

Connecting With The Community



**La Crosse Police
Department
2013 Annual Report**

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From the Chief

Common Council Members
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

The 2013 City of La Crosse Police Department Annual Report is herein presented for your review. This report consists of a comparison of the activities of the La Crosse Police Department for the year 2013 as compared to preceding years.

There were many new faces in the Police Department in 2013. We hired several new officers, created the Special Operations Officer position, Community Policing Officer position, and made three promotions. We also added K-9 Zaback to our department with the help of a donation from Valley View Rotary Club. Adam Wohlwend, the Commander of the Police Reserves, retired from the unit, and Amanda Marshall was named the new Commander.

Along with the many Special Olympic fundraising events we participated in, we added another event, *Justice for a Cure*, to the long list of great causes we support. The department also fielded a team for the first annual *Sara Softball* tournament, which raised funds in support of Sara Hougom's family.

The Department held its first open house for family members. The event was a huge success and will be expanded to include family support presentations and training in 2014.

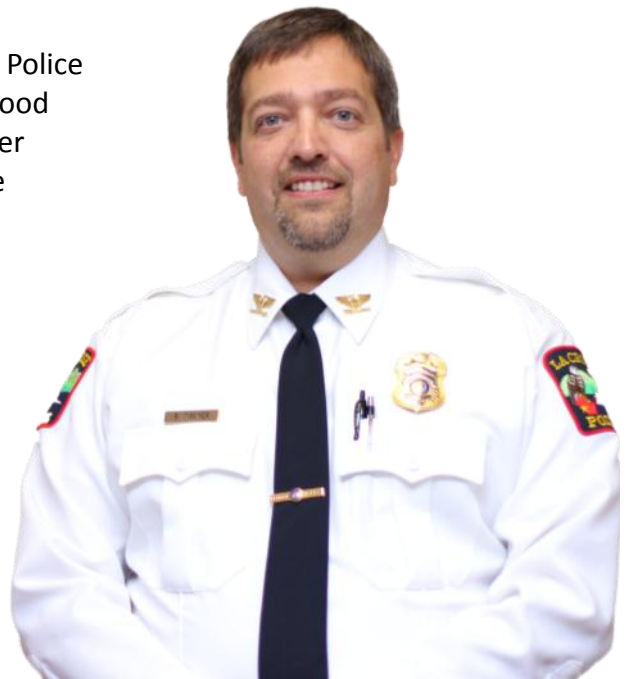
Heroin, Methamphetamine, and drug-related crimes continued to expend many of the police department's resources in 2013. The amount of "Calls for Service" that the Department responded to also increased this past year.

The Department continued to support and expand our Community Policing efforts. Officers made many contacts with business owners and citizens during numerous directed patrols and foot patrols throughout the city. This has helped strengthen our relationships with business owners and citizens—our partners in the fight against crime.

So far, 2014 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the Police Department. The Department has added four Neighborhood Response Officers to work in the Washburn and Lower Northside Depot neighborhoods. The addition of these officers was made possible through a grant from the Department Justice, along with several public and private collaborative efforts. The Department is enthusiastic about being a part of the neighborhood revitalization projects and helping to make the City of La Crosse a safer place to live, work, and visit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald J. Tischer".

Ronald J. Tischer
Chief of Police



Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission

The La Crosse Police Department is committed to the delivery of excellent police service to improve the quality of life within our community, and this is achieved through the following:

- Problem Solving
- Professionalism
- Partnerships
- Ethical Practices



Vision

Our vision is to achieve excellence in policing.

Values

The following values guide how members of the La Crosse Police Department think, feel, and behave to improve the quality of life in La Crosse and, thereby, achieve our mission and vision:

- Excellence
- Loyalty
- Respect
- Integrity
- Accountability

The La Crosse Police Department believes our national recognition as a universal leader in policing has been achieved through the consistent, excellent police service provided by our members.

WILEAG Accreditation

The La Crosse Police Department has been accredited by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) since 1995. The goal of WILEAG is to provide a high quality, affordable alternative to national accreditation.



Law enforcement accreditation provides the basis for an enhanced sense of professionalism and pride; the security in knowing that agencies are well-managed; and the assurance that enforcement operations and personnel are consistent and well-directed.

The La Crosse Police Department completed our fourth re-accreditation process in April 2014.



City of La Crosse

Statistics

Population	51,647
Households	22,628
City Area	20.52 sq miles
Paved Roads	223 miles
Public Schools	
Elementary	11
Middle	6
High	4
Charter/Choice	11
Parochial Schools	
Elementary/Middle/High	5
Per Capita Income	\$21,295
Median Household Income	\$39,014

Data:
 2012 U.S. Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55/5540775.html>



Chief Tischer speaking with citizens during National Night Out.

City Council

The City Council enacts legislation and allocates City resources for programs, services, and activities. The La Crosse Police Department sincerely appreciates the support of the La Crosse City Council.

Andrea Richmond	District 1	Peg Jerome	District 10
Dempsey E. Miller III	District 2	Audrey Kader	District 11
Ryan Cornett	District 3	Sara Sullivan	District 12
Jai Johnson	District 4	Francis J. Formanek	District 13
Katherine Svitavsky	District 5	Paul Medinger	District 14
David Krump	District 6	Douglas Happel	District 15
James T. Cherf	District 7	Marilyn Wigdahl	District 16
Robert J. Seaquist	District 8	Richard Swantz, President	District 17
Richard Becker	District 9		



Police & Fire Commission

The Police & Fire Commission is a non-political board of citizens appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council. Commissioners oversee personnel matters, including the hiring and discipline of sworn staff members, consistent with State Statute 62.13. We appreciate that these Commission members volunteer their time and services to the La Crosse community.

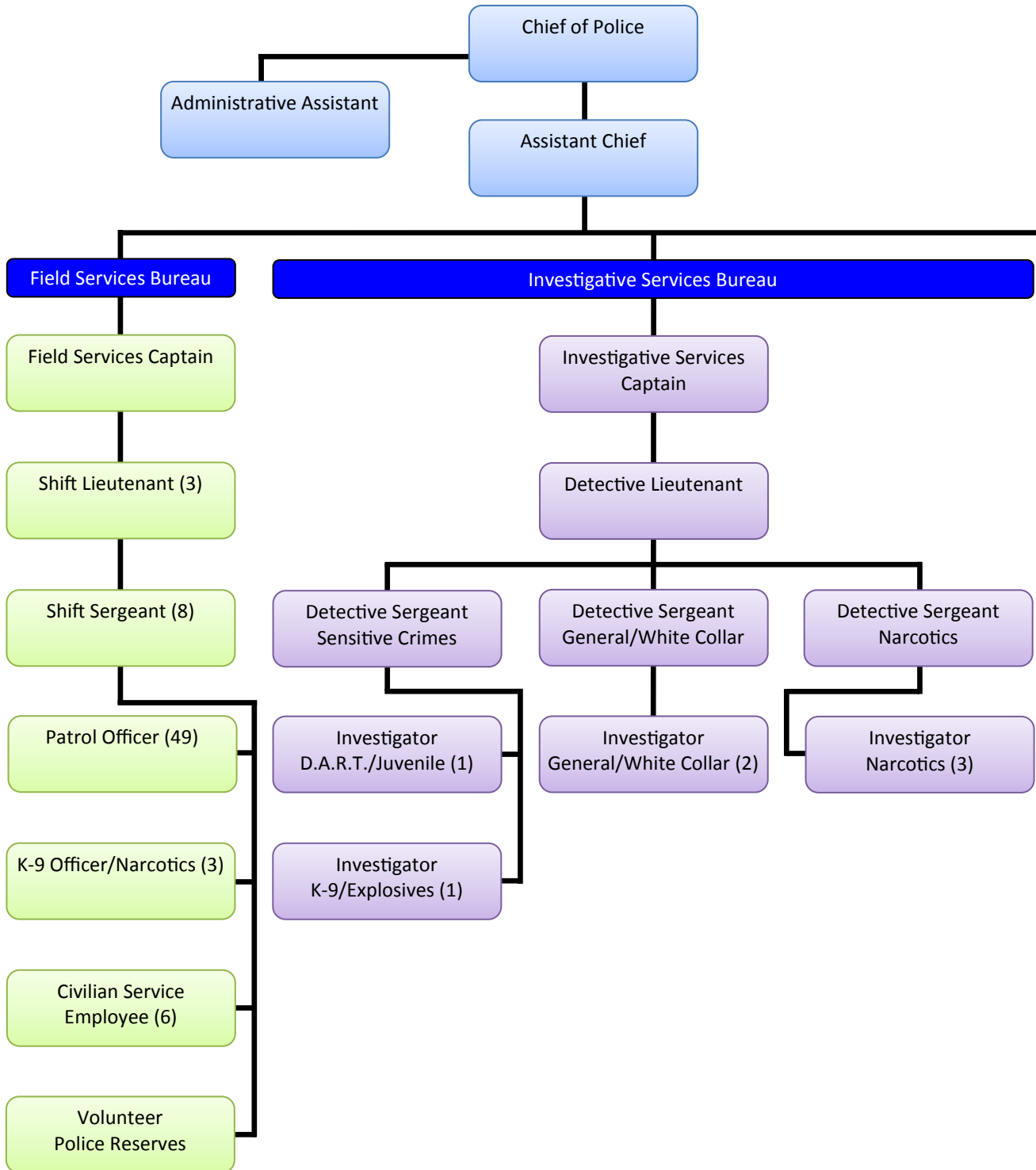
Roger Plesha	Chair
Bruce Jentz	Commissioner
Mary Lund	Commissioner
Douglas Happel	Commissioner
Roger Christians	Commissioner

