

Pewaukee

Police Department



2020 Annual Report





Our Village

Established: 1876

County: Waukesha

Area: 4.58 square miles;

Land – 4.16 sq mi

Water – 0.42 sq mi

Population: 8,164

Median Age: 40.0

Average Household Size: 2.08

Parks: 9



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

Police Commission:
President David Spakowicz
Secretary Mary McNeill
Thomas Houck
William Gehrking
Peter Rohde

On behalf of the men and women of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, I have the honor of presenting to you our Annual Report for 2020. The purpose of our annual report provides an overview of the notable challenges and accomplishments, as well as a summary of the activities undertaken by our staff to enhance public safety.

To begin, in 2020, the Village Board approved the purchase of a Rescue Vehicle as part of the Suburban Critical Incident Team and our generous community support raised money to lessen the overall cost to the Village of Pewaukee. This new purchase was put to use numerous times this year including when responding to the City of Delafield where Hartland and Delafield police officers were shot by a suspect who was later arrested.

This year we saw our Pewaukee Schools and Waukesha County Technical College challenged to learn virtually during this pandemic with the focus on personal safety. Our School Resource Officers also adapted and learned new ways to build relationships with our students and faculty. It has been a year of challenges for all. To enhance our connection with the Pewaukee Schools, we took part in graduation parades rather than in person ceremonies, at home birthday wishes and neighborhood car parades. We look forward to the return of full-time in-person classes.

In addition, we were able to hire four new officers to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. We look forward to the talent these new officers bring to complement our team.

As I enter my second year as Police Chief, I reflect on what a wonderful community we serve and also how much I look forward to this upcoming year and a hopeful return to normalcy. With minimal community events, it was a challenge to develop community connections. I appreciate our dedicated sworn officers both part-time and full time who during this COVID-19 pandemic, provided 24-hour a day full-service, 7-days a week and never missed a beat.

I want to thank our staff for all the hard work and effort to improve the quality of life for both our residents and visitors. We look forward to working together with our community who provide us with continued support. Working together we can meet the needs of the community, provide a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life.



Chief Timothy Heier



Department Roster

(as of 12/31/2020)

Chief of Police

Timothy Heier

(hired 05/01/2019)

Lieutenant

Mark W. Garry II

(hired 04/17/1990)

Sergeants

Nathan Wright

(hired 07/01/2009)

Lucas Twelmeyer

(hired 01/01/2012)

Detective

Craig Drummy

(hired 03/08/1999)

Patrol Officers

Jeffrey Lenius

(hired 03/31/2003)

Julie Buddenhagen

(hired 08/04/2004)

Brian Foth

(hired 01/16/2006)

Kerry Corrus

(hired 01/18/2016)

Steve Chochola

(hired 03/28/2016)

Brett Markut

(hired 05/30/2017)

Travis Tyler

(hired 06/19/2018)

Geoffrey Cimpl

(hired 11/16/2018)

Christian Fox *Ryan Crouse* *Grant Zabel* *Mitchell Cairns* *Mike Rowe*

(hired 06/03/2019)

(hired 01/02/2020)

(hired 01/20/2020)

(hired 02/03/2020)

(hired 10/27/2020)

Administrative Secretary

Angela Prochniewski

(hired 02/11/2019)

Court Clerk

Julie Forrest

(hired 06/15/2020)

WILEAG Accreditation

Lieutenant Mark Garry

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department began the re-accreditation process in 2019 under the guidance of Chief Timothy Heier. The assignment was given to Sergeant Nathan Wright and Sergeant Nicholas Welch, under the oversight of Lieutenant Mark W. Garry II for completion.

During this process, all members of the department participated in examining the operations of the department and confirming that the agency was using the “best practices” for the profession. These practices were documented and logged to demonstrate the level of professionalism within the department.

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

WILEAG

On December 1, 2, and 3, 2020 the Village of Pewaukee Police Department opened its’ doors and records to three outside assessors from WILEAG. These assessors examined the actions of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department to document the demonstration of compliance with applicable standards covering all aspects of law enforcement administration and operations. There are 242 standards that were reviewed during this assessment. It was determined that 24 of these standards did not apply to the operations and functions of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. Upon completion of this on-site assessment, a final report was forwarded to the WILEAG Board of Directors for review.

On January 11, 2021 the WILEAG Board of Directors rendered their decision as to the status of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department seeking “Accredited” status. The Board found that the operations and functions of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department were in compliance with these standards and demonstrated the agency’s efforts to provide the “best practices” and services to the citizens of the Village of Pewaukee.

While this accomplishment is monumental for the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, one of only 42 law enforcement agencies in the entire State of Wisconsin to achieve accreditation, it is just a continuation of the excellent services expected and provided to the community as a whole. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has and will continue to strive for the utilization of “best practices” at all times. This accomplishment is the first step in a continuing effort on the behalf of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department to the citizens of the community.



