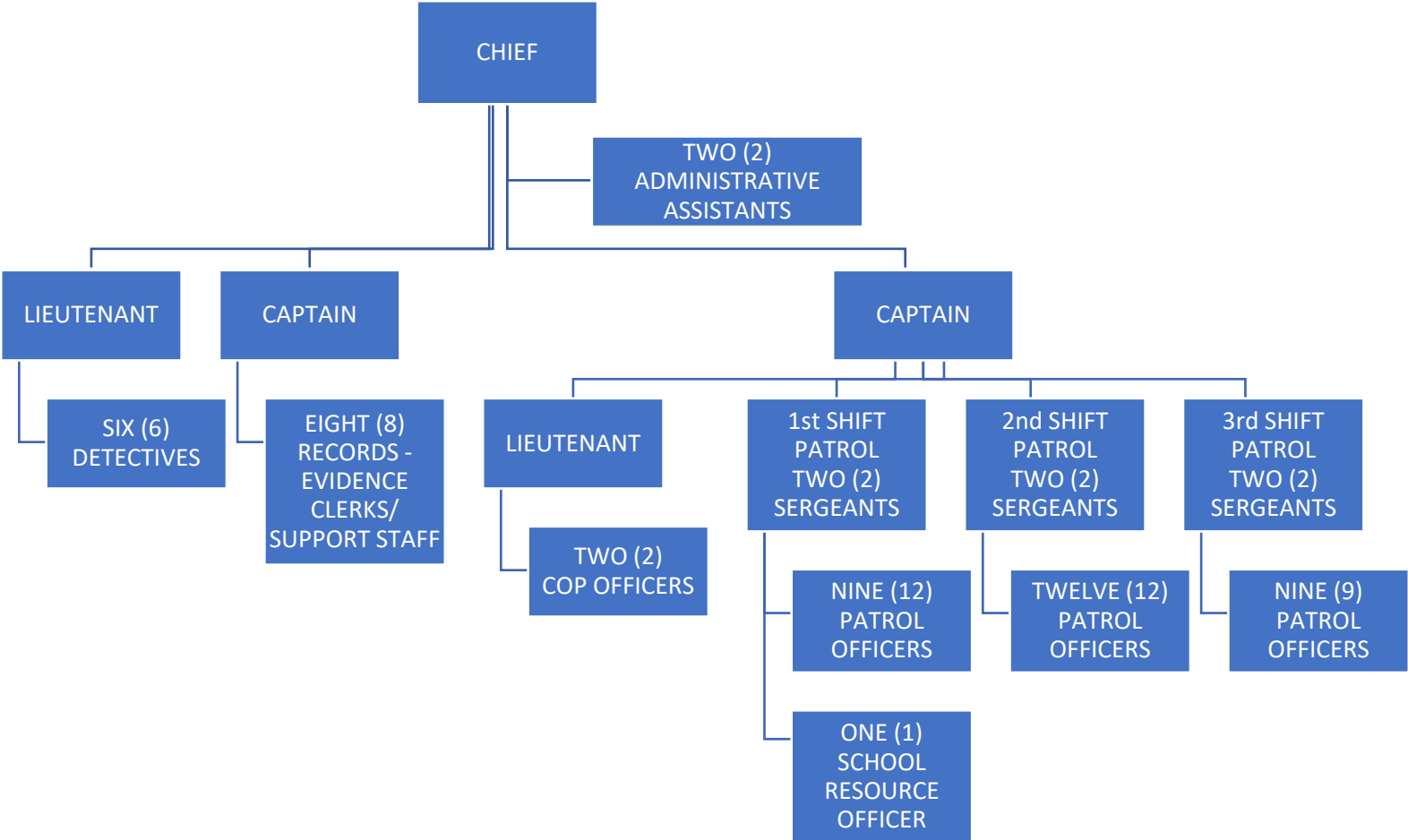
I would like to convey what a privilege it was to be appointed Chief of Police for this great organization. An organization that, much like a family, rallies together during the toughest of times and celebrates during the greatest of achievements. As we move into 2020, may we all remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Soens



Organizational Chart





Community Oriented Policing



At the Mount Pleasant Police Department (MPPD), we value transparency, open dialogue and competent public service while addressing community concerns. Community Oriented Policing creates a positive partnership between law enforcement and residents. The more involved police are with the community they are sworn to protect, the better the outcomes between law enforcement and the community become. Officers at MPPD are conditioned at the beginning of their careers to embrace a community policing philosophy. Personnel are given latitude in coming up with solutions to problems they encounter in their beat areas or when assisting citizens. This effort helps strengthen relationships, build trust and contributes to public satisfaction. At MPPD we utilize social media to share relevant information with the public. Effective information channels ensure officers are able to help keep our residents safe and informed.