Mayor Tim Kabat





Organizational Chart

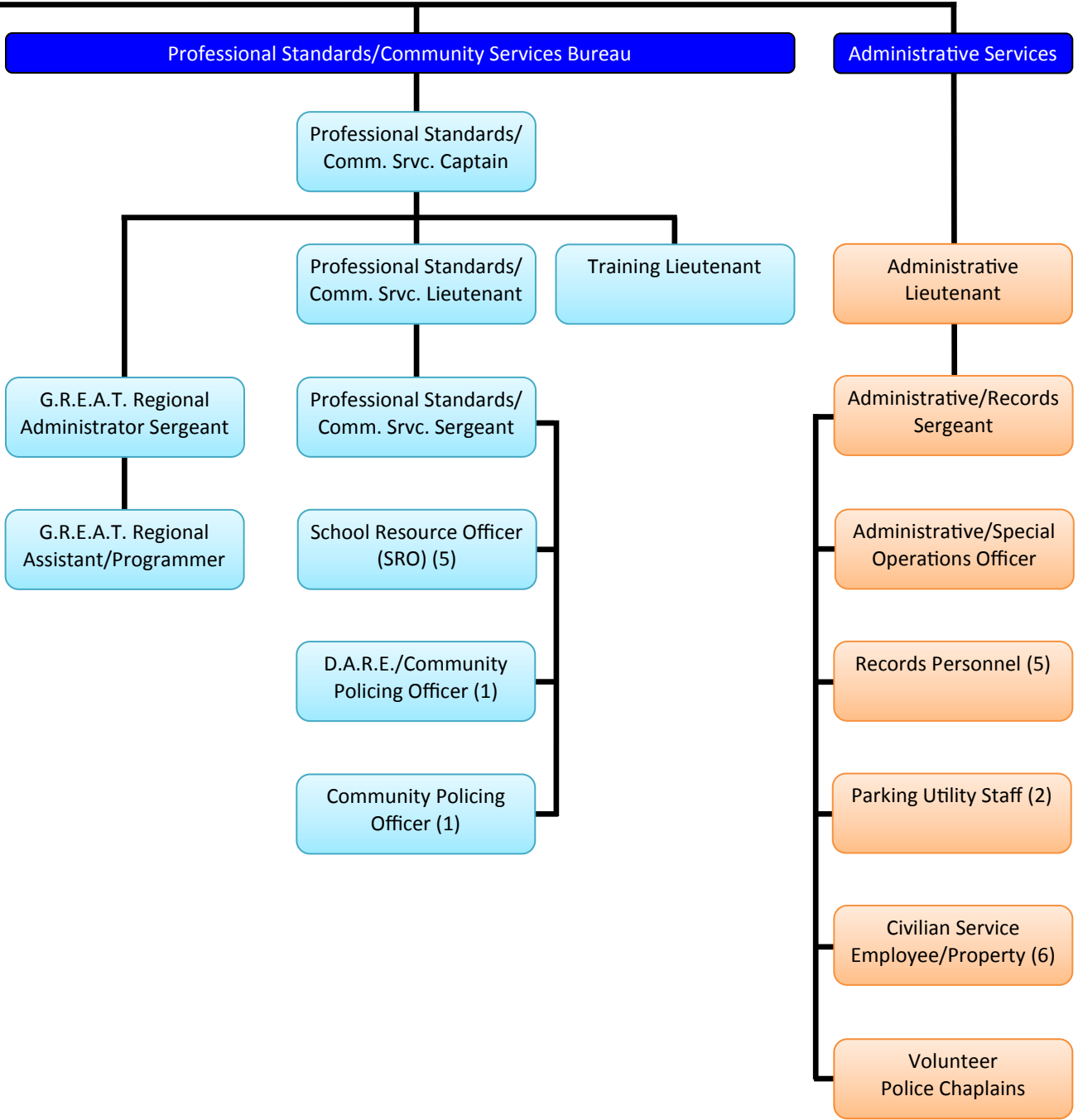


SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief of Police	1
Assistant Chief	1
Police Captains	3
Police Lieutenants	7
Police Sergeants	15
Police Investigators	7
<u>Police Officers</u>	<u>59</u>
TOTAL SWORN	93

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Civilian Service Employee	9
Civilian Service Employee (Parking)	3
Clerical	7
<u>Clerical (Parking)</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL CIVILIAN	21
TOTAL PERSONNEL	114





Administrative Services Bureau



Robert Abraham
Assistant Chief of Police
Administrative Services Bureau

The Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) includes the Records Division, Property and Evidence Section, Civilian Service Employees, and Parking Utility. In addition, the Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budget development, communications, and most other tasks that involve personnel or monies, as well as storage and security of evidence and property. Hiring, research and analysis, appropriations, inventories, and funding concerns also fall within the Bureau's purview.

Keeping our citizens informed about crimes and police activities in our city is important. One way this is accomplished is through the use of our online crime mapping tool supplied by CrimeReports.com. This crime mapping tool offers easy-to-use software tools for community members to access free information about current crime trends and up-to-date neighborhood crime data. This helps the community to make informed decisions to improve the safety of the neighborhood and community they live in.

The Police Department has a more robust version of the crime mapping tool that allows us to look at trendcasting maps to see what time of day, week, and locations current crime trends are taking place. We can also look at current crime analysis to help predict crime trends and possible allocation of resources.

Members of the Administrative Bureau continue to work hard to support the officers on the street in order to provide the best service for the citizens of La Crosse. We continue to strive towards making the department a better and more efficient department that provides the best service for the citizens of La Crosse.

Records Division

The La Crosse Police Department Records Division of the Administrative Services Bureau is charged with the responsibility to maintain all of our Department records, as well as communication hardware. In 2013, administrative bureau personnel issued and processed over 40,000 parking citations. The Records Division processed over 57,000 police reports and 18,300 citations, warnings, and crash reports. The Records Clerks handled nearly 6,000 open record and accident report requests, along with processing over 1,500 license applications. The Property Division handled nearly 6,500 pieces of property and/or evidence.

Administrative Services Bureau Staff

Assistant Chief

Robert Abraham

Chief's Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Churchill

Administrative Lieutenant

Avrie Schott

Records Division Sergeant

Andrew Gavrilos

Court Liaison/Traffic Investigator

Evan Stone

Civilian Service Employees

Diane Skifton
Kong Xiong
Kristine Gasch
Michael Nagy

Kong Lor
Teng Thao
Benjamin Burrow

Sonja Weber
Nhia Xiong
Faling Yang
Stephen Trussoni

Records Division Civilian Employees

Anne Heilman
Joanne Ruegg
Lisa Putz

Rebecca Smith
Nicole Schneider

Parking Utility Civilian Employees

Mary Sumeracki

Dawn Reinhart



Personnel Changes

Retirements		
Brian Olson	Patrol Officer	April 4, 2013
Evan Stone	Court Liaison/Traffic Investigator	August 16, 2013
James Kirby	Patrol Officer	December 12, 2013
Joanne Ruegg	Records Specialist	December 19, 2013
Anne Heilman	Records Specialist	December 30, 2013
Promotions & Appointments		
Trenton Bowe	K-9 Handler	March 11, 2013
Lisa Barrix	Community Policing Officer	July 25, 2013
Thomas Hansen	Investigator	August 1, 2013
Craig Teff	Special Operations/Traffic Liaison	September 30, 2013
Dan Kloss	Lieutenant—3rd Shift Commander	November 7, 2013
Andrew Dittman	Detective Sergeant	November 7, 2013
New Hires		
Alexander Burg	Patrol Officer	March 15, 2013
Dustin Darling	Patrol Officer	March 15, 2013
Tyler Rachwal	Patrol Officer	March 15, 2013
Anthony LaMore	Patrol Officer	April 5, 2013
Jared Reed	Patrol Officer	April 5, 2013
Amanda Marshall	GREAT Administrative Assistant	May 2, 2013
Stephen Hughes	Patrol Officer	October 7, 2013
Benjamin Levan	Patrol Officer (Started as CSE)	October 7, 2013 (CSE 1/28/2013)
Ryan Swieter	Patrol Officer	October 7, 2013
Dakota Jelinski	Patrol Officer	October 7, 2013
Stephen Trussoni	Civilian Service Employee	November 18, 2013



Officer Stephen Hughes, Officer Ryan Swieter, Chief Ron Tischer, Mayor Tim Kabat, Officer Dakota Jelinski, and Officer Benjamin Levan at the new officer swearing-in ceremony in October 2013.

Retirees

Congratulations to the LCPD Retirees who take with them over 153 years of knowledge, experience, and dedication to the La Crosse Police Department and our community.



Officer Brian Olson
34 years



Investigator Evan Stone
27 years



Officer James Kirby
26 years



Joanne Ruegg
30 years



Anne Heilman
36 years



FBI National Academy Current Department Graduates

Ronald J. Tischer <i>Chief of Police</i>	247 th Session October 3, 2011 to December 16, 2011
Shawn P. Kudron <i>Captain of Police</i>	243 rd Session September 26, 2010 to December 10, 2010
Patrick J. Hogan <i>Lieutenant of Police</i>	216 th Session January 11, 2004 to March 19, 2004



Field Services Bureau



Shawn Kudron
Captain
Field Services Bureau

The Field Services Bureau of the La Crosse Police Department is comprised of uniformed police officers and supervisors who are dedicated to serving the community with excellence.

Our primary mission is the protection of life and liberty, order maintenance, and the personal security of our citizens and their property. We are committed to consistent enforcement, community policing, building partnerships with our community, and problem solving.

Officers within the Field Services Bureau respond to emergencies, alarms, reports of criminal activity, calls for service, traffic crashes, and conduct traffic enforcement. The services provided range from preliminary investigations and documentation of crimes, to problem solving complex quality of life issues.

The bureau consists of three shifts, each commanded by a Shift Lieutenant supported by Sergeants who directly supervise all activities while officers are on patrol. Support is provided to and received from the police chaplain program, police reserve program, and the police internship program.

Bureau members conduct day-to-day, street-level operations in uniform, being highly visible and accessible. The bureau provides command and control for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, community oriented problem solving, and special event coverage. Members of the Field Services Bureau can be seen patrolling in a squad car, in a boat, on a bicycle, or on foot.

The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the State of Wisconsin, with many bureau officers providing training to other officers throughout the state. Many of the bureau officers have attended Federal Homeland Security Training and State Emergency Management Training.