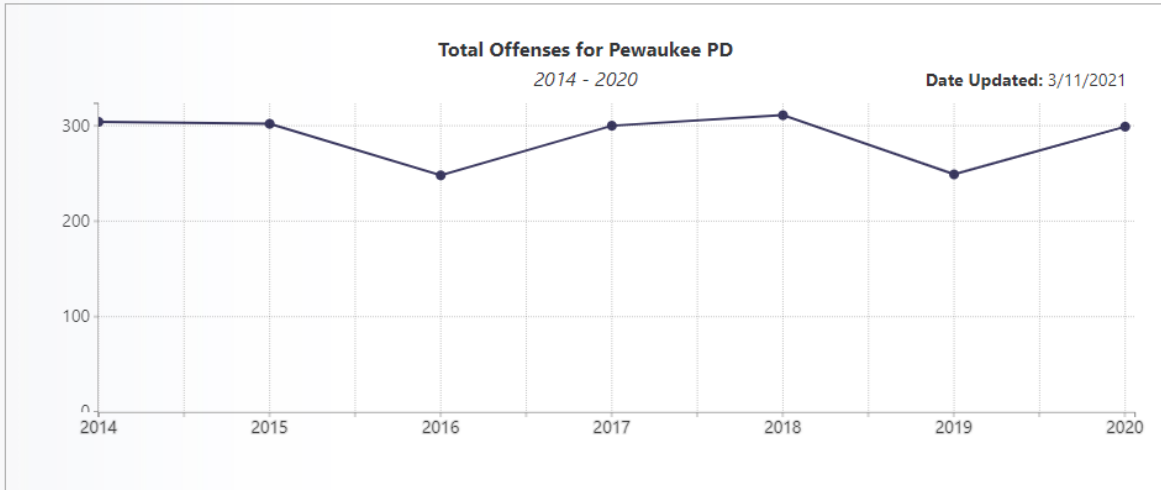
Crime Stats



Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

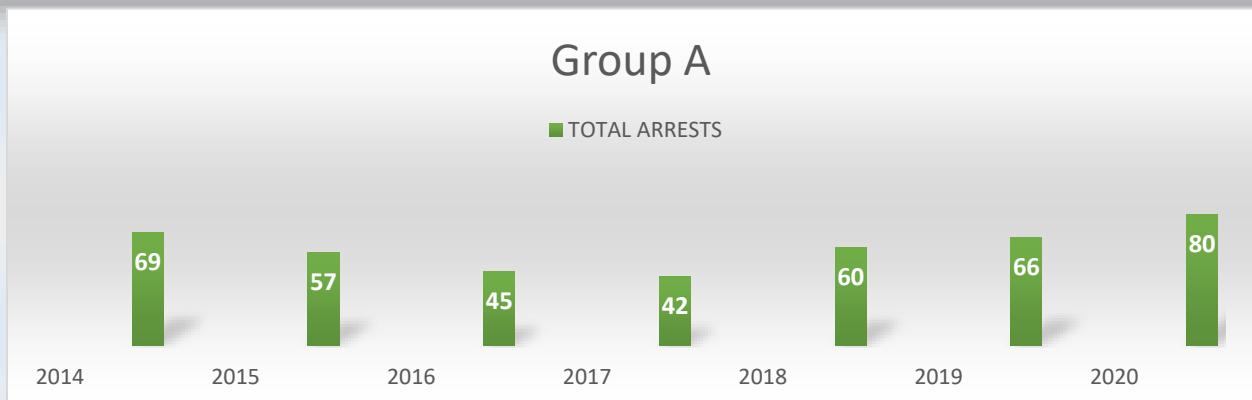
Crime History - Pewaukee PD, WI0681400



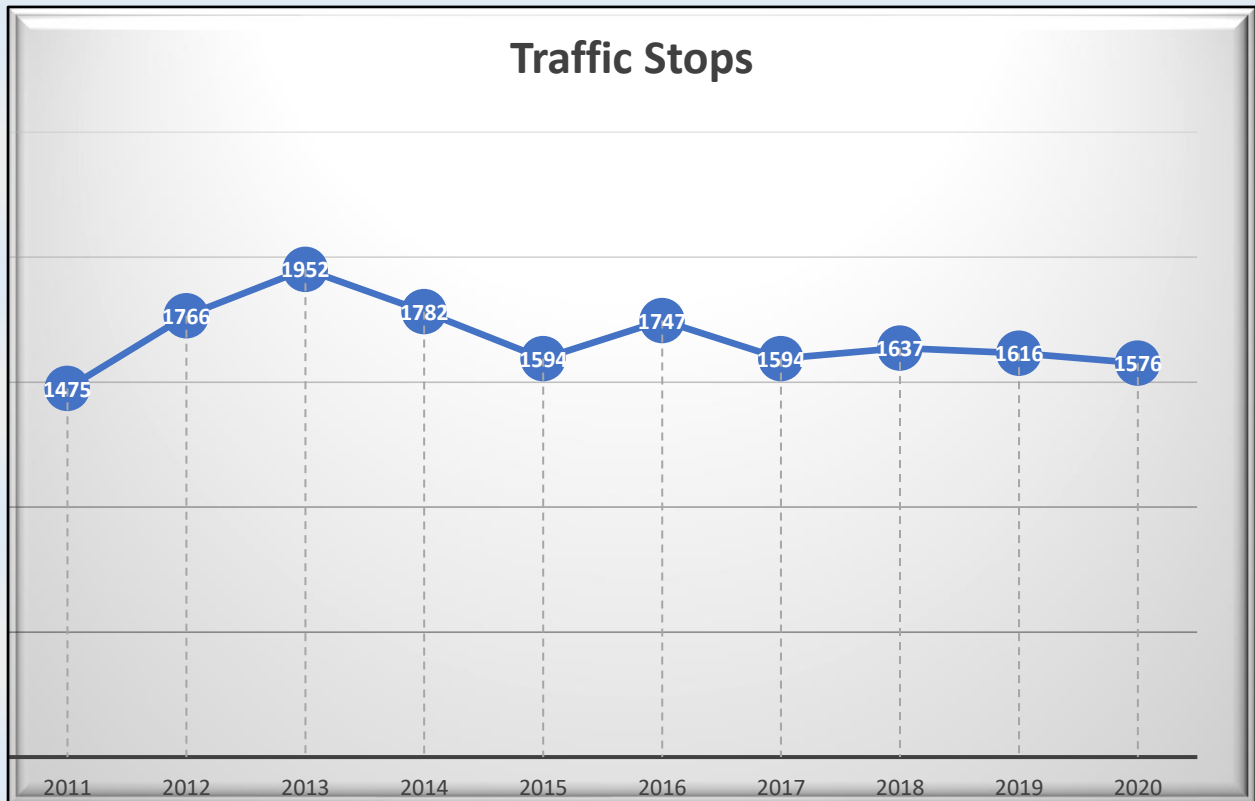
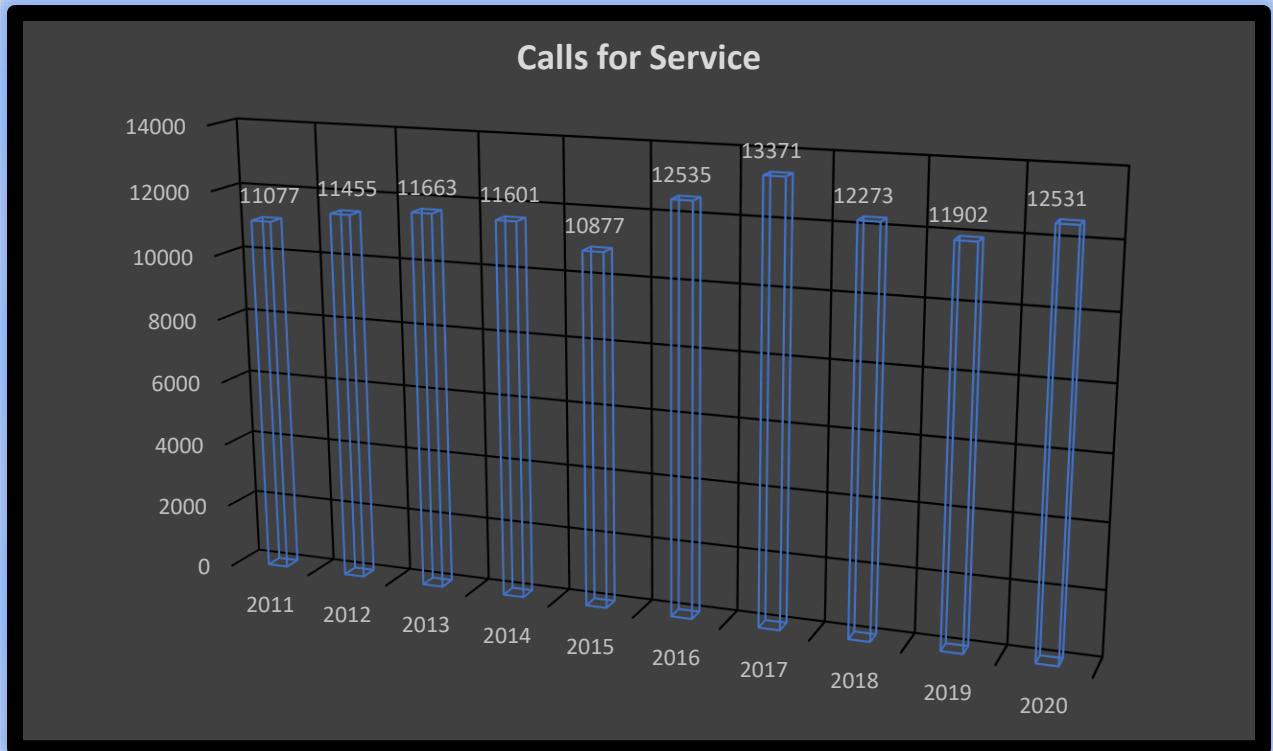
Total Offenses by Subcategory
2014 - 2020

Date Updated: 3/11/2021

| Offense | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total | 304 | 302 | 248 | 300 | 311 | 249 | 299 |
| ▶ Crimes Against Persons | 21 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 39 | 35 | 27 |
| ▶ Crimes Against Property | 196 | 202 | 145 | 145 | 146 | 135 | 197 |
| ▶ Crimes Against Society | 87 | 73 | 75 | 127 | 126 | 79 | 75 |



Department Activity



2020 Headlines

PEWAUKEE NEWS

Germantown man who drowned in Pewaukee Lake has been identified

Evan Frank Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Published 9:30 a.m. CT Jul. 20, 2020 | Updated 7:59 a.m. CT Jul. 21, 2020

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8 Photos VIEW FULL GALLERY

Dive teams search for missing swimmer on Pewaukee Lake
A 22-year-old man disappeared while swimming in Pewaukee Lake on Saturday.

Mask mandate sparks potential violence from some customers, Pewaukee grocer says

One Pewaukee business has experienced multiple incidents with customers, unruly about having to wear a mask inside.