Community Oriented Policing Lakeside COP House

The officer-staffed COP house located at 2237 Mead Street functions as a safe hub for services to residents in the Lakeside neighborhood. This space is used for community engagement and programming and provides a base of operations for the village-wide COP effort. Officers at the COP house have established and maintained meaningful partnerships with local government, community members and private organizations in order to bring services to the area that would improve the quality of life for area residents. Nuisance problems and criminal activity are often kept to a minimum due to tips from citizens combined with effective enforcement action.



The majority of the COP House program expenses are covered by donations, grants and fundraising efforts. Only a small portion of the overall costs are covered by village tax payers which include: officer salaries, utilities, office supplies and services for the house. A generous grant from SC Johnson funded the cost of the house and one of our community policing officer positions for 2019. Through flexibility with scheduling, we were able to effectively meet our goals and respond to community outreach needs village-wide.

Code Enforcement - Work is done to identify building code violations, landlord responsibilities and aesthetic upkeep of our community. We collaborate with the Village Highway Department and building inspectors when looking at the removal of abandoned properties and/or unhealthy conditions.



Bike Rodeo - This past summer COP officers held a very successful Bike Rodeo event. It was well attended by children and their parents who reside in Mount Pleasant. Kids were provided with the knowledge and equipment to keep them safe on the roadway.



This program offered obstacle courses, safety training and bike repair on site through a partnership with Trek Bicycles, along with free bicycles and helmets.



Mrs. Myer's Reading Room is a reading comprehension improvement program for the children in our community. Through a grant from SC Johnson this service will be provided again at the COP house for 2020. Children come to the house weekly for a total of 38 weeks of programming throughout the year. Officers act as mentors and a liaison to Racine Unified schools, families and the reading program to ensure needs of children and families are being identified and addressed. The average student in the program increased 1.53 grade levels in reading; the nine lowest performing students averaged an increase of 2.47 grade levels in reading!

Community Service - In 2019 our Mount Pleasant Municipal Judge Phegley saw the value in having a COP officer attend court on hearings that involved juveniles. This partnership increased officer involvement with juvenile defendants at court and in the community. Some individuals served a portion of their community service hours under the direction of a COP officer. Service opportunities provided some focus on improvement of



life skills, positive officer interactions and participation in scheduled community events.

The **Youth for Christ mentoring program**- focused on giving spiritual attention and life skills to juveniles who worked community service.

COP at a Glance

- 4th of July Parade
- Bike Rodeo
- Christmas Party
- Coffee with a COP
- Community Service
- COP House Playbook
- COPS/Fireman Baseball Game
- COPS/Fireman Basketball Game
- Crime Stoppers
- Drug Takeback Days
- Flower Basket Distribution
- Fundraisers - Golf Outing
- Haunted COP House
- Lunch with a COP
- Mrs. Myer's Reading Room
- National Night Out
- Neighborhood Watch
- Recruitment
- Retail Theft Diversion
- Shop with a COP
- Social Media Management
- Special Olympics
- Stuff the Squad
- TRIAD
- Turkey Give-Away
- WRJN Radio Broadcasts
- Youth for Christ



K-9 Officer Program

Currently we have two active K-9s working for our department. Officer Nicole Knierim, the first female K-9 handler in Racine County, was teamed up with Brutus, a German Shepard/Malinois mix. The team started their service together in 2014. We also have K-9 Ares, a Belgian Malinois who is partnered with Sergeant Eric Giese. Their service began in 2015. Both K-9s are certified in Narcotics Detection, Tracking, Building Searches, Area/Evidence Searches and Criminal Apprehension. The types of Narcotics the K-9s can detect are: Marijuana, Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Ecstasy and Heroin. In addition, the K-9 Units attended various fundraisers and public demonstrations throughout the year.