The officers continually demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism under difficult circumstances as they serve the community under the department's mission statement. The key to our success is forging a strong partnership with the community and our ability to conduct immediate problem-solving efforts through collaboration with all involved.

In 2013, members of the Field Services Bureau were involved in 57,618 calls for service, issued 7,797 traffic citations, 8,714 warnings, and investigated 1,506 reportable traffic crashes. Field Services Bureau members were instrumental in achieving a 55% clearance rate for Part I Uniform Crime Report Offenses in 2013.

Field Services Bureau Staff

Bureau Director - Captain

Shawn Kudron

Shift Lieutenants

Joe Smith
Charles Frandsen

Shift Sergeants

Gary Hauser
Kirk Flatten
Craig Olsen

Grant Gyllander
Jason Mahairas
Alan Iverson

Jon Wenger
Steve Pataska

Patrol Officers

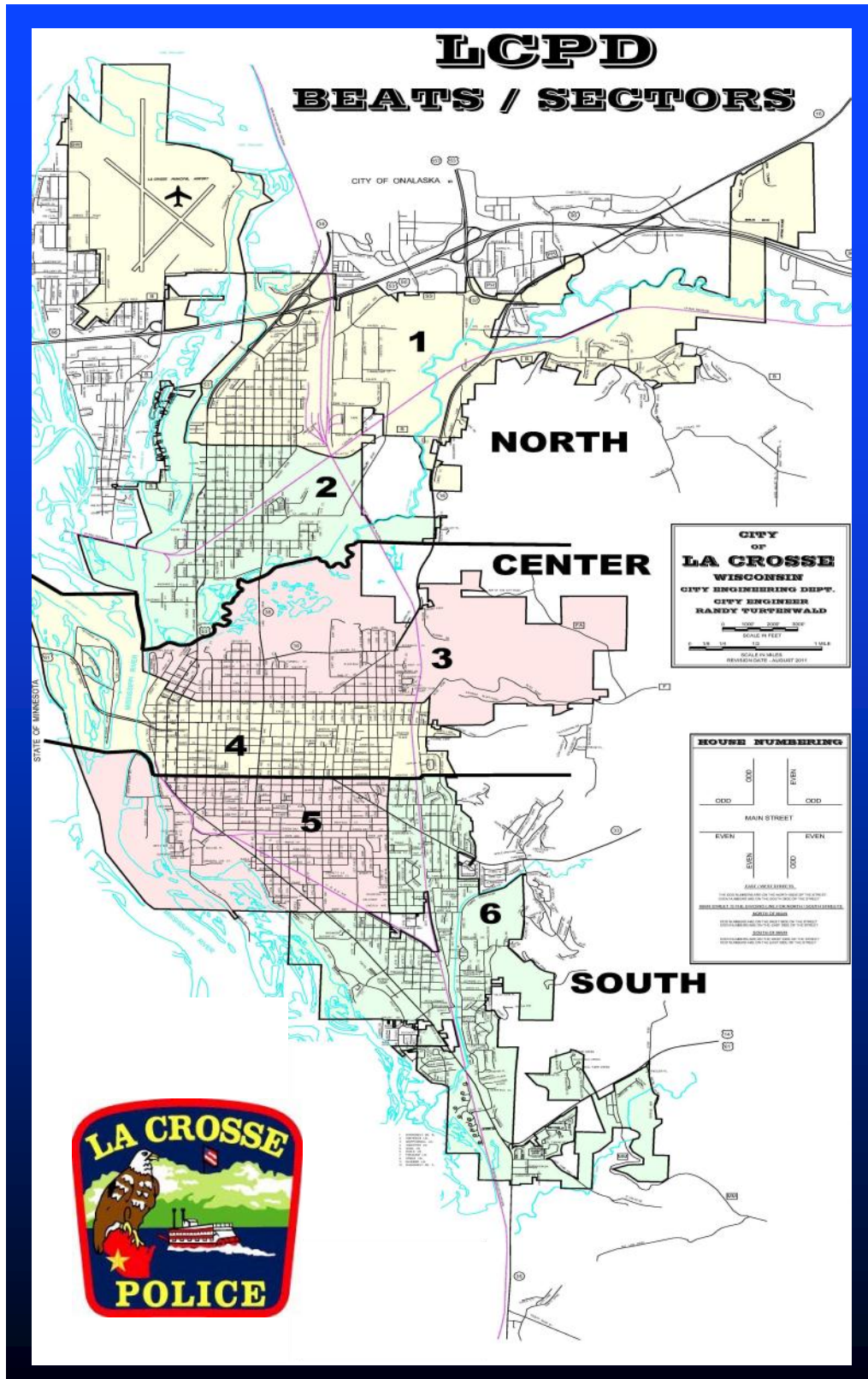
Brian Olson
Scott Delaney
Steven Thornton
Mark Rosenmeier
James Kirby
Richard Rank
Gregory Fitzsimmons
Robert Wieczorek
Scott Harmel
Alan Hagen
James Gegenfurtner
Eric Christianson
Teri Roden
Tony LeQue
Todd Fischer
Ryan Stenslein
Dale Gerbig
Brian Deyo
Andrew Rosenow

Jovanna Randall
Brad Schomberg
Craig Teff
Joel Miller
Jeremy Rindfleisch
James Mancuso
Frank Racich
Casey Rossman
Aaron Erdmann
Dan Ulrich
Matthew Geenen
Joseph Wiegrefe
Heath Parshall
Anthony Clark
Andrew Tolvstad
Christopher Oates
Nathan Poke
Brooke Privet

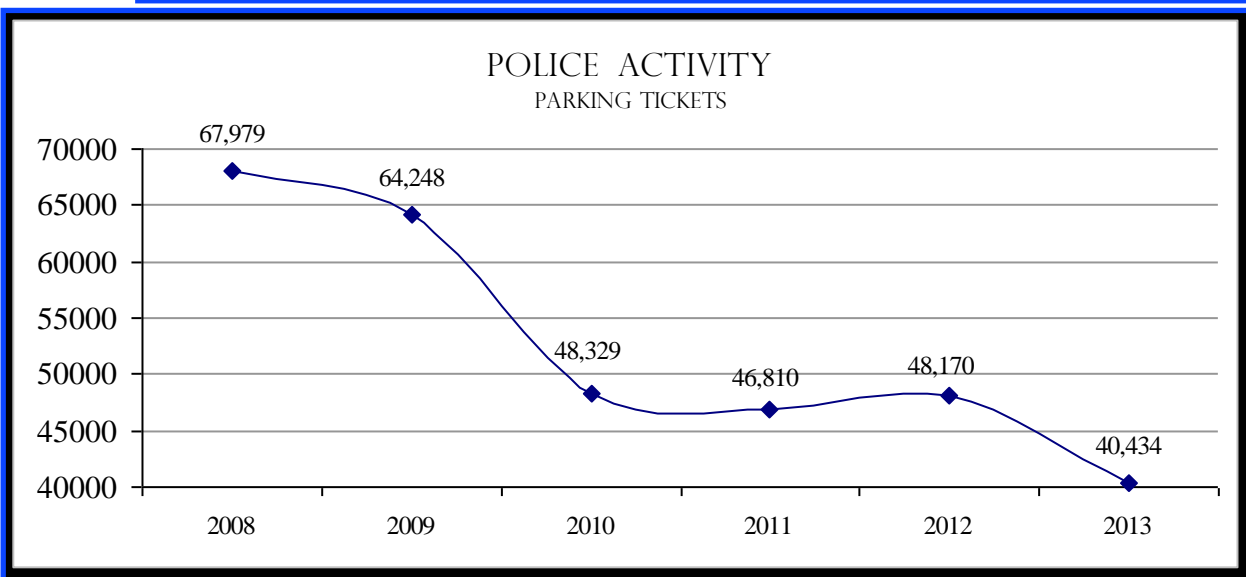
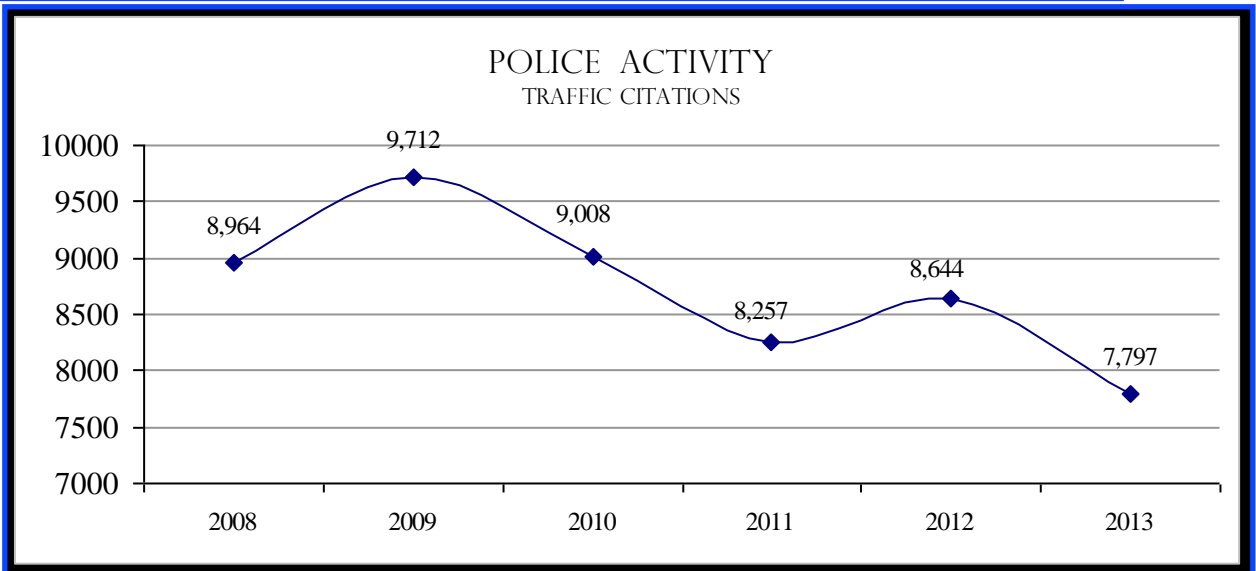
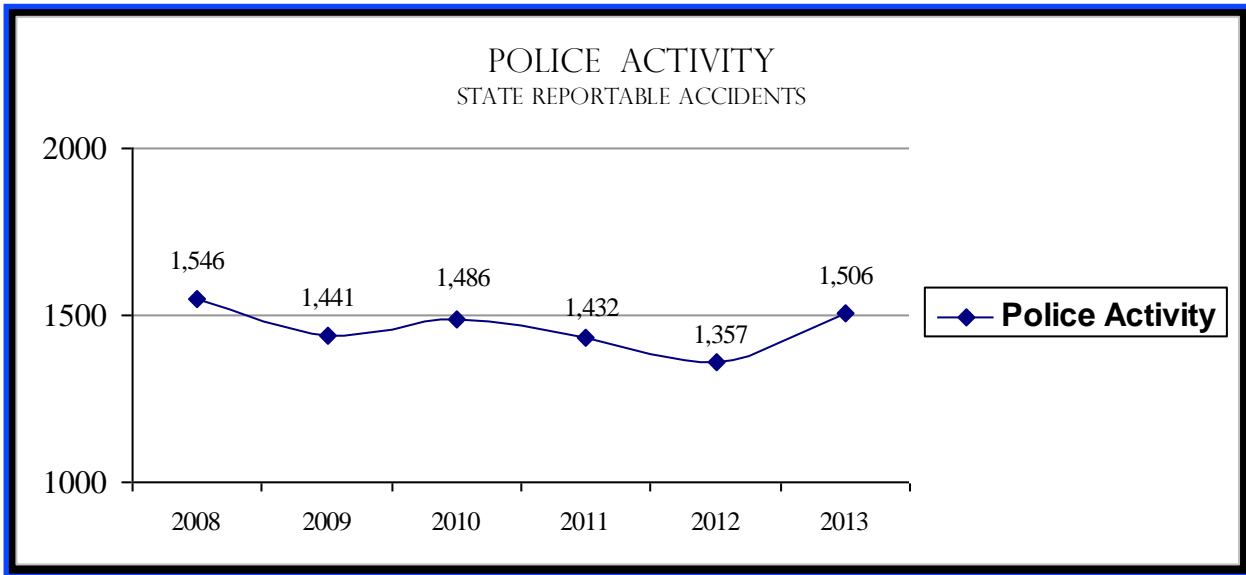
Adam Bembnister
Jason Nesbit
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Steven Curns
Tyler Pond
Nicholas Raddant
Andrew Adey
Daniel Howe
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Patrol Beat and Sector Map