Posted September 1, 2020



Pewaukee police: Woman missing since Jan. 22 found dead on ice on Pewaukee Lake

Published January 25, 2020 | Waukesha | FOX 6 Now Milwaukee

15-year-old Pewaukee girl missing for three days

PD Chief says she is not in immediate danger

By Nikki Brahm Mar 9, 2020 Updated Mar 10, 2020

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Elm Grove man who inappropriately touched children at Pewaukee Lake Beach sentenced to prison

According to Pewaukee Police Chief Tim Heier, after Radke attempted to leave in his vehicle, the lifeguards wrote down a partial license plate ...

Jan 13, 2020

How Lake Country police plan to enforce Gov. Evers' safer-at-home order

Evan Frank Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Published 11:08 a.m. CT Mar. 25, 2020 | Updated 2:40 p.m. CT Mar. 25, 2020

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Gov. Tony Evers' safer-at-home order, in effect for the next month (scheduled to end April 24), prohibits all nonessential travel, with some exceptions.

So how will police enforce the order?

You won't be randomly pulled over

Pewaukee Police Chief Timothy Heier: We will not be pulling people over, and no one has encouraged that we do so. There are a lot of essential businesses open, and those employees will need to get to work. Our residents will need to purchase groceries and support local businesses with takeout food orders. There has been enough education on what people need to do and what is required of them. Residents should be out there for the right reasons; if not, we will guide them to ensure their safety.

2 1/2 years in prison for Waukesha woman who slit boyfriend's throat, told him to write suicide note

Published April 11, 2020 | FOX 6 Now Milwaukee

Man who inappropriately touched children in Pewaukee Lake sentenced

Evan Radke pleaded guilty to three counts of child enticement

20 Shares



Updated: 7:00 PM CST Jan 9, 2020

North Dakota man pleads not guilty to shooting, wounding 2 officers

By AP author | Published December 1, 2020 | Crime and Public Safety | Associated Press

\$1.5M bail set for North Dakota man charged with shooting 2 Wisconsin cops

ASSOCIATED PRESS Nov 10, 2020

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Pewaukee man convicted of manufacturing meth

journal sentinel

A man arrested for stealing money from unlocked vehicles told police he was on a cocaine binge at the time

NEW AT 5 Taking Precautions Out on The Ice
Fire, Law Enforcement Departments Don't Monitor Thickness
NOW: Fire and law enforcement departments warn of ice dangers

WAUKESHA CO.

UPDATE: Man accused of shooting two police officers in Delafield arrested

Associated Press Nov 6, 2020

BREAKING

WCTC proposing new training building with indoor shooting range

Beachside Boat & Bait has eyes on soon-to-be vacated Eaton building

By Cara Spoto Nov 11, 2020 Updated Nov 11, 2020

Traffic Crashes

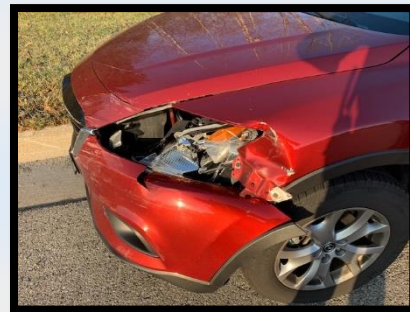
Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

At the scene of motor vehicle accident, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department's first duty is to protect the scene. The scene may include damaged vehicles, injured subjects, spilled loads, and the general motoring public. We accomplish this goal by utilizing principles and techniques learned in Emergency Traffic Control / Scene Management Training. This is an advanced course administered by Wisconsin's TIME or Traffic Incident Management Enhancement.

When a car accident occurs, the police generally conduct a thorough investigation of the crash scene. The scene investigation involves the collection of data such as skid/yaw marks, photographs, witness statements and involved driver statements. Other relevant data will be collected in an attempt to document the point of impact, the crash dynamics and the final rest positions of the vehicles in the crash. Once the investigation is completed, Police manage the logistics of automobile removal, and proper notification of damaged property owners.

In 2020, The Village of Pewaukee Police were called to investigate a total of 186 "property damage only" crashes, 23 "Possible Injury Crashes", and 36 "Hit and Run Crashes" for a total of 245 calls for service. Out of the total calls for service, there were 217 Reportable Crashes. A reportable crash is defined as, "Injury of a person. \$1,000 or more damage to any person's vehicle or property. Damage of \$200 or more to state or other government-owned property other than a vehicle."

Due to the Village of Pewaukee's diligent traffic enforcement, combined with our partnership with TIME "Traffic Incident Management Enhancement," the department had an 11.4% decrease in Traffic Crashes vs 2019.



Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Crash
Form DT4000

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 7DL10DBCTN | Machine Number 739 | Pack 200701 | Baseline 19.01.09 |
| State Transmission Receipt 100000769508 | | | |
| Processor 435 | Yes No Test <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Start Date 12/09/2020 | Start Time 10:40 AM |
| | | Initial Validation Date 12/09/2020 | |



Traffic Grants

Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

The Village of Pewaukee Police is a long-standing partner with the Southeastern Multi-Jurisdictional Impaired Driving Task Force. The objectives for the Task Force are to decrease the frequency of targeted driving violations and related crashes, as well as to increase voluntary compliance with traffic regulations. We believe this will decrease fatalities and serious injury collisions by way of a proactive and highly visible enforcement effort.

The concept of operation incorporates a High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) effort by utilizing a number of area state and local law enforcement agencies. Sworn personnel saturate pre-selected highway corridors/sections best determined to be advantageous in the detection of targeted violations. Examples of targeted violations include: Operate a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, Reckless Driving, and failure to wear a safety belt.

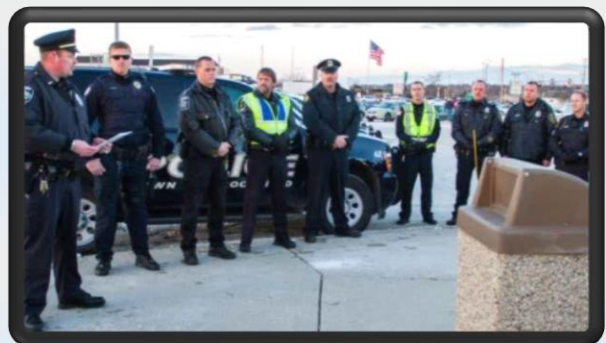
The task force agencies involved are:

- Village of Summit Police Department
- Village of Chenequa Police Department
- Village of Hartland Police Department
- City of Oconomowoc Police Department
- Village of Oconomowoc Lake Police Department
- Village of Pewaukee Police Department

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department participates in HVE Mobilizations running congruent with the Task Force. The mobilizations in 2020 were as follows: May 24th – June 6th (Click it or Ticket), August 20th – September 6th (Drive Sober Labor Day) and December 18th – January 1st (Drive Sober Winter)

Pewaukee officers worked a continuous 4-hour block during the aforementioned deployments. A large percentage of the deployments are overtime for the Officers, either on the front or back end of their regularly scheduled shift. This is a true example of the department's dedication to generating safe roadways throughout the Village of Pewaukee.

**"Drunk driving is preventable:"
Task force works to combat
intoxicated drivers this New
Year's Eve**



2020 Waukesha County Northern Enforcement Taskforce

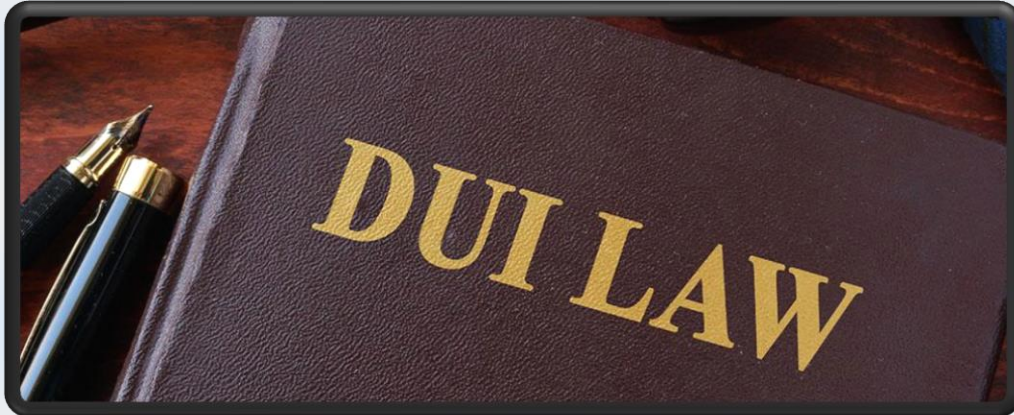
D.U.I. Enforcement

Officer Christian Fox

In 2020, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, like many other agencies across the area, focused heavily on combating drunk driving. The police department received numerous complaints about reckless drivers, possible drunk drivers, or overall poor driving behavior that were reported by the motoring public. These incidents were then investigated accordingly, at times subsequently leading to the arrest of intoxicated drivers.