Officer Knierim received and trained her dog at the Southern Police Canine Inc. facility located in Spring Hope, North Carolina. Sergeant Giese received and trained with Ares at American K-9 Interdiction in Virginia. Officer Knierim and Sergeant Giese both completed a six-week, 240-hour training course consisting of hands-on training with their K-9s, classroom lectures and exams. The K-9s and their handlers train approximately seven hours a week to maintain skills they use on a daily basis. When Brutus and Ares are not sniffing out crime, they also participate in school demonstrations and community functions.

K-9 Training

This year the Mount Pleasant Police Department attended the Annual Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association (WLECHA) training conference in La Crosse, WI.

This four-day working conference focuses on placing the K-9 handlers and their partners through a variety of scenarios and situations to help enhance their skills and abilities. Educating the handlers in Emergency medical procedures to help ensure the health of their K-9 partners in the field and helping them problem solve issues relating to dog training were also included in the conference. This year was a record year for WLECHA, as there were 155 K-9 teams in attendance. K-9s and their handlers spent the

days rotating through situational training located at

various sites throughout La Crosse County.





The Mount Pleasant K-9 Unit assisted the following outside agencies during 2019: Racine Police Department, Sturtevant Police Department, Caledonia Police Department, Racine County Sheriff's Office, Kenosha Police Department, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Waterford Police Department.



2019 K-9 Stats & Illegal Substance Recovery

Deployments	96
Drug Paraphernalia	17
Marijuana	530g
Crack / Cocaine	9.2g
Heroin / Fentanyl	0.8g
Meth	3.8g
Street Value of Drugs Seized	\$6,806
Apprehension Assists	4
Bites	0
Firearms	0
Vehicle Sniffs	79
Building / Yard searches	5
Tracks	3
School Searches	2
Prison Searches	1
Public Demonstrations	2



Records – Evidence Department

Records Clerks / Support Staff

Our Records/Evidence Custodial Staff are often the first contact the public has when entering our building as they greet citizens at the front counter of the Police Department's main lobby.

The records clerks and evidence custodian assist customers with open records requests, take payments and direct them to the appropriate people within Village Hall. They often deal with victims of crimes, traffic crashes and ordinance or traffic violators who have been cited/arrested and later have questions or concerns.

Behind the scenes, the clerks are typing police reports, entering data, compiling reports for the District Attorney's Office and addressing the numerous Open Records requests. Our clerks are also essential with the work they do involving the E-TRACS program to download and process the officer's electronic citations. These citations are then submitted to the state or local courts. This is essential for our accurate Traffic and Data Collection Program. This also involves the TRACS Electronic Accident reporting system, which allows those involved in a crash to access the report. Crash reports are available online to the public through the State of Wisconsin as well as Carfax. Both online services provide a similar report for the same cost and can be conveniently accessed with a computer.

Evidence/Property Section

The work diligently to store secured evidence and to fulfill record requests from defense attorneys and the District Attorney's Office. They also manage the Drug Drop box, which has become very popular for the public having a safe and efficient way to dispose of old and/or

Records Year in Review

- Over 900 open records requests in 2019 (up from a little over 600 in 2018). That is more than 3.5 per work day.
- 1153 Accidents processed in 2019 (up from 1,098 in 2018).
- 8792 Citations Processed in the 2019 (down slightly from 8,985 in 2018).
- 2,716 Property reports created (Up from 2,523 in 2018).
- Over 4,200 items entered in to evidence (down from 5000 in 2018).