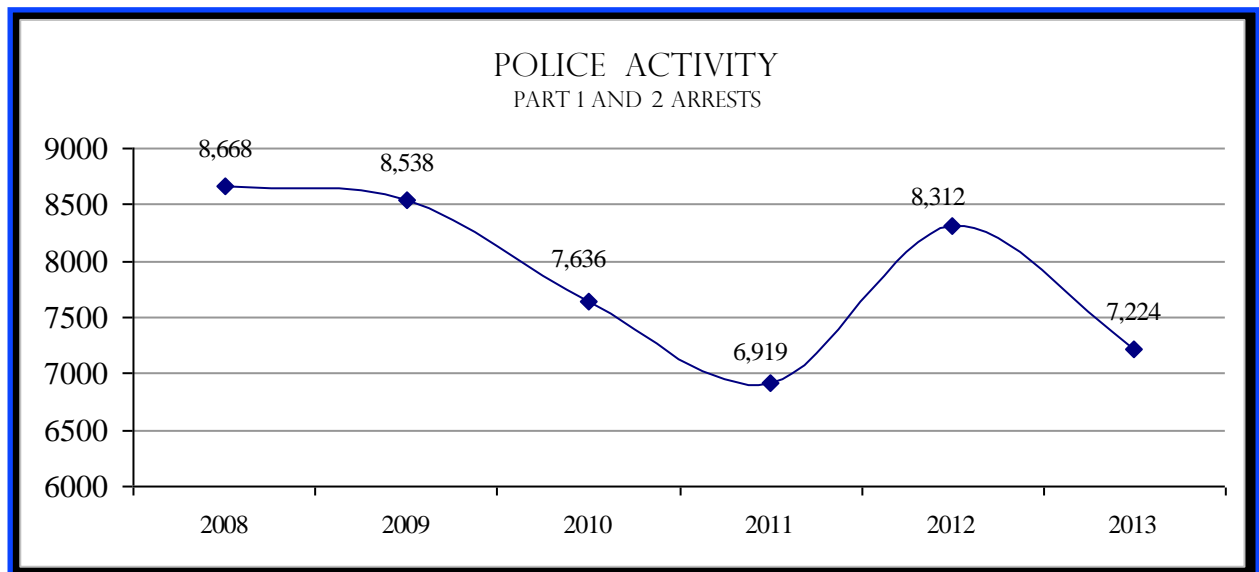
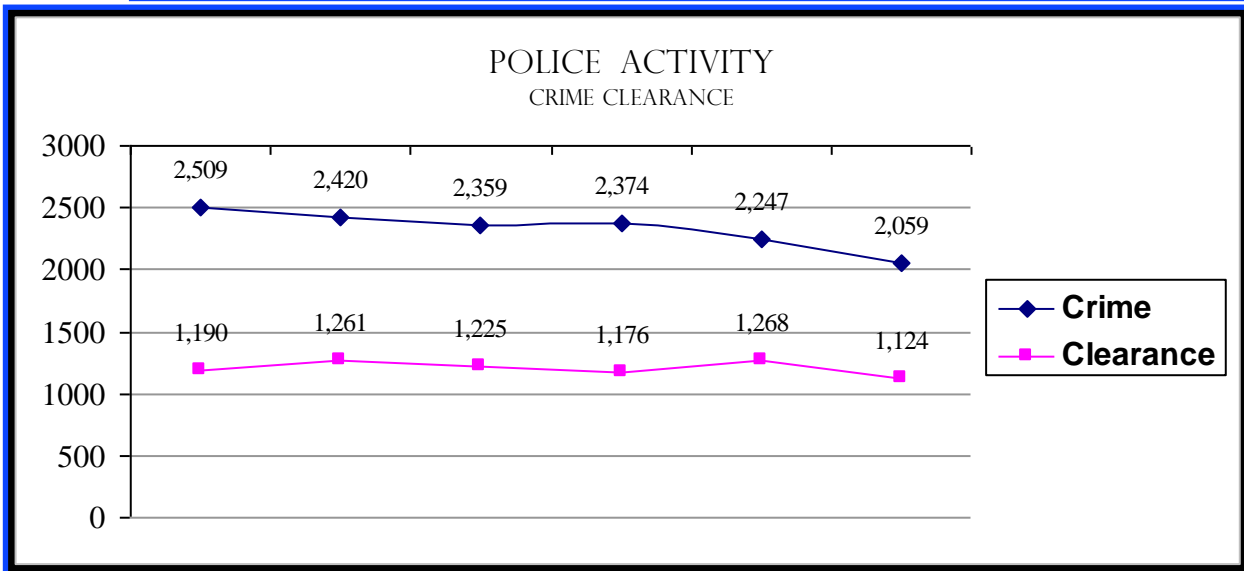
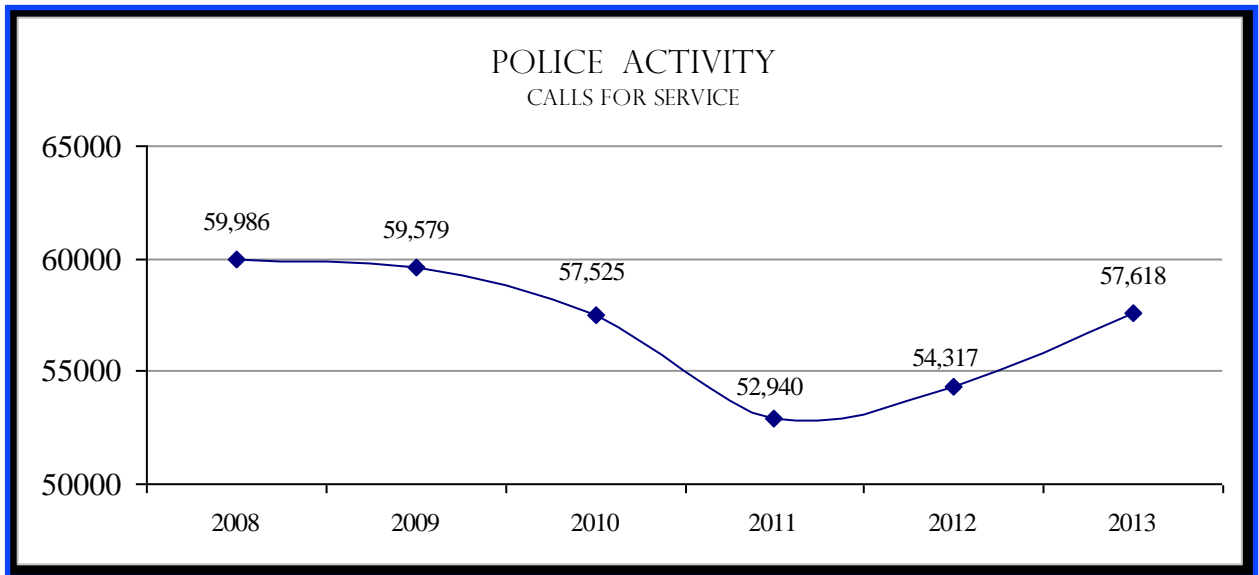