In total, the Police Department took approximately 28 individuals into custody for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated during 2020. These included municipal (1st offense), misdemeanor (2nd and 3rd offense), and felony offenses (4th offense and above).

Like every year, officers did their best to combat those who are impaired while driving. It is heavily encouraged that concerned citizens continue to assist with this effort by reporting those who are exhibiting bad driving behavior and/or signs of impairment while on the roadway.



In Wisconsin, there were 159 drunk driving deaths in 2018 and 136 drunk driving deaths in 2019. In 2020, Wisconsin is currently on pace to have around 145 fatalities related to drunk driving.



"In Wisconsin, about every three hours somebody is injured or killed in an alcohol-related crash" - Reported by WI State Patrol.

Investigations

Detective Craig Drummy

The Pewaukee Police Department is in its 144th year of proudly serving and protecting our community. 2020 was a busy year for our agency. We continue to deter and stop crime that is driven by those that are drug and alcohol dependent. The struggle this year was identifying suspects involved in crimes who were wearing masks and allowed to hide their faces due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some of the responsibilities as a detective involves helping officers solve larger misdemeanor and felony crimes. We also have a crime activity board inside our police department that helps us keep track of crimes and assists us linking crimes together. Some of those examples are as follows: We had two burglaries in the village in 2020. One was to a residence to obtain large amount of cash where a suspect has been identified and is awaiting trial. The second incident was to a business after hours and again cash was the target. We recently ID the suspect with a DNA hit on a glove left behind at the scene, found by the responding officers canvassing the area. Theft of motor vehicles was up with four cases. After doing these investigations the vehicles were taken by drug dependent individuals. Three of the vehicles have been recovered and one is still at large where the case is active.

“Operation Shopping Cart” was again a success for us in 2020. It was an initiative to catching and deterring crime at our larger box stores like Menards, Pick N Save and Walmart. We took 89 retail theft reports throughout the year. The final numbers of the year showed an 85% clearance rate with 15% of cases still active. From March 27th through June 19th, 24 straight cases were solved. This was a team effort by all! Area law enforcement and WI Dept. of Corrections also assisted in making identifications of suspects.

In late December the Pewaukee Police Department also was the lead investigative agency in spear heading and identifying a suspect involved in breaking into cars throughout seven area communities. This male party generally acted alone driving the same silver mini-van. He would target unlocked vehicle doors, and unlocked garage service doors; stealing wallets, purses, cash and credit cards. He would then purchase cigarettes which would be used to trade for crack cocaine. The male party is in custody and awaiting trial on 27 separate charges.

Some of the other cases we investigated included: Issuance of worthless checks, Fires-Arson, Missing People, Embezzlement, Scams, Fraud on Businesses, Overdoses, Drug Investigations, Suicides, and Bomb Threats.



M.I.U.

Officer Brian Foth

For nearly the past twenty years, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been a member of M.I.U. (*Major Investigations Unit*). M.I.U. is comprised of a team of carefully selected officers from police departments in the Lake Country area. These officers are specially trained to investigate all major crimes and traffic accidents. The following departments contribute officers to the M.I.U. team: Pewaukee PD, Delafield PD, Elm Grove PD, Chenequa PD, Hartland PD, Waukesha Sheriffs Dept, Butler PD and Summit PD.

In 2020, Chief Heier was elected as the M.I.U. President. The other Pewaukee PD members who are a part of M.I.U. are: Lt. Garry, Sgt. Wright, Det. Drummy, Officer Buddenhagen, Officer Foth, Officer Corrus and Officer Chochola.

Some incidents during 2020 in which Pewaukee M.I.U. officers assisted were:

- Village of Pewaukee Burglary Investigation (02-13-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee Threats Investigation (04-05-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee Felon in Possession of Firearm Investigation (04-11-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee Bomb Threat Investigation (05-07-2020)
- City of Delafield Threats Investigation (05-07-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee Sexual Assault Investigation (05-21-2020)
- City of Delafield/Hartland Officers Shot Investigation (11-05-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee ICAC Investigation (12-09-2020)
- Village of Pewaukee ICAC Investigation (12-14-2020)



Metro Drug Unit

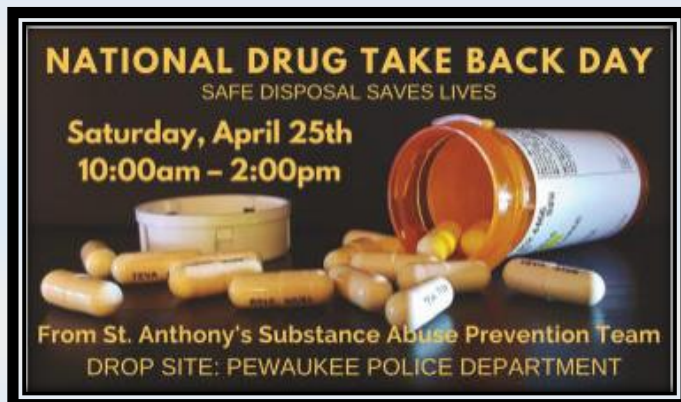
Sergeant Nate Wright

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

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.

Community Drug Trends & Challenges in the Waukesha Area



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY
SAFE DISPOSAL SAVES LIVES
Saturday, April 25th
10:00am - 2:00pm

From St. Anthony's Substance Abuse Prevention Team
DROP SITE: PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

STOP These items are **Not-Accepted** in this collection unit.

NEEDLES (SHARPS)
THERMOMETERS
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE
MEDICATION FROM BUSINESSES OR CLINICS
AEROSOL CANS
OINTMENTS, LOTIONS & LIQUIDS
INHALERS

#1 Drug Threat in Waukesha County

Heroin:

- Most Common Drug Death
- Record Number of Overdoses



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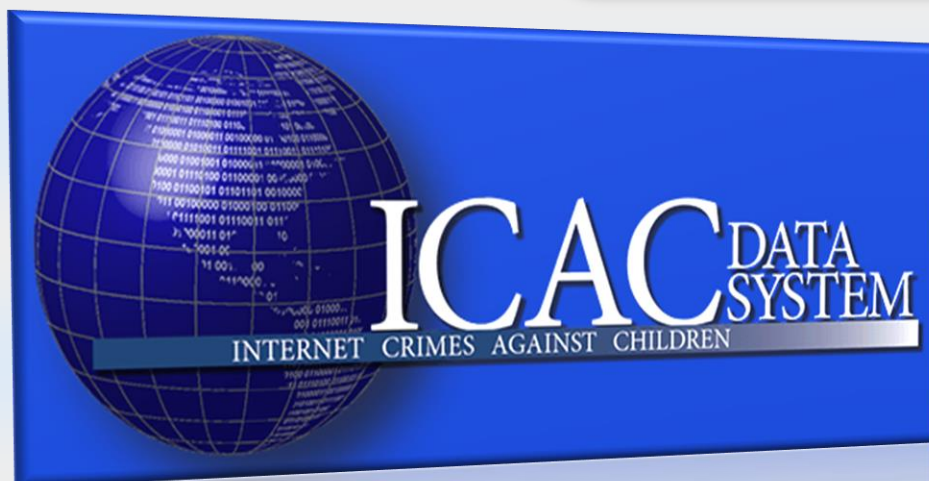
Officer Julie Buddenhagen

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department continues to strive to protect our children online. Children, specifically students, significantly increased the amount of time they spent online and on electronic devices during COVID-19.