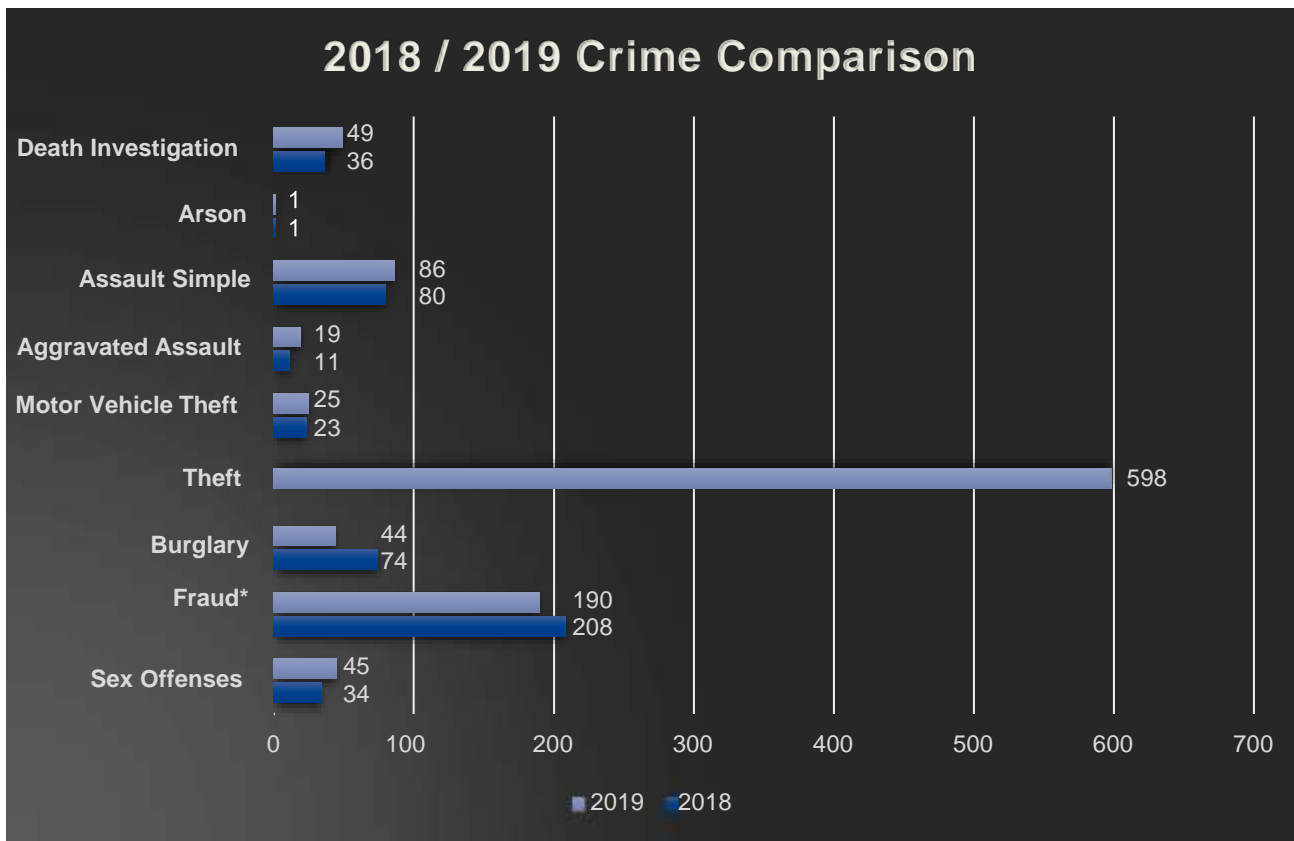


unused prescriptions. The Evidence Custodian assists officers with court room testimony by providing secure evidence for officers to use in court cases. The members of our support staff are a vital part of our organization and provide a very important service to the police department and the community.

There were a few personnel changes that took place in 2019 within the Police Civilian/Staff Support. Records Clerk Jeff Brandt was promoted to the Lead Clerk. Lisa Klotz was hired to fill a vacancy.

Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau of the Mount Pleasant Police Department is staffed with a detective supervisor, five detectives, and a temporary detective position, which is filled by a patrol officer. This position provides valuable insight for the officer as well as providing investigative assistance to the detectives. Although the crime statistics have remained relatively consistent, there has been an increase in theft by fraud complaints utilizing telephone and internet methods. This type of crime, requires an entirely different approach which is very time consuming due to the various investigative methods required.



* This number does not accurately indicate the Fraud complaints as many are recorded in the Theft figure.



School Resource Officer – J. I. Case High School

Nearly 30 years ago the Mount Pleasant Police Department started a School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The goal of our SRO program is to provide safe learning environments, valuable resources to school staff members, foster a positive relationship with students and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect our youth with the goal of protecting all children so they can reach their fullest potential.

Officer Nick Bjelajac completed his third and final year as the Case High School SRO. He worked closely with school administration, staff and students in the newly implemented ALICE safety program. He was regularly in the class room speaking to students on a variety of topics such as illegal drugs, identity theft / fraud and computer safety.

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 School year Officer Eric Oertel was selected to become the new School Resource Officer at Case High School. Officer Oertel has had many years of experience working with youth in different settings. He is excited to work closely with school administration, staff and students to provide a safe and productive learning environment.

