

# VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2021 Annual Report

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# Village of Pewaukee Officials

## Village Board Members

|                                | Current Term Expiration |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Village President Jeff Knutson | 04/17/2023              |
| Trustee Ed Hill                | 04/17/2023              |
| Trustee Bob Rohde              | 04/17/2023              |
| Trustee Chris Krasovich        | 04/17/2023              |
| Trustee Heather Gergen         | 04/18/2022              |
| Trustee Kevin Yonke            | 04/18/2022              |
| Trustee Craig Roberts          | 04/18/2022              |

## Police Commission Members

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

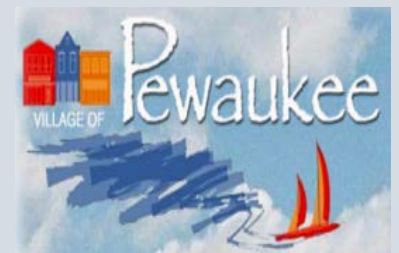
## Village Hall

Village Administrator Scott Gosse

Village Clerk Cassie Smith

Village Municipal Judge Melissa Murray

Village Prosecutor Lori Fabian



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# Chief's Welcome



**TIMOTHY HEIER**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**MARK W. GARRY II**  
DEPUTY CHIEF



Village of Pewaukee Police Commission, Village Board and Village Residents,

On behalf of the men and women of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, I have the privilege of presenting to you our Annual Report for 2021. 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.

The Pewaukee Police Department family suffered the loss of retired Police Chief Edward M. Baumann. Chief Baumann had served the Village residents for 38 years, 29 of those years as Chief of Police. Chief Baumann began his career in law enforcement on February 1, 1975 and retired on April 2, 2013 after a noble and dedicated career with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. We are grateful for his direction and leadership as he shaped the department insisting on professionalism and service, he will be missed.

In 2021, we officially received re-accreditation status with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. The review Board verified the Village of Pewaukee Police Department continues to achieve professionalism through accreditation to better serve our community. I am very proud of this achievement and knowing that the Village of Pewaukee Police Department engages in using "best practices" during the performance of our duties.

Social distancing and self-check-out are the new norms, and these changes have taken a toll on larcenies. The acceptance of masks while conducting business/commerce allows perpetrators to conceal their identity, which in turn makes these crimes more difficult to solve. Our retail theft incidents rose by 57% over the prior year and shoplifting has been on the rise. While the increase in offenses causes concern, our relentless efforts to hold the criminals accountable is shown in our 86% clearance. This demonstrates the excellent crime solving skills our men and women officers have developed, along with advancements in technology implemented by local businesses.

Officer Grant Zabel stepped forward and demonstrated the skills and knowledge to be selected as our Community Liaison Officer. Under his organizational skills, 2021 National Night Out was an outstanding success with over 400 community members in attendance. As we finished the year with our Shop with a Cop event, we look forward to re-establishing our Citizen's Academy and Junior Academy for next year and continue to increase our community involvement through new initiatives.

The police department's continued support from our Village Board President and Village Board, Police Commission and the community has enabled the Village of Pewaukee Police Department to effectively and efficiently provide excellent services to the Village of Pewaukee residents and visitors. These strong relationships help to provide for a safe environment for all. The entire department looks forward to working with the community in 2022.

Chief Timothy Heier

An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency  
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Officer Brett Markut, Chief Timothy Heier and Honorable Governor Tony Evers upon receiving the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

# Department Roster

## Chief of Police

*Timothy Heier*  
(hired 05/01/2019)

## Deputy Chief

*Mark W. Garry II*  
(hired 04/17/1990)

## Sergeants

*Lucas Twelmeyer*  
(hired 01/01/2012)

*Brian Foth*  
(hired 01/16/2006)

## Detective

*Craig Drummy*  
(hired 03/08/1999)

## Patrol Officers

*Jeffrey Lenius*    *Julie Buddenhagen*    *Kerry Corrus*    *Brett Markut*  
(hired 03/31/2003)    (hired 08/04/2004)    (hired 01/18/2016)    (hired 05/30/2017)

*Travis Tyler*    *Geoffrey Cimpl*    *Ryan Crouse*    *Grant Zabel*  
(hired 06/19/2018)    (hired 11/16/2018)    (hired 01/02/2020)    (hired 01/20/2020)

*Michael Rowe*    *Larisa Mayek*    *Matthew Bublitz*    *Erik Michalsen*  
(hired 10/27/2020)    (hired 06/01/2021)    (hired 10/25/2021)    (hired 11/10/2021)

*Benjamin Noeske*  
(hired 12/01/2021)

## Administrative Assistant

*Angela Prochniewski*  
(hired 02/11/2019)

## Court Clerk

*Julie Forrest*  
(hired 06/15/2020)