Parents and guardians became a little bit more relaxed with screen time due to quarantines and the Safer at Home order. Children (and adults) were still able to see loved ones and friends by socializing via Facetime, Zoom and other applications. There were many pros and cons to virtual communication, meetings and schooling.

Our ICAC officers saw an increase in complaints referencing exposing children to harmful materials, sexting, unsafe online behavior, and children sharing too much personal information. Children were not the only victims, as our elderly citizens also saw an increase in online scams that targets these vulnerable members of our society.

COVID-19 also made it difficult to fulfill the demand for ongoing Internet Safety Presentations. Our ICAC officers needed to learn new means to get this information out without holding in-person presentations. We were able to put together slides for parents and community members on how to keep our children safe while not letting ourselves become complacent with the changing times.



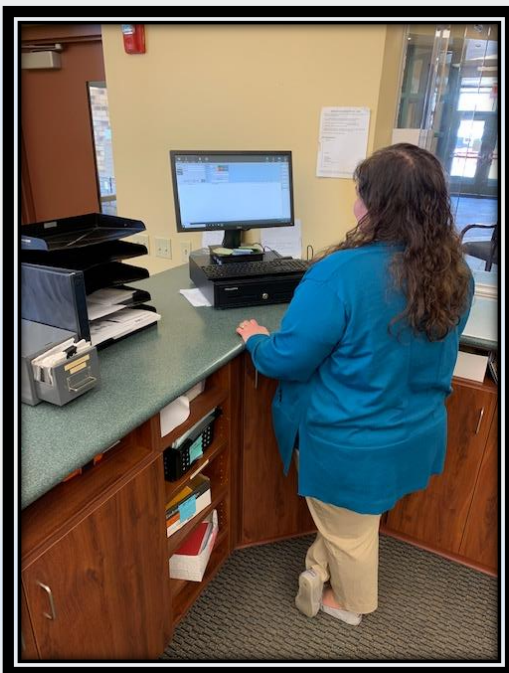
Department I.T.

Officer Steven Chochola

In 2020, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department worked to secure funds for new in-squad cameras, as well as new body-worn cameras. The older body-worn cameras were beginning to show their age, as issues started to arise. With the newer devices, the department will be able to capture incidents in full HD, which will give a clearer picture of what happened in events. The new body-cameras will also allow for better clarity when it is activated in a dark setting - - which is a vast improvement over the older units. The squad-cameras will also allow for incidents to be recorded in full HD with better filters, which will allow for better clarity if an external light source is near the camera. The department is looking forward to implementing the new cameras as soon as possible.

The Village of Pewaukee squad cars are also being outfitted with new antennas to allow for the use of GPS, which will allow dispatch to observe where units are in real-time in order to expedite response for calls of service by sending the closest squad. This feature is also very helpful when responding to assist other area agencies, as it can give officers turn-by-turn directions to the destination via dispatch maps.

At the end of 2020, the department updated our cash register system for the upcoming 2021 calendar year. We were able to replace the older style cash register with a computer-based system with a better receipt printer and an automated cash drawer utilizing the TIPPS system for money management. This allows the clerical staff a better, more secure, way to process payments, as well as issue better receipts. The new register also has the ability to accept credit card payments in a better manner than before. The new register will be especially beneficial with the uptick the department has seen in services which we provide, such as fingerprinting, and also will allow for easier auditing and banking services.



Firearms Program

Officer Travis Tyler

Firearm instructors are required to go to “Instructor Development” and “Firearm Instructor” training in order to enhance their knowledge of teaching firearm fundamentals to other officers. The instructor is tasked with maintenance and upkeep of the department’s firearms, as well as the inventory of these firearms and their ammunition.

Officers attend firearms training four times per year, as they train with officers from area departments in the Lake Country. Training consists of firearm fundamentals, as well as advanced tactical movements and positions of fire. Officers are required to pass an annual firearms qualification course, in which they must demonstrate proficiency with their department issued sidearms.

Department issued sidearms consist of Sig Sauer semi-automatic pistols of various calipers and models. Marked squads are outfitted with a rifle mount and a Sig Sauer MCX rifle. Recently, the department began utilizing suppressors for the rifles. The function of the suppressors is to dampen sound, which ultimately helps to protect officers and bystanders hearing.

At the end of 2020, Officer Tyler began to transition the department squad rifles to Bravo Company Manufacturing, a local business located in the immediate Lake Country area.



S.C.I.T.

Sergeant Nate Wright

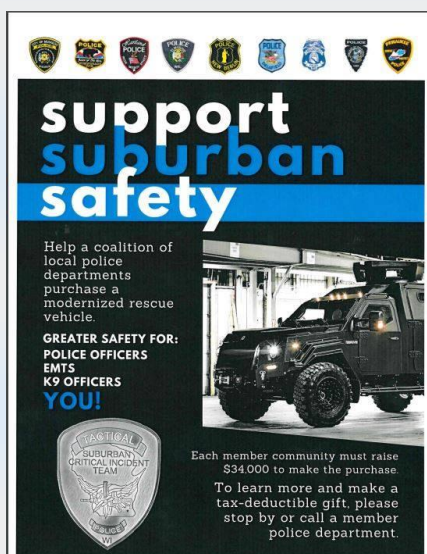
The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is a member of the Suburban Critical Incident Team (S.C.I.T.). This team is comprised of tactical officers from nine different departments including: Brookfield, Chenequa, Delafield, Hartland, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, Elm Grove, and the Village of Pewaukee. We currently have two officers assigned to SCIT. Officer Steven Chochola is a member of the Negotiations Team, while Sergeant Nate Wright is assigned as a Tactical Operator.

The mission of the 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 goal is to secure, isolate and resolve situations in a manner consistent with the proper use of force, and to provide a diverse and professional life saving resource to the community. S.C.I.T. covers the majority of population of Waukesha County. The tactical equipment trucks are housed in Pewaukee, New Berlin, and Muskego.

S.C.I.T. was used in some of the area's most significant and high-profile incidents during 2020. Some of these incidents include: the apprehension of the subject who shot two area police officers, deployment to assist with violent protesters, an active shooter situation at Mayfair Mall and an area search for subjects that shot at Milwaukee County Sheriff Deputies that ended in the City of New Berlin. SCIT was also requested to assist the Milwaukee Office of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) as they executed several search warrants to take several dangerous subjects into custody. These subjects were responsible for the dealing of illegal drugs and violent crimes that not only took place in the City of Milwaukee but in surrounding suburban areas. With the assistance of S.C.I.T. several subjects were taken into custody, making all of Southeastern Wisconsin a safer place for residents.

S.C.I.T. deployed over 30 times for several different incidents this past year. Some of these incidents include: search warrants, dignitary protections, man with a gun incidents, and barricaded suspects. In today's social climate, we are finding officers placed in more hostile situations than in recent years. Also new to S.C.I.T. this year was the addition of an Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV). Funds for the ARV were provided by all nine of the communities. The ARV makes our team more dynamic, safer and useful to the community (it was even put-on display at a car show to help raise money for childhood cancer).

The Village of Pewaukee's affiliation with the Suburban Critical Incident Team has never been more important to ensure our residents have the resources needed to handle any situation it might encounter.



A poster titled "support suburban safety" featuring a row of police department logos at the top. The text reads: "Help a coalition of local police departments purchase a modernized rescue vehicle. GREATER SAFETY FOR: POLICE OFFICERS, EMTS, K9 OFFICERS, YOU!". Below the text is a photo of an armored rescue vehicle. At the bottom left is the S.C.I.T. logo, and at the bottom right is the text: "Each member community must raise \$34,000 to make the purchase. To learn more and make a tax-deductible gift, please stop by or call a member police department."