In 2019, the Mount Pleasant Police Department also continued to work with the Evergreen Academy on updating their safety plans and educating their staff in the ALICE Model.



Training

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is committed to providing the most relevant and up to date training available. This is essential in order to:

- Keep pace with technological developments
- Maintain skill sets
- Develop officer strengths
- Reduce liability

In early 2019, officers attended the second annual spring in-service training. Training topics included legal updates on court related matters, CPR / Defibrillator and truck laws through the Department of Transportation.



In 2019, our department developed a training program for dealing with active shooters and a rescue task force response. This training involved personnel from the South Shore Fire Department, Caledonia Police Department and Sturtevant Police Department. Our goal was to increase consistency and familiarity among all departments in order to enhance the effectiveness in our shared response to a real-life incident. The focus was to identify and stop threats, bring medical care to victims within a hot zone safely and quickly, and preserve life. The training site was located on the grounds of a local business to enhance realism.

Officers trained regularly on defense and arrest tactic skills. Firearms continues to be provided to officers while on-duty at the Mount Pleasant PD firing range.

Officers also attend various additional outside training on a variety of topics. These topics include; community policing, financial crime, peer support, emergency vehicle operation, patrol tactics, civil disturbance, police drones, death investigation, field training officer, human trafficking, opioid and meth, serving victims of crimes, trauma informed care and leadership.

New Officer Field Training

The Mount Pleasant Police Department has implemented a program that sets a training and evaluation standard for our newly hired Officers. This period of formal on-the-job training, coaching and performance assessment is done through our Field Training Program. The Field Training Program is designed to ensure officer and public safety, while teaching the Probationary Officer how to provide professional service. The goal is to provide and develop necessary skills for solo patrol.

Upon completion of the basic 720-hour Police Academy, the Probationary Officer returns to the department for continued on-the-job training. The Field Training Program is based off of the Field Training Associates philosophy. This program consists of three phases (each lasting five weeks), followed by a shadow and evaluation period.

The Probationary Officer is assigned a different Field Training Officer during each phase. The Field Training Officers are responsible for documenting the instruction and daily activity through a Daily Observation Report. At the end of the shift, the Field Training Officer and Probationary Officer review the report. Unanswered questions and/or additional training points are covered during this discussion.





Mount Pleasant Firearms Range

In 2019, the Mount Pleasant Firearms range has been used by seven different local law enforcement agencies. The firearms range has provided local agencies a year-round location in which officers can be trained in an environment that is clean, safe and private. Trainers have utilized the open concept to create movement and reaction scenarios that would not be possible in a public range or in an outside environment in which weather might present limitation. Range fees charged to outside agencies help cover range maintenance costs.

Technology

The Mount Pleasant Police Department takes pride in being at the forefront of technology with the implementation of the latest technological tools to increase safety and efficiency. In 2019, the department added an additional Automated License Plate reader to the fleet. This brings the total number of ALPRS units to four. These ALPRS units have proven to provide valuable information during investigations for not only the Village of Mount Pleasant, but throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. We continuously look for technology that improves performance, efficiency and safety.





Drones

In 2019 the Mount Pleasant Police Department purchased a drone and is moving forward to establish a team of FAA licensed pilots. It will be used for numerous applications from area searches and mapping, to aerial evidence photography/videography.

Careful consideration was given to privacy issues regarding the development of the policy for its use. Wisconsin law and the Mount Pleasant ordinance have been adopted and incorporated into the policy.



Traffic Enforcement Grants

In 2019, the Mount Pleasant Police Department along with law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Wisconsin have come together to participate in several different traffic enforcement initiatives such as Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), Click it or Ticket and speeding. These traffic enforcement initiatives are designed to be a tool in educating the public on some of the most common dangers facing motorists.

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is hosting the Operating While Intoxicated and Click it or Ticket grants for all agencies East of Interstate 94. During deployments, a zero-tolerance policy was adopted for unrestrained occupants and operators under the influence in all traffic stops. Both grants allow us the resources to assign additional officers to areas in which there are high percentages of accidents or other traffic safety concerns. By participating in both of these grants, the Village of Mount Pleasant has an additional 1000+ hours of traffic enforcement.



Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is an educational program designed to provide the citizens of Mount Pleasant and Racine County a better understanding of the Mount Pleasant Police Department as an organization and its role in the community. Participants of the academy gain knowledge about many facets of the profession including duties/responsibilities, laws, officer wellness and community-oriented policing. One of our main goals of the academy is to develop a partnership between the citizens and their local law enforcement agency.