# 2021 Headlines

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



**Evan Frank**  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Published 8:05 a.m. CT Feb. 2, 2021

## A Pewaukee man is accused of starting a fire at his ex-girlfriend's home by throwing a bottle rocket into the garage

PEWAUKEE NEWS

## A potential 'deadly' cannonball was found at the Pewaukee Area Historical Society

**Evan Frank** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel  
Published 7:55 a.m. CT Mar. 19, 2021 | Updated 6:43 p.m. CT Mar. 19, 2021

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## 'It could have gone bad within seconds': Four fishermen on Pewaukee Lake saved a father and daughter from drowning

**Evan Frank** | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

## 'He probably was the best live bait fisherman I ever met.' Popular Lake Country fishing guide drowns in Pewaukee Lake

**Evan Frank** | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

## Pewaukee Police recognized for support of National Guard, Reserves members



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## Teachers thwart near-drowning on Pewaukee Lake

# Department Awards

*Deputy Chief Mark Garry*

## **Sworn**

Distinguished Service Citation — Officer Geoff Cimpl and Officer Ryan Crouse (Artisan 179)

Distinguished Service Citation — Officer Ryan Crouse (Waukesha Holiday Parade)

Letter of Commendation — Officer Travis Tyler (Waukesha Holiday Parade)

## **Citizen**

Citizen Service Award — Jeffrey Kiser, Joan Kiser, Jeffrey Karrasch, Collin Karrasch, Matthew Koss, and Matthew Bright (Near Drowning – X21004709)

Citizen Service Award — Stanley Zurawski and James Costello (Attempt lifesaving - X21009461)

Letter of Commendation — Gregory McDonald (Beautification of PD Facilities)

Letter of Commendation — John Gorenc (Distinguished Service)

Letter of Commendation — William “Bill” Rheingans (Distinguished Service)

Letter of Commendation — Chris Lueth (Positive Community Relations Ambassador for the Police Department)

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





RON JOHNSON  
WISCONSIN

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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AND TRANSPORTATION  
FOREIGN RELATIONS  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

April 30, 2021

Village of Pewaukee Police Department  
235 Hickory Street  
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Dear Village of Pewaukee Police Department,

Congratulations on being named a finalist for the 2021 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

It is my understanding that this award is the highest recognition given by the Department of Defense to employers that support National Guard and Reserve members. With 3,382 nominations and only 30 finalists for this award, your nomination acknowledges your outstanding support of your service member employees and our nation's security. I commend your dedication and support.

Congratulations again, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson  
United States Senator

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May 3, 2021

Pewaukee Police Department  
235 Hickory Street  
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Dear Pewaukee Police Department,

On behalf of the 5th Congressional District, I wanted to take a moment to extend my sincerest congratulations to the entire Pewaukee Police Department on your semifinal placement for the 2021 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. I recently read about this noteworthy accomplishment in *The Freeman*, and I wanted to take moment to extend my genuine appreciation for your support of our National Guard and Reserve members.

Securing this placement recognizes your department's commitment to supporting and helping the great men and women of our National Guard and Reserve branches. I applaud your dedication and service to others, and I also want to thank each member of your department for their selfless efforts to protect the community.

If my staff or I can ever assist you in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. We are always happy to be of help however possible.

Congratulations again on your semifinal placement for the 2021 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Scott Fitzgerald  
Member of Congress

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TAMMY BALDWIN  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

November 2021

Pewaukee Police Department  
235 Hickory Street  
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Dear Friends at the Pewaukee Police Department,

I am delighted to celebrate your recent accomplishment as a recipient of the National Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. Your outstanding work has not gone unnoticed.

I commend your dedication to supporting your National Guard and Reserve employees. Receiving such a certification is an honor and a tremendous achievement. Your contributions to the military community through job opportunities and benefits is held in the highest regard.

Thank you for your commitment to our service members. If I can ever be of assistance to your organization, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator

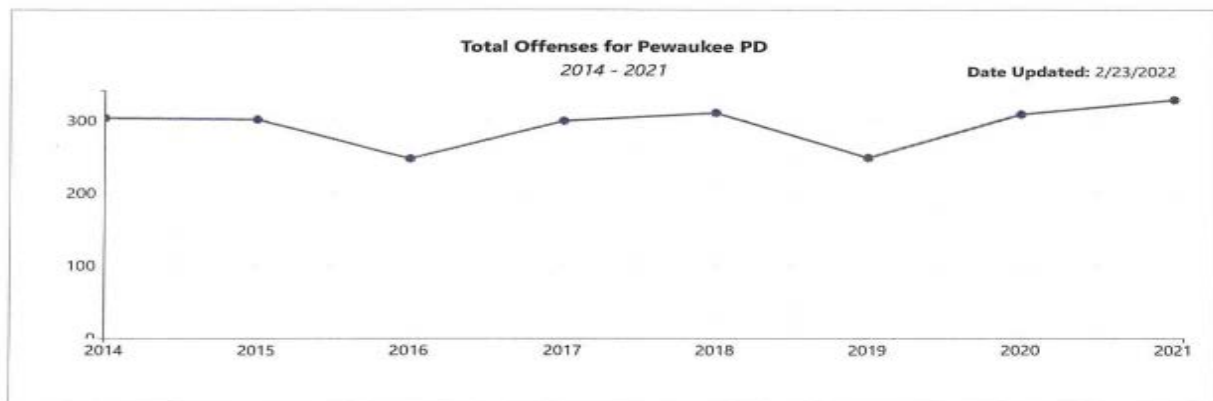
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# Incident Based Reporting