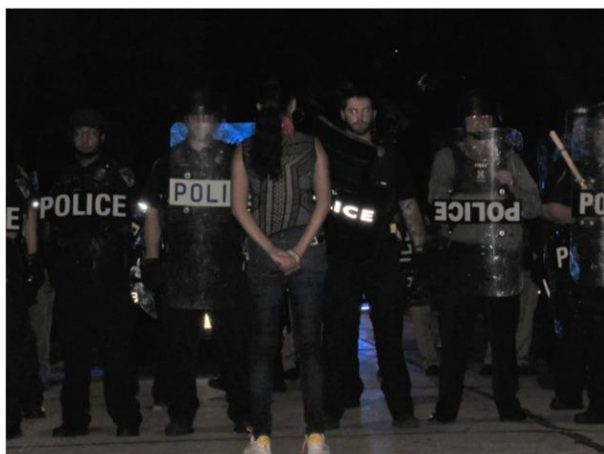
Civil Disturbance Unit

Officer Travis Tyler

The Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) is a specialized team through the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. The unit is comprised of officers and deputies specifically selected from participating agencies within Waukesha County. CDU serves as a "ready-response" team for incidents requiring enhanced intervention to protect life, property and civil liberties.

CDU consists of multiple platoons, each of which consist of a platoon leader and a minimum of two squads. These squads consist of a squad leader and a minimum of three teams, with the teams consisting of a team leader and three officers/deputies. Squads are considered "soft" when personnel are equipped with a helmet, baton and APR (air-purifying respirator). Squads are considered "hard" when personnel are equipped with equipment in addition to the "soft" equipment, such as protective padding for the chest, arms and legs and identification panels to identify the officer's agency.

CDU provides training to its members three times a year in order to develop and maintain effective team communication and movements, as well as meet the demands of critical incidents such as civil disturbance, crowd control/management and other types of incidents demanding a high-level response. During 2020, officers on CDU were involved in numerous deployments to Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Menomonee Falls, Waukesha and Kenosha for riots and civil unrest.



Bicycle Patrol

Officer Kerry Corrus

With 2020 being a year of many changes, our bike patrol unit was not as active as they normally would be. All of the major events during the summer in which bike patrol members would normally participate were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. Officers Kerry Corrus, Brett Markut and Sergeant Twelmeyer are all certified under the *International Police Mountain Bike Association* (IPMBA). Bicycle officers are expected to ride whenever and wherever they are needed. Bicycle officers go through rigorous training, which is essential for the officer's safety, and necessary to effectively serve the Village of Pewaukee Community. With the coming of the new year, our bike patrol members hope to get out in the community and start riding again.



IPMBA

International Police Mountain
Bike Association

Lake Patrol

Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

Pewaukee Lake Patrol is a multi-jurisdictional agency comprised of the Town of Delafield, City of Pewaukee, and Village of Pewaukee. The Village of Pewaukee is responsible for the administration of the Lake Patrol and works collaboratively with the Lake Patrol Advisory Committee. The Board is comprised of members of each of the participating communities. The Pewaukee Lake Advisory Committee recently signed an extension of the intergovernmental cooperation agreement through March 31 2026.

During the summer of 2020, the Lake Patrol worked a total of 929.50 hours. That figure is broken down between working 712 patrol hours, 74 Exempt Hours and 143.50 Administrative hours. In addition to the Summer Responsibilities, the Lake Patrol also patrols during the winter on the frozen waters of Pewaukee Lake by utilizing two ATV's.

Officers focus on education and establishing voluntary compliance with local ordinances, as well as state laws. Officers accomplish these goals by building a rapport with boaters. Officer issue many warnings, and, only when required, also issue municipal citations. Throughout the 2020 summer, officers conducted the following self-initiated field activity;

- 32 Citations
- 139 Warnings
- 199 Safety / Compliance Inspections
- 3 Search and Rescue Missions
- Investigated 3 accidents and 1 fatal drowning

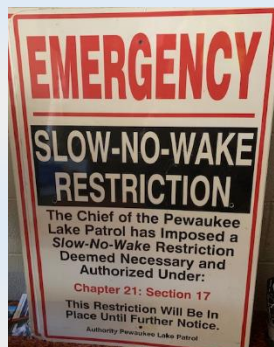
The Lake Patrol also has an abundance of collateral duties. These duties consist of hosting Boaters Safety Classes, as well as Buoy Maintenance. The Lake Patrol is also responsible for installation and removal of 180 buoys on the lake. It is my sincere pleasure to be a member of such a dynamic team, and a fundamental partner in ensuring safety within the Pewaukee Lake Community.

PEWAUKEE NEWS

Germantown man who drowned in Pewaukee Lake has been identified

Evan Frank Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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PEWAUKEE NEWS

Boat on Pewaukee Lake capsized as severe storms began to hit the area

Jordyn Noennig Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



'Recovery operation:' 22-year-old man disappeared in the water while swimming in Pewaukee Lake

By Aaron Maybr and Christina Van Zett | Published July 19, 2020 | Waukegan County | FOX 6 Now Milwaukee

Municipal Court

Court Clerk Julie Forrest

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

In the first half of 2020, the Municipal Court followed the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Waukesha County Health Department and suspended and/or rescheduled court appearances due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As the year progressed, court appearances continued to be modified and/or changed (virtual court, telephone conferences, and extensive mailings) to keep up with the safety procedures put in place to keep the public safe. Through all the changes, our court continued to hear cases and collect revenue on citations issued.

The Pewaukee Municipal Court heard 1,273 cases in 2020. The dollar amount of forfeitures for the citations written in 2020 totaled \$166,469.51. The breakdown is as follows:

| <u>Violations</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Traffic | 1,007 |
| OWI | 8 |
| Boat Patrol | 33 |
| Adult Non-Traffic | 188 |
| Juvenile Non-Traffic | 37 |

The total payments collected for citations in 2020 was \$133,911.21. 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, a warrant may be issued for their arrest, 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 2020 was \$5,212.01. The number of debts collected through SDC in 2020 was \$26,417.84. 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, and Court Clerk Julie Forrest. Judge Murray and Attorney Fabian have been working together since 2005, while Court Clerk Forrest has been working on the team since June 2020. 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.



WCTC

Officer Kerry Corrus

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has proudly been providing security at the Waukesha County Technical College campus in Pewaukee for 40 years. Under a recent contact with WCTC, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department is now providing year-round services. These services are provided from 7am-11pm, Monday through Friday. In 2020, Officer Jeff Lenius served as the dayshift (7am-3pm) WCTC liaison officer and Officer Kerry Corrus remained the liaison officer for second shift (3pm-11pm). In 2020, there were approximately 1,587 calls for service on campus. Suspicious activity, medical calls, and damage to property incidents were among the most frequent types of calls handled on campus. Other calls for service included: vehicle accidents, alarms, wellbeing checks, disorderly conduct, theft complaints, money transfers, vehicle lockouts, lost property and recovered property.

WCTC and the Village of Pewaukee Police Department continue to work together to improve security on campus. The partnership forged by both entities has proven to be fruitful for each.



S.R.O.

Officer Julie Buddenhagen

The year 2020 certainly brought some challenges to the role of the School Resource Officer (S.R.O.). On March 13th, 2020, school buildings were shut down for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Students ultimately went virtual, and the role of the School Resource Officer completely changed. The safety of the buildings was no longer a priority since students were not physically present. However, the concerns for truancy, students' well-being, and Internet Safety became the SRO's main concerns as students were forced to stay at home.

Like many other things in the world during COVID-19, sporting events, musicals, performances and other extra-curricular school activities were cancelled.

The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year started on a positive note. The Pewaukee School District had been under construction when students left campus in March 2020. Construction was nearly completed in August of 2020, which allowed for a more open concept for learning and allowed space for students to socially distance as necessary. It was a new look as students came into school wearing masks and being allowed to carry their backpacks and personal belongings to classrooms.

As an SRO, it has always been important to break down barriers with students and to build positive relationships. The biggest challenge due to COVID-19 was learning new methods to interact with students while wearing masks and social distancing.