Traffic Statistics

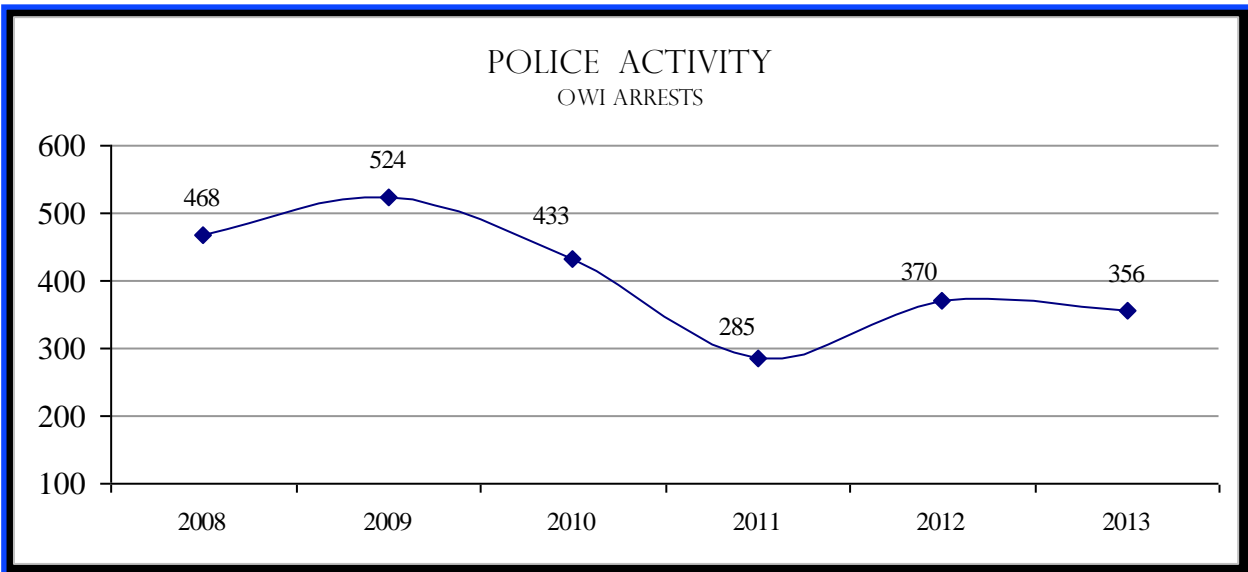
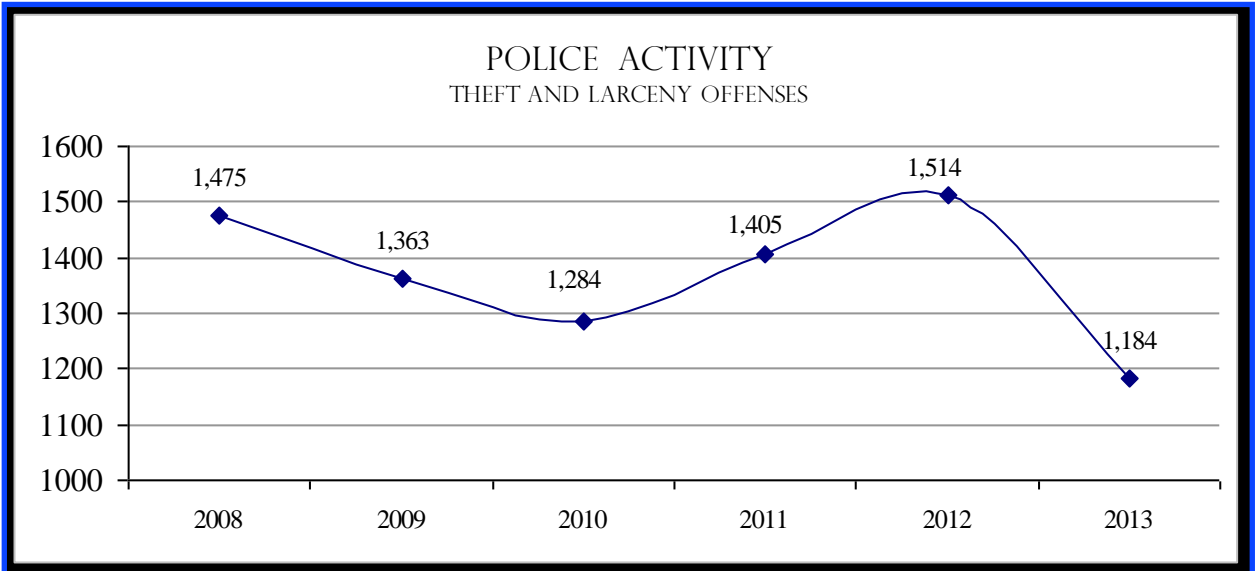
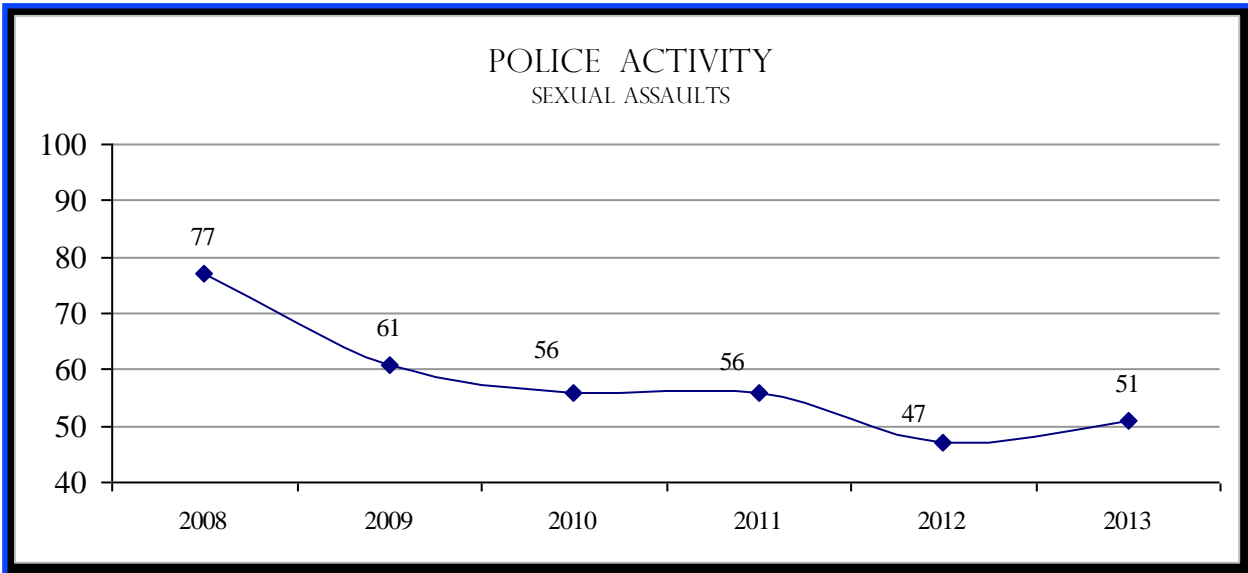




Crime Statistics



Crime Statistics





Investigative Services Bureau



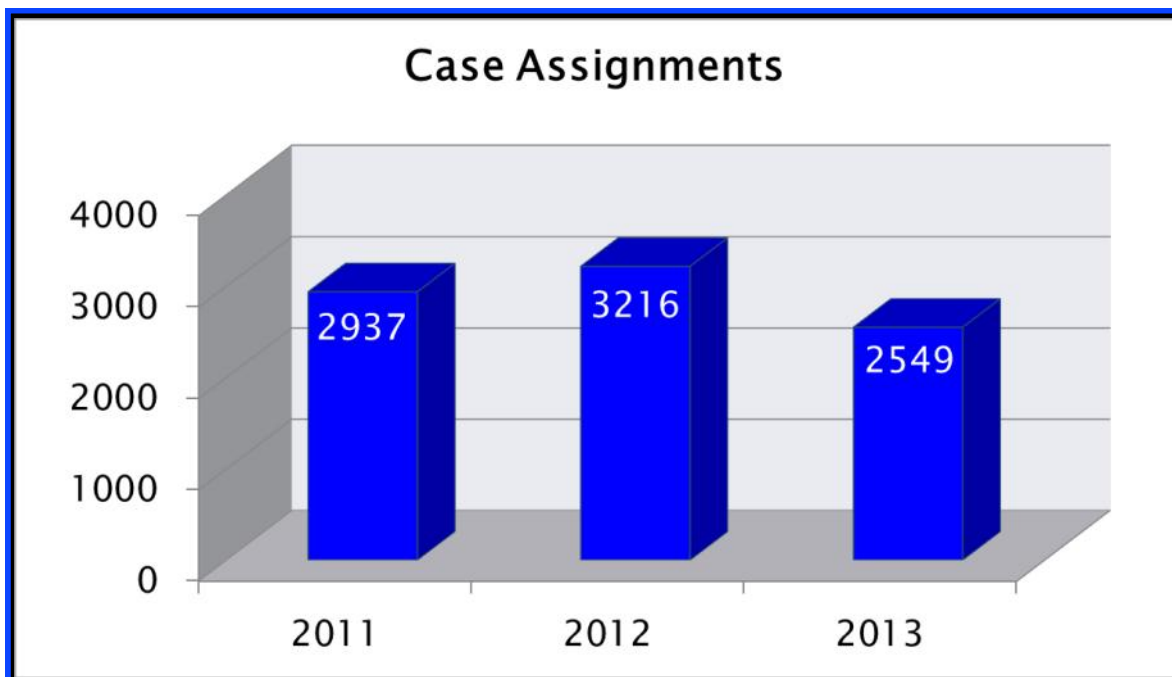
Jason Melby
Captain
Investigative Services Bureau

The Investigative Services Bureau is primarily responsible for the investigation of all criminal cases within the City of La Crosse. The Investigative Bureau has a staff of twelve members divided into three areas of expertise: White Collar & General Investigations; Narcotics & Vice Investigations; and Sensitive Crimes, which includes domestic violence, juveniles, sex crimes, and elderly victims' incidents.

Even though there are areas of expertise, all Investigative Bureau members are trained in a variety of disciplines, and therefore, are capable of performing a wide variety of specialized tasks outside their normal assignments. This provides greater flexibility in their work assignments when the need arises. Personnel not only provide expertise in crime investigations, they also initiate investigations, develop sources of information, and serve as liaisons to other organizations within the community.