The department hosted its fifth Citizens Police Academy class. The fifth class was comprised of 24 citizens ranging in ages from 20 to 70. The CPA consists of a series of twelve classes held once a week with three additional weekend classes for additional hands on training in firearms, emergency vehicle operation and crime scene processing.



In 2019, the Police Department on behalf of the Citizens Police Academy Program received a \$2500 grant from the Racine Community Foundation. Grant funds were used to purchase police duty belts, holsters and other police equipment used in the academy classes. We have gradually increased the number of scenarios students have the opportunity to participate in. These scenarios provide the most realistic real time perspective of what officers are seeing, hearing and reacting to while responding to calls for service. The ability to incorporate police equipment in these scenarios has allowed the CPA instructors to further enhance the real-life experience by incorporating the duty belt which demonstrates the various weight and mobility limitations officers can have while wearing a duty belt.

On the twelfth week, students meet for an overall review of the academy and the graduation ceremony. During the review, students are able to interact with the Police Chief and patrol officers who participated in the academy. Students are often surprised to learn how much training and knowledge is required to be successful in the law enforcement profession.

Created in 2017, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association continues to support the department as well as the Village of Mount Pleasant. Over the last year, the CPAA Group was involved in Mount Pleasant Days, numerous COP House organized events and organized the first ever Easter Egg Hunt on the Village of Mount Pleasant campus.



Honor Guard

The Mount Pleasant Police Department Honor Guard represents the police profession with honor and dignity when called upon to perform its duties. The functions range from funerals, parades, ceremonies, charitable causes, or other special events.

The seven-member Honor Guard participated in various community events in 2019, including the National Police Week Memorial for Racine County and Special Olympics. With the unfortunate loss of Racine Police Officer John Hetland, the Honor Guard was part of a larger contingent of Honor Guard personnel to stand watch at his wake and funeral. The Mount Pleasant Honor Guard attended other various line of duty funerals in 2019 as well.



Mount Pleasant Honor Guard at Carthage College's A. F. Seibert Chapel. The "Kissing Rock" had been painted to honor Racine Police Officer John Hetland, Badge #1928.

Honor Guard Members

Nicholas Bjelajac

Nicole Knierem

Benjamin Mieloszyk

Phillip Patek

Jared Smetana

Team Leader

Sergeant Dale Swart

Commander

Sergeant Jason Vaccaro



Peer Support & Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

The purpose of a Peer Support Team is to aid an officer during times of both professional and personal crisis through the use of specially-trained volunteer officers within the department. Left untreated, the effects of trauma, depression, anxiety, and marital discord can be career and/or life threatening. Many times, a police officer may be more likely to seek help through a peer versus someone not affiliated or familiar with law enforcement.

Our Peer Support Team Members have been trained in Critical Incident Stress Management, or CISM. CISM is an intervention protocol developed specifically for dealing with traumatic events. It is a formal, highly structured and professionally recognized process for helping those involved in a critical incident.

During a CISM debrief, officers are encouraged to share their experiences, as well as express emotions and concerns. Officers learn to recognize the different symptoms and reactions to stresses that they may experience. The team members are prepared to help in connecting the officer with professional resources. This is a confidential, voluntary and educational process, sometimes called 'psychological first aid'.

Mount Pleasant Police Department currently has nine Peer Support Members. Three new members were added in 2019. Over the course of the year, peer support members were used multiple times to check in with fellow officers.

Police Chaplain Program

The Chaplain Program has a direct correlation with the Peer Support and Officer Wellness programs. The idea is to provide a different look and approach to the mental wellbeing of the officers at MPPD. The department utilizes two volunteer chaplains. When requested by officers, a chaplain can be called out to a scene to assist with stressful and traumatic incidents or situations. The Mount Pleasant Police Department currently has two chaplains who are serving as volunteers; Pastors Richard Rogers and Joseph Pipes.



Pastor Rogers has been a pastor for 31 years and has served the greater Racine community for 19 years.

Pastor Pipes has been a pastor for seven years and has spent the entire time serving the greater Racine community.