SAFETY TIP WITH OFFICER BUDDENHAGEN, SRO

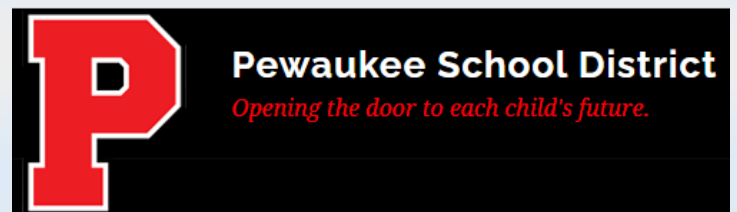
DRIVING SAFELY ON CAMPUS

As the school year is nearing the end, please continue to stay focused and drive safely on campus. We have a very unique setup at the Pewaukee School District where all of our schools are on one campus. This gives us all the more reason to drive safely and responsibly.

Here are some reminders for the remainder of the school year and new helpful tips for summer school and the new construction:

STOP SIGNS ARE NOT OPTIONAL.
Make sure you stop at all stop signs.

OFFICER BUDDENHAGEN



Pewaukee School District
Opening the door to each child's future.



D.A.R.E.

Officer Jeff Lenius

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been involved in the instruction of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program since the fall of 1989. Over the past 32 years, 4,974 fifth grade and 1,328 eighth grade Pewaukee students have graduated from the program. Since 2007, the 9-week D.A.R.E. program has been instructed by Officer Jeff Lenius.

After the Village Board removed funding for the program due to budgetary constraints in 2002, a local businessman, Mr. Kent Loehrke of Mortgage Delivery Specialists, stepped forward and donated \$4,000.00 to continue the 5th grade program. Since then, Mr. Loehrke has continued to fund the D.A.R.E. program, as he understands the value in fostering good relationships with the youth in our community, as well as teaching children the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tony Evers ordered the closure of all private and public schools across the state, effective March 18, 2020 – the D.A.R.E. graduation had been scheduled for March 19, 2020. For the first time in 31 years, the Pewaukee D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony was cancelled. With COVID-19 concerns looming over the next school year, it is uncertain when the Village of Pewaukee Police Department will resume in-person D.A.R.E. instruction.



**DRUG ABUSE
RESISTANCE EDUCATION**

8 WAYS TO SAY "NO"

1. Say "No Thanks"
2. Give an excuse
3. Broken record
4. Walk away
5. Change the subject
6. Walk away from the situation
7. Cold shoulder
8. Strength in numbers



Recruitment / New Hires

Lieutenant Mark Garry

In 2020, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department had three new officers join the agency. Officer Ryan J. Crouse was sworn in as a new officer on January 2nd, Officer Grant O. Zabel was sworn in as a new officer on January 20th, and Officer Mitchell R. Cairns was sworn in as a new officer on February 3rd. The following is a little glimpse into each officer and their journey to joining the Village of Pewaukee Police Department.

Officer Crouse grew up in the Waukesha county area, and graduated from Kettle Moraine High School. He was a Police Aide for the City of Milwaukee Police Department and served in the United States Marine Corps. Officer Crouse graduated with an Associate of Arts and Science degree from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in 2019. He then attended the Basic Police Recruit Academy at Waukesha County Technical College in the fall of 2019. Officer Crouse has a family connection to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, his great uncle was Chief Donald D. Crouse.

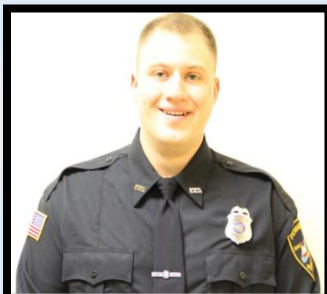
Our next officer was Officer Zabel. He enjoyed being raised in the Outagamie county area of Wisconsin. After graduating from New London High School, he continued his education at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC). While attending FVTC, Officer Zabel was hired as a Security Officer and Field Training Officer before graduating with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He applied and was accepted to attend the Basic Police Recruit Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, WI. Officer Zabel graduated in November of 2019.

The final 2020 hire was Officer Mitchell R. Cairns. While he was born in Oregon, his family moved to Waukesha county where he has spent the majority of his life. Officer Cairns is a proud graduate of Mukwonago High School, and had enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves during his Junior year of high school. He continued his education at UW-Waukesha and then transferred to Waukesha County Technical College. Officer Cairns graduated from WCTC with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and then attended the Basic Police Recruit Academy. He completed the academy in December of 2019.

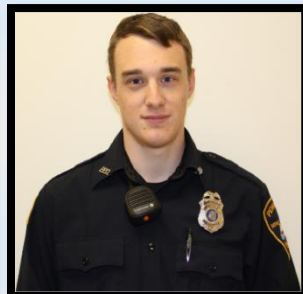
All three officers successfully completed their field training in the spring of 2020, and transitioned into the Patrol Division on second and/or third shift for the remainder of 2020. Each officer is unique and brings a fresh and new perspective to the police department.

In the fall of 2020, the department conducted a recruitment / hiring process to fill two open positions. Due to some of the constraints at the time, recruitment consisted of reaching out to the Law Enforcement Training Academies and posting the Job Announcement on the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Network (WILENET). The postings provide information about the Village of Pewaukee, the Department, the qualities of an ideal candidate, the job description and requirements, employee benefits, and the hiring process being utilized to fill the available positions. Applications were received, reviewed, successful candidates were then interviewed by a Peer Panel and the Police Commission. A successful candidate was chosen, and Michael P. Rowe began his law enforcement career with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on October 27, 2020.

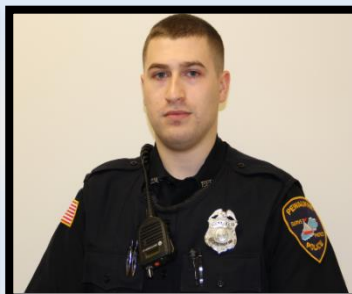
The Village of Pewaukee Police Department continues to recruit, train, and retain the best candidates to provide the "Excellence of Service" the citizens and community have come to expect from our agency.



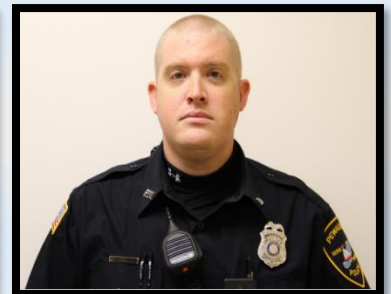
Crouse



Zabel



Cairns



Rowe

F.T.O. Program

Officer Steven Chochola

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has a very strong *Field Training Program*. When a new officer is hired by the department, they are immediately placed with a Field Training Officer (FTO). Our department currently has 2 FTO's, Officer Brian Foth and Officer Steven Chochola. We welcomed Officers Ryan Crouse, Grant Zabel, Mitchell Cairns, and Mike Rowe to the department in 2020. All four new officers successfully completed their respective FTO programs and are currently assigned to solo patrol duties.

FTOs are used in a "coaching role" for the new officers. The training process consists of three phases, which can be described by the ideas of "crawl, walk, and run." In the first phase (crawl), the new officer is observing the FTO and assisting with small tasks. During this phase the new officer is flooded with new information and paperwork, all of which is generally specific to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The second phase (walk) is when the officer starts handling smaller complaints, as they are expected to play more of a role when it comes to handling calls for service. The new officer will also be driving and learning traffic enforcement during this phase. During phase three (run), the new officer is expected to handle most calls on their own, as the FTO serves more as a backup officer role on incidents. This phase is when the officer gains confidence and shows they are ready for solo-patrol duties.

FTOs are a tremendous part of our department. All new officers must pass the FTO program prior to being assigned to solo-patrol. Trainees often look to FTOs for guidance well beyond their training period. Our great FTOs are the main reasons why our new officers are so productive and so well integrated within our community and department. We are excited to see what great things our new hires will accomplish in 2021.



New Hire Perspective

Officers Ryan Crouse and Grant Zabel

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department hired four new officers in 2020. Officer Crouse began on 01/02/2020, Officer Zabel began on 01/20/2020, Officer Cairns began on 02/03/2020 and Officer Rowe began on 10/27/2020. After being sworn in, all four officers began field training with their respective field training officers. During field training, the new officers built on the training they received from the 720-hour law enforcement academies they each attended. New officers learned policies and procedures for the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, as well as local ordinances and proper applications of state laws.