Members serve on a variety of local, state, and national committees including the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Child Advocacy Center, Drug Endangered Children Task Force, La Crosse County Drug Court, Violence Against Women Association, New Horizons, Wisconsin Association for Identification, Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators, the National Association of Gang Investigators, and Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators.

In 2013, the number of cases assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau decreased 20.7% from 3,216 in 2012 to 2,549 in 2013.



Investigative Services Bureau Staff

Bureau Director - Captain

Jason Melby

Bureau Lieutenant

Matthew Malott

White Collar & General Investigations

Detective Sergeant Michael Blokhuis
Investigator Tony DeLap
Investigator Ryan Fitzgerald

Narcotics & Vice Investigations

Detective Sergeant Dan Kloss
Investigator Andrew Dittman
Investigator Thomas Hansen

Sensitive Crimes Investigations

Detective Sergeant Linnea Miller
Investigator Ron Secord
Investigator Tim O'Neill



Narcotics and Vice Investigations

The Investigative Services Bureau drug unit was taxed in 2013, having to investigate several clandestine methamphetamine labs and numerous heroin overdoses. As heroin abuse approached an epidemic level, La Crosse Police worked from several angles, including investigative back-tracking on heroin overdose victims; development of confidential informants to investigate and arrest heroin dealers; and participating in La Crosse County's Heroin Task force.



A total of 7.4 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$29,600 was confiscated after an arrest at the La Crosse Amtrak Station.



The evidence gathered at the scene of a methamphetamine lab that was housed in a hotel room.

Sensitive Crimes Investigations

The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) is a specialized enforcement unit assigned to the Investigative Bureau and plays a key role in the La Crosse community by investigating cases of domestic violence. The D.A.R.T. team works diligently to reduce the incidents of domestic violence and provides a variety of services to aid those in need within the community. The D.A.R.T. program is funded primarily by a federal grant and is an excellent example of the La Crosse Police Department finding alternative funding sources to provide the community with needed services.

Along with the La Crosse Police Department, other organizations play a role in D.A.R.T., including the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and Human Services Department; the Onalaska and Holmen Police Departments; the Wisconsin Department of Corrections - Community Corrections; Mayo Clinic Health System and Gundersen Health System; Hmong Mutual Assistance Association; Justice Support Services; New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers; and the Coulee Region Humane Society.

High Profile Cases

With much relief, 2013 brought a conclusion to the Paul and AJ Petras homicide investigation with Jeffrey Lepsch being convicted and sentenced to life in prison.



Captain Jason Melby discussing the arrest of Jeffrey Lepsch in 2012.



Detective Sgt. Dan Kloss testifying in the Jeffrey Lepsch case.

However, this past year also brought about an additional homicide investigation into the death of Demario Lee, as well as the near-death beating of Terrance Callahan. Both required extensive amounts of staffing, multi-agency coordination, and both investigations culminated with arrests of those involved.



Chief Tischer announcing the arrest of Mitrel Y. Anderson in the death of Demario Lee.



Police response to a crime scene.



Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau



Robert Lawrence
Captain
Professional Standards /
Community Services Bureau

The primary responsibility of the Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau (PS/CSB) continues to be community crime prevention, education, media relations, and school safety programming. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to: training, accreditation, recruitment and retention, policy review and development, internal investigations, nuisance property abatement, and administering the GREAT Midwest-Atlantic Regional Training Center.

Several of the department's major crime prevention programs fall under the responsibility of the PS/CSB, including the delivery of both the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the elementary schools and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) curricula in our elementary and middle schools. These two programs alone reached over 2,000 students in the La Crosse's public and private schools. Along with this formal curricula, our bureau leads the La Crosse School District Safety Patrol annual trip to Washington D.C.

The PS/CSB also spearheads the G.R.E.A.T. Summer Programming which allows Officers to work hand-in-hand with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse and Camp Send-A-Kid. These collaborations provide prevention programs for the youth of our community and work to engage them in becoming productive citizens in the community during the summer months.

Additional duties performed within the PS/CSB include overseeing the internship program, finger printing, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers program, Community Policing, the School Crossing Guards, new media outreach programs like Facebook and Twitter, and maintaining accreditation status.

Another significant responsibility of the PS/CSB is the application for and the administration of the Police Department's grants. These grants are alternative sources of funds, which are vital in maintaining the level of police service being provided, despite diminishing budgets.

The Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau, together with the community's support, will continue to provide quality community-based prevention programming designed to prevent crime.

Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau Staff

Bureau Director - Captain

Robert Lawrence

Training Lieutenant

Troy Nedegaard

Bureau Lieutenant

Patrick Hogan

G.R.E.A.T. Regional Administrator - Sergeant

Thomas Walsh

Bureau Sergeant

Randy Rank

School Resource Officers

Bradley Stoner

Heath Graves

Rick Pfennig

Cory Brandl

Philip Martin

D.A.R.E./G.R.E.A.T. Officer

Kurt Weaver

Community Policing Officer

Lisa Barrix

G.R.E.A.T. Regional Assistant - Civilian

Amanda Marshall

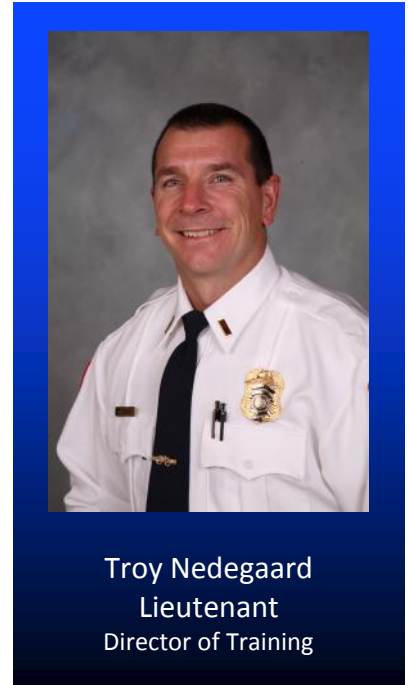


Training Division

The Training Division is part of the Professional Standards/Community Services Bureau and has the main objective of increasing the overall skills of all sworn and non-sworn personnel within the Police Department.

The main functions of the Training Division include training newly hired police officers; supervising the Field Training Program; educating members on new equipment and policing techniques; and providing in-service, legal updates, and instructor updates. The Training Division also focuses on career enhancement and management education. Overall, the Training Division strives to create a more professional department that can provide an effective and safe environment for all its employees and for the community.

In 2013, the La Crosse Police Department completed 12,530 hours of training among all its employees. A Department emphasis on supervision or management training resulted in 874.25 hours of training for administration and current or new supervisors. Supervisory members were selected to attend intensive training, including courses sponsored by UW-Platteville and Northwestern University.



Troy Nedegaard
Lieutenant
Director of Training

The Field Training Program trained eleven newly-hired officers in 2013. The training required to certify a probationary officer for solo patrol takes approximately four months. The Field Training Officers and Field Training Coordinators are very dedicated to the training process for new officers.

The Training Department continues to adjust to department and community needs, providing needed training emphasis on officer safety, supervision, legal updates, and community trends.

Certified Training Instructors

Captain Robert Lawrence	Sergeant Grant Gyllander	Officer Craig Teff
Lieutenant Joe Smith	Sergeant Jason Mahairas	Officer Al Hagen
Lieutenant Dan Kloss	Investigator Tony DeLap	Officer Dale Gerbig
Sergeant Randy Rank	Investigator Ron Secord	Officer Andrew Rosenow
Sergeant Mike Blokhuis	Investigator Tim O'Neill	Officer Jeremy Rindfleisch
Sergeant Gary Hauser	Officer Bradley Stoner	Officer Frank Racich
Sergeant Kirk Flatten	Officer Kurt Weaver	Officer Aaron Erdmann
Sergeant Craig Oleson	Officer Rick Rank	

Recruitment—New Hires



Alexander Burg
Officer
March 15, 2013



Dustin Darling
Officer
March 15, 2013



Tyler Rachwal
Officer
March 15, 2013



Anthony LaMore
Officer
April 5, 2013



Jared Reed
Officer
April 5, 2013



Amanda Marshall
Administrative Assistant
G.R.E.A.T.
May 2, 2013



Stephen Hughes
Officer
October 7, 2013



Benjamin Levan
Officer
October 7, 2013
(CSE—1/28/2013)



Ryan Swieter
Officer
October 7, 2013



Dakota Jelinski
Officer
October 7, 2013



Stephen Trussoni
Civilian Service Employee
November 18, 2013



School Resource Officer Program

The La Crosse Police Department - School Resource Officer (SRO) program is a significant program under the direction of the PS/SCB. Our SROs provide public safety and crime prevention presence to our children and staff in all public schools. The SRO program has an officer assigned to each public high school and middle school within the city and they also provide services and presence in all of our elementary schools.

Our School Resource Officers have become an integral part of their schools and provide specialized classes tailored to the needs of the school or community. Some of the topics instructed are: internet safety, constitutional law, over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse, driver education, bicycle safety, bullying prevention, and school safety.



SRO Rick Pfennig leading elementary students on a "Safe Route to School".

D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T.



D.A.R.E. Officer Kurt Weaver with two Southern Bluffs D.A.R.E. Graduates.

The PS/CSB oversees in-school programming for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) for public elementary and middle schools in the City of La Crosse.

In 2013, 4 D.A.R.E. Officers administered the curricula to 9 schools, reaching 500 students.

For the G.R.E.A.T. program, 9 Officer instructors taught at 5 middle schools and reached over 480 students.