Mount Pleasant Police Department Chaplain Duties

- Assist in making notification to the family of officers who have been seriously injured or killed.
- After notification, responding to the hospital or home of the officer's family.
- Provide counseling and support for officers and their families.
- Assisting officers in the diffusion of a conflict or incident, when requested.
- Responding to natural and accidental deaths, suicides and attempted suicides, family disturbances, or any other incident that in the judgment of the Shift Commander or Supervisor aids in accomplishing the mission of MPPD.
- Fostering familiarity with the role of law enforcement in the community.
- Assisting with death notifications to the victim's family.

**This list is not all encompassing.*



Civil Disturbance Team

In 2019, the Mount Pleasant Police Department Civil Disturbance Team increased its size to 12 officers. The MPPD Civil Disturbance Team is one component of a larger contingent of teams within the larger Racine County Civil Disturbance Operations Initiative involving multiple agencies.

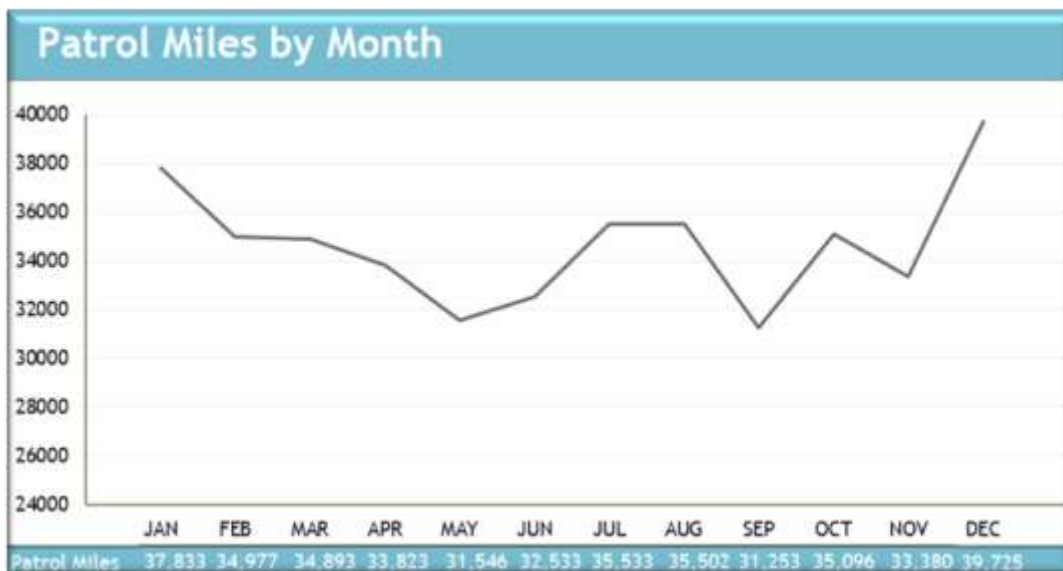
The Civil Disturbance Team, when deployed, maintains a visible and peaceful presence. The team is called upon to maintain order in those situations where violence has been demonstrated and injuries and/or death are likely.

Allowing citizens to peacefully gather and demonstrate their freedoms without violence remains an important main focus when the team is deployed.

The Mount Pleasant Civil Disturbance Team remains focused on providing the highest level of service to the Village of Mount Pleasant and the residents of Racine County.

Fleet Maintenance

The MPPD Patrol Division currently has eighteen squad cars. The majority of these squads consist of Dodge Chargers and Chevy Tahoes. In addition, Ford Explorers are used by our K-9 units, detective bureau and administration. We continue to maintain our fleet and replace squads based on the high mileage and performance of the vehicle. In 2019 the Patrol Division alone put on 415,809 miles.



**Graph shows miles driven by squads in the Patrol Division only.*



Motor Fleet:

We have a variety of specialty vehicles which assist us in several areas of our job. These include COP functions, traffic enforcement, special assignments, investigations and crime scene management.

This year we added a 2019 Harley Davidson Police Electra Glide to our motor unit. This addition increases the motor unit to three. The motorcycles are used for patrol, traffic enforcement, special events, COP functions and escorts for visiting dignitaries.



Calls for Service:

Motor Officers are assigned to patrol areas in the Village. Officers will respond to calls for service just like officers assigned in patrol cars. These calls are either assigned by dispatch or officer initiated. They do not include traffic enforcement calls. The only difference is that Motor Officers cannot transport people and are sometimes limited with the equipment they can carry.