After successfully completing the field training phase, the new officers began patrol duties on their own, as they continued to gain experience through a variety of calls for service. Once beginning solo patrol duties, Officers Crouse, Cairns and Rowe were assigned to 3rd shift, while Officer Zabel was assigned 2nd shift. Throughout 2020, the four new officers responded to approximately 3,840 calls for service within the Village of Pewaukee amongst themselves.

Throughout 2020, all of the new officers had the opportunity to make positive connections with members of the community. 2020 was an unusual year for the Village of Pewaukee, due to Covid-19, with most community outreach events being cancelled. However, officers were still able to interact with the community through foot patrols near the lakefront, working with the junior academy during the beginning of the year, and providing security for Pewaukee School District sporting events.

All four of the new officers look forward to serving the Village of Pewaukee community for decades to come.



Neighborhood Watch

Officer Jeff Lenius

Since a kick-off meeting in Fall 2011, five (5) Pewaukee Neighborhood Watch groups have been organized. The Watch groups have grown each year, and now include 81 households and cover 20 streets across the village. The Watch groups include the River Hills Park, Woodlawn Park, Riverwood Park, Hawthorne Hills and Enchanted Village subdivisions.

The Neighborhood Watch program is coordinated by Officer Jeff Lenius, and involves residents who want to make their neighborhood and community safer by working together with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Watch groups did not hold regular in-person meetings in 2020. The groups hope to resume normal meetings sometime in 2021.



Community Events

Sgt. Nate Wright

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has always prided itself on its community outreach and community partnerships. 2020 was a tough year, for everyone, as the global pandemic created new challenges. PVPD was able to maintain our strong relationship with the community, as evidenced by our 5th annual “Gingerbread House Making” event, in which we partnered with the Pewaukee Area Arts Council. Just before the State of Wisconsin went into “lockdown,” PVPD completed another successful session of our *Junior Academy*. This brought teenagers into the PD for several Saturdays over the course of two (2) months. Every week, new topics were discussed with the participants, such as: evidence collection, investigations, tactical role playing, traffic stops and more. PVPD’s goal for the Junior Academy is to show young kids what being a police officer is all about in a real life, relaxed and honest environment.

Just like everyone else, PVPD got a little creative when it came to our interactions with the community. It was our pleasure to work with the Waukesha County Sheriff’s Department and the Pewaukee Fire Department to give Pewaukee High School Seniors a once in a lifetime “lights and sirens” escort to the Pewaukee Schools Campus for their graduation ceremony. PVPD was also very proud to take part in several “birthday parades,” as we tried to help make children’s birthdays a little more special under the contact restrictions. We were proud to take part in several new events this year including the “Carisma Customs Car Show” (a benefit for childhood cancer) and partnering with the Pewaukee Parks Department, Pewaukee Fire Department and the Waukesha County Sheriff’s Department to help bring Elf’s, carolers, Santa and Mrs. Clause to the children of Pewaukee in a safe way.

No matter what is going on in the world, and regardless of how busy we might be, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department’s first priority is to serve the community. We know that a police department can do that in ways that go far beyond the enforcement of laws and regulations. We will continue to develop new programs, strengthen our community partnerships and adapt to the ever-changing world in order to ensure that the Village of Pewaukee is a friendly and safe place to live, work and visit.



Blood Drives

Officer Geoff Cimpl

On Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 and Tuesday, July 21st, 2020, the Pewaukee Police Department hosted a blood drive in partnership with the *Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin*.

The blood drive hosted on Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 had a total of 44 registered donors. Of the 44 registered donors, a total of 37 successful whole blood donations were given. These 37 units will go on to help approximately 111 patients in various Waukesha County hospitals and clinics.

The blood drive hosted on Tuesday July 21st, 2020 had a total of 39 registered donors. Of the 39 donors, registered donors, a total of 28 successful whole blood donations were given, including 3 successful double red cell donations. These 28 units will go on to help approximately 104 patients in various Waukesha County hospitals and clinics.

Each donor received an email from the *Versiti Blood Center* regarding their blood type and which hospital/clinic their blood donation went to. Also, each donor was given the opportunity for a “thank you” slice of pizza, which was generously donated by Greg Schultz and **Brew Pub Pizza**.



Military Liaison

Officer Brett Markut

During 2020, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department hired two new Officers who had prior military service. Officer Ryan Crouse (Marines) and Officer Mitchell Cairns (Army) both began their law enforcement careers with our department. Officer Crouse and Officer Cairns continue a long tradition within the department of military veteran members. Over a quarter of the staff of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department are current or former veterans. Officer Brett Markut was also deployed with the Wisconsin Army National Guard for the majority of 2020. Officer Markut was deployed to Yavoriv, Ukraine with the 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of the European Deterrence Initiative. Soldiers from the Wisconsin National Guard, along with NATO partners from across Europe, assisted and trained our Ukrainian counterparts to a NATO standard. While on deployment, Officer Markut received letters, Police Department patches, and other items from both members within the Police Department and citizens in our community, all of which were greatly appreciated by Officer Markut. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department was also nominated for the *Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award* for all of the continued hard work and effort from the staff throughout the year, as well as “going the extra mile” to support the police department’s service members.



Honor Guard

Officer Brian Foth

2020 marked the 5th anniversary of the creation of Pewaukee PD's *Honor Guard Unit*. Since its inception, Sergeant Twelmeyer and Officer Foth have been on the highly esteemed team. Pewaukee's unit partners with the Waukesha County Sheriff Department Honor Guard team in comprising one of the largest Honor Guard units in Wisconsin.

The primary role of the Honor Guard unit is to provide funeral honors for fallen officers. During 2020, Sergeant Twelmeyer and Officer Foth attended several funerals of retired law enforcement officers throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. During these funerals, the officers served in various roles, to include casket guard, door guard, final salute, etc. In doing so, the Unit shows proper respect and honor to fallen comrades, and, most importantly, serves the purpose of assisting the families of the fallen in their time of need.

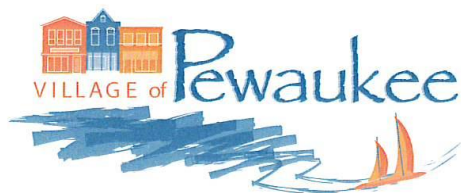
Although COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of many public events in which the Honor Guard Unit would normally participate (i.e. parades, dedications, memorials, etc.), Sergeant Twelmeyer and Officer Foth maintained the strict training protocol required to maintain proper discipline and skills needed to properly serve on the Unit. Bi-monthly, full-day training sessions are required of all members on the Unit. During these training seminars, members hone the skills needed to show aptitude for ceremonial duty.

As the COVID-19 pandemic slowly comes to a close, the Honor Guard Unit looks forward to resuming its role of representing itself in public events. As always, the Unit stands ready at any time to serve honorably in the unfortunate event of an "in-the-line-of-duty" death, or the death of a retired officer.





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CITATION OF VALOR AWARD

On February 15, 2020 at 1:05am with an outdoor temperature recorded at 5 degrees, Officers Steven Chochola, Travis Tyler, and Mitch Cairns were dispatched to a suicidal subject on the westbound HWY-16 off-ramp to Capitol Drive. Officers observed a 17-year-old male sitting 35 feet above Hickory Street and the railroad tracks on a concrete barrier. Both railroad and automobile traffic were diverted to attend to the crisis. As officers began dialogue with the individual it became clear he had intended on committing suicide by jumping off the bridge. Hand warmers were offered to the individual by Officer Tyler. As the individual accepted them, Officer Tyler grabbed ahold of the individual's arm as he resisted his life saving attempts. Officers Chochola and Cairns assisted as the individual attempted to throw himself and the officers over the ledge. Putting their own safety at risk the officers were able to pull him to safety.

Recovered from the individual's residence were suicidal letters addressed to family members.

Officers Steven Chochola, Travis Tyler, and Mitch Cairns showed compassion, bravery, and courage while risking their own lives to save a suicidal individual. Each officer embodies what it means to serve and protect the citizens of the Village of Pewaukee and at this time we present them with the Citation of Valor Award.

Chief Timothy Heier