Along with in-school programs, D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. offer summer opportunities for area youth including P.L.A.Y. (Participating in the

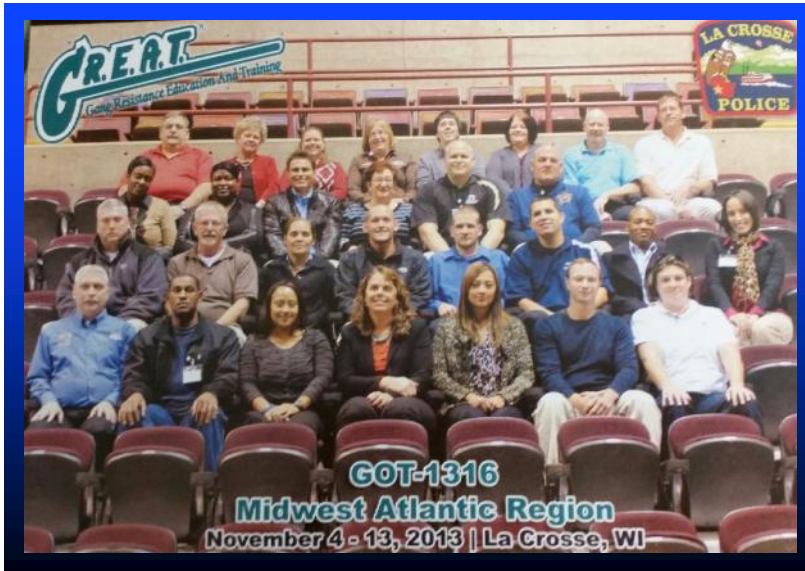
Lives of Area Youth), a 4-week session held at all greater La Crosse Area Boys & Girls Clubs, averaging around 30 students each day; and "Camp-Send-A-Kid", which is held for one week at Camp Ehawee for 75 at-risk and underprivileged youth.



Officer Steve Hughes and D.A.R.E. Officer Kurt Weaver at the 2013 D.A.R.E. Chili Cook-off.

G.R.E.A.T. Midwest-Atlantic Regional Training Center

The PS/CSB is also responsible for administering the G.R.E.A.T. Midwest-Atlantic Regional Training Center in La Crosse. This provides certification training for police officers in sixteen states on the topic of Gang Resistance Education and Training, a violence prevention program that has components directed towards elementary school, middle school, summer, and family programming.



In 2013, the G.R.E.A.T. Midwest-Atlantic Regional Training Center provided 9 different training courses—6 G.R.E.A.T. Family seminars, 1 In-Service, and 3 G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training sessions.

Besides providing these services at this local training center, the G.R.E.A.T. Regional Administrator, Sergeant Tom Walsh and Assistant Amanda Marshall have traveled all over the nation to present and participate at other G.R.E.A.T. training events.

La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers began in La Crosse in 1984. Since its beginning, Crime Stoppers has been responsible for the arrest of over 1,800 criminals and paid out \$90,000 in rewards. Of the criminals arrested as a result of a tip, 94% have been convicted.

While the La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers is a private organization, operating solely on the donations of community partners, the La Crosse Police Department PS/CSB houses and oversees the La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers tip line information. As soon as a tip comes in via a phone call, online tip, or text message, the Crime Stoppers liaison distributes the information to the correct jurisdiction.

La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers has been successful in solving crimes throughout the United States and in virtually every community within La Crosse County including Holmen, Onalaska, Bangor, West Salem, Town of Campbell, Shelby, Mindoro as well as the City of La Crosse.

Executive Board Members	
Warren Thomas	President
John Peterson	Vice President
Kim Metcalf	Secretary
Rachel Burrow	Treasurer
Suzanne Stika	Past President
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Adam Hatfield	Jeremy Bauer
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Bonnie Daines	Lucas Eber
Chris Lenser	Mark Siefert
Dan Schwaab	Mike Byington
Derek Kubly	Mike Gates
Gregory Mader	Mike Mader
Ingrid Iverson	Troy Harcey
Jane DeVault	



National Night Out

The 30th year of the National Night Out (NNO) campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. In total, over 37 million people participated in the 2013 National Night Out.

The main goals of National Night Out are to:

- Heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime partnerships;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



National Night Out party at Viterbo University.



Mayor Tim Kabat, Chief Ron Tischer, and School Resource Officer Phil Martin at the party hosted by Elite Repeat.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police—community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits that a community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night celebration.

At least 11 La Crosse neighborhoods hosted block parties, with certainly many more localized celebrations for the 16th Annual La Crosse Area National Night Out.



A group of neighbors hosting their own party for the 16th Annual National Night Out in La Crosse.

La Crosse Police Reserve Program

The Police Reserve Unit of the La Crosse Police Department is committed to serving the citizens of La Crosse to the best of their ability and to improving the quality of life for all within the community. This is accomplished by working with residents and Police Department members with professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

Of the many ways the Police Reserves serve the community, the majority of our volunteered time is utilized in providing traffic control at large festivals, parades, and fitness events; helping officers maintain a perimeter at crash or crime



Chief Tischer congratulating former Reserve Commander Adam Wohlwend on his retirement.

Police Reserve Liaisons	
Lieutenant Charles Frandsen	
Sergeant Randy Rank	
Sergeant Jon Wenger	
Officer Craig Teff	
Reserve Board Members	
Amanda Marshall	Reserve Commander
Jack Bell	Field Services Lieutenant
Robert Williams	Admin Lieutenant
Ryan DeFlorian	Field Sergeant
Riley Vogel	Supply Sergeant
Michael Peterson	Field Corporal
Adam Wohlwend	Ex Official Corporal
Reserve Officers	
Amber Breidel	Jarred McLain
Autumn Chandler	Justin Redman
Tyler Christian	Molly Rosson
Kenneth Foster	Paige Stovey
Austin Frye	Lucas Timmons
Thomas Godfrey	Chris Voss
Jacob Horning	Brian Wells
Andrew Huber	Kate Wieczorek
Brandon Kendhammer	Neil Williams
Anna Lee Xiong	

scenes; and patrolling Riverside Park alongside volunteers of Operation River Watch. For 2013, Police Reserves provided 4,303 hours of service. In addition to this, we trained for 158 hours.

There were many changes to leadership and membership throughout 2013. Long-standing Police Reserve liaison Sergeant Randy Rank stepped down and passed the reigns to Lieutenant Charles Frandsen, Sergeant Jon Wenger, and Officer Craig Teff.

Also in 2013, Reserve Commander Adam Wohlwend retired program. Adam served the reserves for over twelve years, putting in over 4,600 total hours of service. Within the twelve years, Adam held the following positions: Police Reserve (10/2001 to 6/2003); Quartermaster Sergeant (6/2003 to 12/2003); Deputy Commander (1/2004 to 8/2007); and Commander (9/2007 to 12/2013). Adam's dedication to the Police Reserve program was essential in its development and success. Congratulations Adam!

Reserve Amanda Marshall was appointed as the Commander by the Board. Congratulations!



Emergency Response Team

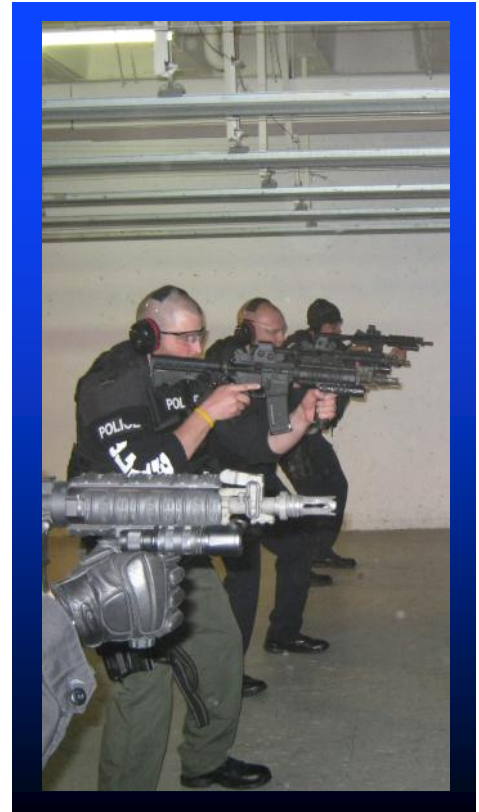
The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a part-time team that consists of two commanders, seventeen tactical members, and seven negotiators. The members have regular duty assignments within the Field Services, Investigative Services, and Professional Standards/Community Services Bureaus. ERT is assigned to respond to hostage and barricaded persons, high risk warrants and vehicle stops, civil disturbances, natural and/or man-made disasters, and dignitary protection. ERT members are on-call all day, every day.

ERT members commit themselves above and beyond that of the standard officer. They train a minimum of 96 hours per year for ERT duties, work with multiple weapon systems, and are required to pass two physical agility tests each year.

ERT has continued to train with other departments within the community on different tactics such as mechanical breaching and Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC). The team continues to build better relationships and understanding with regional area departments so that all are better prepared for incidents that may happen.

A special thanks goes to partnering agencies that have taken part in training with ERT throughout the year: Western Technical College, Volk Field, Ft. McCoy, La Crosse School District, La Crosse MTU, and La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, to name a few.

The ERT would also like to recognize Officer In Charge Lieutenant Troy Nedegaard who retired from the team after 20 years. Thank you Lt. Nedegaard for your dedicated service and leadership.