<i>Total calls for service:</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	221	177	250

Traffic Enforcement:

This category is for traffic stops that are made by a Motor Officer while on patrol and on a motorcycle. This reflects a total number of stops that resulted in either a warning or citation.

<i>Total number of traffic stops:</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	79	70	119

Special Events:

During the year our unit will attend safety fairs, block parties and other community-based events that are not patrol related. This allows for us to engage the public in a positive manner, promotes the unit and public safety.

<i>Total number of special events:</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	10	8	9

Escorts:

Motorcycles have been found to be a very valuable tool to use when escorting dignitaries or other motorcades. Unlike a patrol car, the motorcycle has the ability to move through traffic better and address hazards. Our unit receives training on escorting methods each year and applies them regularly.

<i>Total number of escorts:</i>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
	Data incomplete	4	13



The UTV is a great addition to our fleet. It assists our officers and investigators get to off-road crime scenes that are not accessible by squad car. It is also used at large events that are happening in the community. This year it was even used as Santa's Sleigh for our first tree lighting event.

The major crime scene unit is deployed when a major incident occurs. It contains all the supplies and equipment necessary to process a major crime scene. It also serves as a command post during these events.

New Police Officers

Zach Giovannoni

Zach grew up in the Elkhorn, WI area and graduated from high school in 2003. He has since attended Gateway Technical College where he took courses in criminal justice and welding. Prior to employment with the Mount Pleasant Police Department, Zach was employed as a part-time/seasonal booking officer for the Lake Geneva Police Department and also worked as a full-time welder for Stuart Tank Sales Corporation in Elkhorn. Zach is a car enthusiast and enjoys motorcycle riding and outdoor activities. As a police officer, Zach would like to have a positive influence on children, protect people from crime and make positive changes.

Brian Hauerwas

Brian is from the Racine area and graduated from Case High School in 2004. He then attended UW - Eau Claire where in 2010 he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Brian is also an avid swimmer and was on the UW - Eau Claire swim team. In 2018, Brian put himself through the police academy at MATC in Oak Creek. Prior to his employment with the Mount Pleasant Police Department, he served as a part-time police officer for the WI Dells Police Department. In his free time, Brian enjoys swimming and working out and is also a car and motorcycle enthusiast. Brian has said the number one reason he wanted to become a police officer was to have a positive impact on the community.



Daniel Rhey

Dan graduated from Bradford High School in Kenosha in June of 2010. That fall he began taking classes at Arizona State University and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. While attending Arizona State, Dan also served in the Arizona National Guard. After graduating from college, Dan moved back to Wisconsin and began employment as a correctional officer with the WI Department of Corrections, where he worked at the Racine Correctional Institution in Sturtevant. When he is not working, Dan likes to spend time snowboarding, doing home remodeling projects and spending time with his family. Dan believes he can use his education and work experience to provide protection and assistance to all members of the community.



Myanna Ruiz

Myanna is from Racine, WI and graduated from Park High School in 2013 where she excelled at volleyball. After graduating from Park, Myanna decided to attend UW - Milwaukee where she studied criminal justice. She also continued playing volleyball at UWM after receiving a scholarship and was voted team captain her junior year. In 2017, Myanna graduated from UWM after earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Myanna served as the Deputy Court Clerk for Racine County and most recently was a dispatcher for the Racine County Communications Center prior to gaining employment with Mount Pleasant. Myanna has always wanted to become a police officer and believes she can relate well to a wide variety of people.





Daniel Cruz-Gomez

Dan graduated from Walden High School in 2014. He then enrolled at UW - Whitewater and in 2018, earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. While attending UW - Whitewater he was employed as a campus service officer by the UW - Whitewater Police Department. Since graduating, Dan has concentrated on becoming a full-time law enforcement officer. In his free time, he enjoys participating in sports and playing video games. Dan has always wanted to pursue a law enforcement career to help the community and for the different challenges that come with each day. Dan is also fluent in Spanish which will greatly assist him and the department when communicating with our community members.



Promotions

- **Matt Soens:** Captain to Chief of Police
- **David Stroupe:** Lieutenant to Captain
- **Eric Relich:** Sergeant to Lieutenant
- **Nick Willis:** First Shift Patrol to Third Shift Sergeant

Retirements/Resignations

Brian Eisel

After serving the Mount Pleasant Police Department for almost 23 years, Officer Brian Eisel resigned to pursue other interests.