2013 ERT Members

Lieutenant Charles Frandsen - OIC	Officer Joel Miller
Sergeant Jason Mahairas - Assistant OIC	Officer James Mancuso
Lieutenant Dan Kloss - Team Leader	Officer Casey Rossman
Officer Robert Wiczorek - Team Leader	Officer Bradley Schomberg
Lieutenant Matt Malott	Officer Daniel Ulrich
Sergeant Grant Gyllander	Officer Andrew Tolvstad
Officer Rick Pfennig	Officer Heath Parshall
Officer Tony LeQue	Officer Frank Racich

2013 ERT Negotiators

Lieutenant Avrie Schott	Officer Teri Roden
Sergeant Andrew Gavrilos	Officer Eric Christianson
Sergeant Steve Pataska	Officer Andrew Rosenow
Sergeant Andrew Dittman	

K-9 Unit

In 2013, with the continued fight against the influx of narcotics, the La Crosse Police Department sought to add a drug detection K-9 team to the K-9 Unit so that each of the three patrol shifts would have a canine presence. The Common Council, as well as members of the community, fully supported this request. The La Crosse Valley View Rotary Club made a generous donation of \$16,500 to support the purchase of equipment and training for the new team. With this addition, the K-9 Unit includes:

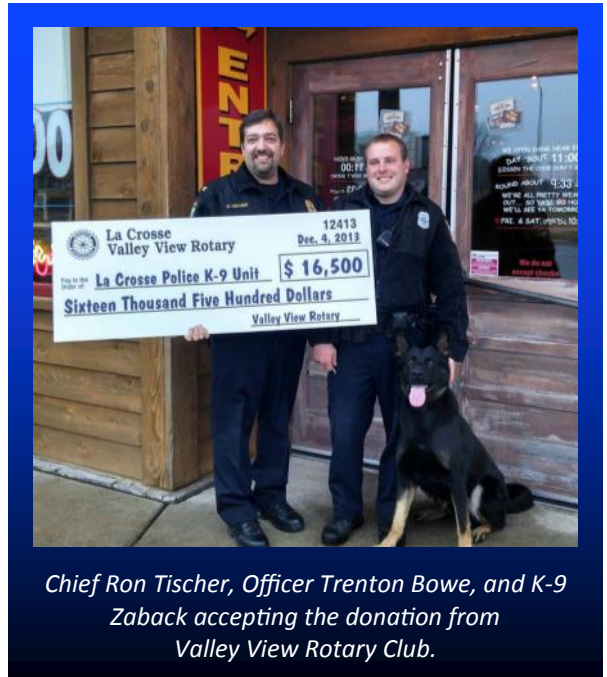
Investigator Secord and K-9 Grumman were recertified by North American Police Working Dog Association and by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. They assisted in protecting Airforce 2, the President's back-up plane. K-9 Grumman is an explosives detection canine.

Officer LeQue and K-9 Ralph had 28 deployments with 12 arrests. They completed 222 hours of training and were recertified at the USPCA Trials in Duluth. K-9 Ralph is a drug detection canine.

Officer Rossman and K-9 Brutus has 102 deployments, 31 arrests, and trained for 251 hours. They too were recertified at USPCA Trials in Duluth. K-9 Brutus is a drug detection, protection, and tracking canine.

Officer Bowe and K-9 Zaback hit the streets starting in August. They had 52 deployments, 18 arrests, and completed nearly 260 hours of training. K-9 Zaback is a drug detection and protection canine.

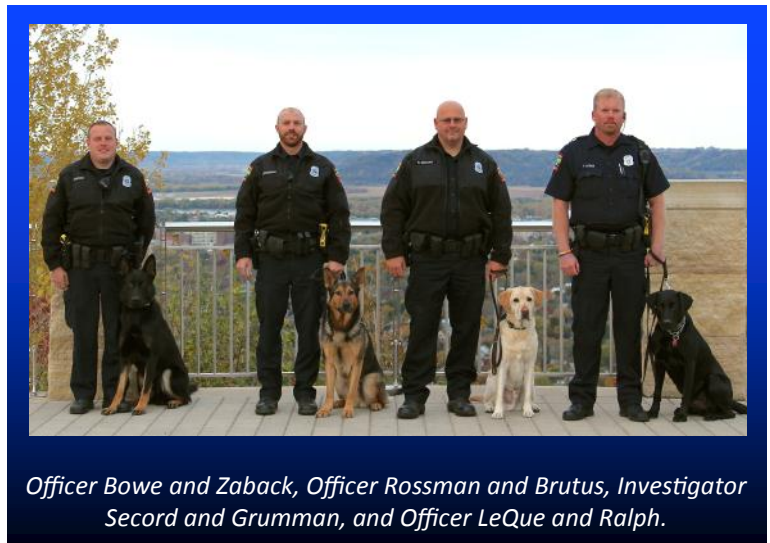
Along with helping to deter crime throughout the City, the K-9 unit also made positive contacts with our citizens, business owners, and organizations, strengthening our relationship with the community.



Chief Ron Tischer, Officer Trenton Bowe, and K-9 Zaback accepting the donation from Valley View Rotary Club.



Officer LeQue, K-9 Ralph, K-9 Grumman, and Investigator Ron Secord at the 2013 "Putt'n 4 Pooches" golf outing.



Officer Bowe and Zaback, Officer Rossman and Brutus, Investigator Secord and Grumman, and Officer LeQue and Ralph.



Honor Guard

The La Crosse Police Honor Guard is a specialized team of the La Crosse Police Department that attends special professional and/or law enforcement events, as well as funeral services for law enforcement members. The Honor Guard is always ready to represent our department under the most difficult of circumstances.

In 2013, the Honor Guard participated in several events. During Police Week in May, the Firing Squad attended the Memorial Ceremony at the Onalaska Police Department. The detail included OIC Sgt. Wenger with the firing party being Lt. Schott, Sgt. Gavrilos, Sgt. Flatten, Investigator O’Neill, and Officers Gerbig and LeQue. In June, the Guard also attended the Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference held at Stoney Creek in Onalaska. The annual “9/11 Freedom Walk” that was held in September was attended by Officers Kurt Weaver, Brooke Privet, and Teri Roden who joined with other law enforcement and fire department honor guards, making this event a joint effort.

To ensure the highest level of professionalism, the Honor Guard also spent several days training which included basic drill and ceremony, rifle details, and the posting of colors.

It was with great pride that our Honor Guard worked to dignify the memories fellow officers who passed away during the year. In March, members of the Guard attended the funeral for Town of Brookfield Officer Donald Bishop who died in the line of duty from a heart attack while responding to a burglary in progress. In November, the Guard attended the funeral for Detective Willard Sill, who served the La Crosse Police Department from 1936 to 1960. In December, Guard members attend the funeral for Detective Donald Wenger, who served the La Crosse Police Department from 1966 to 1993.

We look forward to another year of professional service to the law enforcement community, as well as the greater community in which we serve.

Honor Guard Members
Sergeant Kirk Flatten (OIC)
Rifle Team Members
Sergeant Jon Wenger (OIC)
Lieutenant Joe Smith
Lieutenant Troy Nedegaard
Sergeant Drew Gavrilos
Officer Tony LeQue
Officer Cory Brandl
Officer Brad Stoner
Officer Dale Gerbig
Colors Team Members
Officer Heath Parshall (OIC)
Lieutenant Avrie Schott
Lieutenant Matt Malott
Investigator Tim O’Neill
Officer Brooke Privet
Officer Teri Roden
Officer Kurt Weaver



Honor Guard Members at the Police Week Memorial Ceremony in Onalaska.

La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy



Head Chaplain Pastor Mark Clements and Chief Ron Tischer.

The La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy provides a ministry of presence, supplying a source of strength to law enforcement officers and their families, department personnel, and members of the community. Additionally, our chaplains are trained to serve the needs of others without religious, racial, social, or gender bias, providing care and compassion for those impacted by crisis and traumatic incidents.

The La Crosse Area Law Enforcement Chaplaincy officially serves the La Crosse Police Department, the Onalaska Police Department, and the La Crosse County

Sheriff's Department with the full support and endorsement of the Administrators of these departments. Each department Chief has appointed a Chaplain Liaison Officer within their department to serve as an interface between the department and the chaplain team.

The year 2013 was a busy year for the Chaplaincy. The team of 26 chaplains provided on-call coverage 24 hours each day, 7 days each week, all 52 weeks of the year. They provided 8,760 hours of coverage, responded to 36 calls, 1 debriefing, and utilized 525 hours of administrative support. They also provided non-emergency services such as officiating for funeral services, providing counseling, and hosting the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Picnic.

Chaplain	Status	Chaplain	Status
Pastor Jenny Arneson	Active	Mr. Bryan McGrath	Active
Pastor Mark Boyd	Active	Mrs. Diana McGrath	Secretary Reserve
Mr. Bob Bott	Active	Reverend Houa Moua	Reserve
Pastor Mark Clements	Active Head Chaplain	Mr. Frank O'Laughlin	Active
Pastor Jennifer Clemmerson	Reserve	Reverend Larry Olson	Active
Pastor Chad Cummings	Active	Reverend Ellen Rasmussen	Active
Reverend Don Ehler	Active	Pastor Charles Robinson	Active
Ron Fisher	Reserve	Pastor Matthew Schroeder	Active
Reverend Leon Franck	Reserve	Chaplain Tom Skemp	Reserve
Mr. Philip Gaddis	Reserve	Pastor Phil Stein	Active
Pastor Nancy Hatlevig	Active	Father Dean Wilhelm	Active
Reverend Elizabeth Howe	Active	Pastor Wade Wilson	Active
Deacon Matthew Ludick	Reserve	Pastor Jane Wollam	Active



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,
THE COMMUNITY
AND THE AGENCY I SERVE,
SO HELP ME GOD.**





Pictures

Front Cover

- Officers Dan Ulrich and Nate Poke with their “biggest fan” Hellen.

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- Officer Brooke Privet with her award for providing life saving measures including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- Officer Casey Rossman and K-9 Brutus giving a demonstration at the LCPD Open House.
- Newly promoted Lieutenant Dan Kloss and Detective Sergeant Andrew Dittman at their promotion ceremony.
- Officer Jared Reed with Santa.
- School Resource Officer Bradley Stoner, Sergeant Kirk Flatten, and School Resource Officer Heath Graves going over plans for the Disaster Drill hosted at Central High School.
- Officers at roll call at the start of their shift.
- Assistant Chief Rob Abraham and Chief Ron Tischer.
- Officer Mark Rosenmeier and School Resource Officer Rick Pfennig at the Disaster Drill. (Center)

Back Cover

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- Officers and citizens at the LCPD Open House learning about the department from Captain Robert Lawrence.
- A Special Olympics tee shirt fundraiser table set up at Texas Roadhouse.
- Investigator Tony DeLap, Lieutenant Chuck Frandsen, and Detective Lieutenant Matt Malott with staff from Texas Roadhouse at the “Tip a Cop” fundraiser for Special Olympics.
- LCPD members that ran or biked along the Law Enforcement Torch Run route to raise funds for Special Olympics.
- Chief Ron Tischer speaking with an athlete at the Special Olympics kick-off party.
- Members of the Police Department with the organizers of the first annual Sara Softball fundraiser and softball tournament.