*Administrative Assistant Angie Prochniewski*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has transitioned away from the retired UCR Program, which kept a monthly tally of crime statistics purposes to the Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System (WIBRS). WIBRS is the Wisconsin-specific version of the FBI’s National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which has been implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. NIBRS captures specific details on each single crime incident—including information related to victims, offenders, and property. Unlike UCR, NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

Within this program, crime is broken down into three main categories: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, and Crimes Against Society. The majority of the crimes that take place in the Village of Pewaukee are Crimes Against Property, specifically, Thefts and Retail Thefts. We have experienced a substantial influx of retail thefts over the last year. In 2020, we handled 89 retail theft cases with a clearance rate of 85%. In 2021, we almost doubled that amount with a total of 155 reported incidents with a clearance rate of 86%. 4 of those cases were determined to be strong armed robberies which we solved with a 100% clearance rate. Our agency has worked hand-in-hand with local retail stores to achieve such a high clearance rate. Despite the increase in thefts and their severity, our dedication and inexhaustible commitment to our local businesses has not wavered. We will continue to support all of our local businesses and work together to maintain a safe community for all.



| Offense                   | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Total</b>              | 304  | 302  | 248  | 300  | 311  | 249  | 309  | 329  |
| ➤ Crimes Against Persons  | 21   | 27   | 28   | 28   | 39   | 35   | 27   | 30   |
| ➤ Crimes Against Property | 196  | 202  | 145  | 145  | 146  | 135  | 207  | 231  |
| ➤ Crimes Against Society  | 87   | 73   | 75   | 127  | 126  | 79   | 75   | 68   |

**Counting Rules**

Counts on this page are based on the month of the incident or arrest, rather than the month the incident was submitted. If the incident date is unknown, the report date is used. Counts are subject to change as data are updated.

Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively.

# 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 2021, 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 1,561 cases in 2021. The dollar amount of forfeitures for the citations written in 2021 totaled \$206,260.56. The breakdown is as follows:

| <u>Violation</u>     | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Traffic              | 1,228                  |
| OWI                  | 31                     |
| Boat Patrol          | 44                     |
| Adult Non-Traffic    | 211                    |
| Juvenile Non-Traffic | 47                     |

The total payments collected for citations in 2021 was \$154,682.50. 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 2021 was \$4,167.38. The number of debts collected through SDC in 2021 was \$31,304.31. Utilizing SDC has proven to be quite beneficial, as the court has collected payment from citations that were many years old which otherwise may have never been received. The court staff consists of Judge Melissa Murray, Village Attorney Lori Fabian (Pretrials), Village Attorney, Matthew Gralinski (Trials), and Clerk of Court Julie Forrest. 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.

**Julie Forrest**  
Clerk of Court / Police Clerk

# Recruitment

*Deputy Chief Mark Garry*

In 2021, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department had four new officers join the ranks. Each officer brought a new and refreshing outlook to the profession, the Department, and the Village as a whole. Here is an introduction to each officer:

**Larisa R. Mayek** – Joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on June 1st. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. Officer Mayek then self-sponsored to attend the Basic Law Enforcement Officer Academy at Waukesha County Technical College which she graduated from in May of 2021. She successfully completed her field training in August, and began her solo patrol assignment on Day Shift. Officer Mayek continued to exhibit the qualities of a good officer for the Village of Pewaukee.

**Matthew S. Bublitz** – Joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on October 25th. Officer Bublitz grew up in the Village of Pewaukee, and then began his law enforcement career at various law enforcement agencies in surrounding counties. Officer Bublitz spent the majority, thirteen and a half years, with Dodge County Sheriff Department, as a corrections officer. In that role, he rose to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Bublitz still maintained his street knowledge by working for various departments in a part-time capacity. Officer Bublitz decided he wished to return to his home town and give back to the community he grew up in. Officer Bublitz has been a great addition to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department.

**Erik H. Michalsen** – Joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on November 10th. Officer Michalsen came from the Waukesha County Sheriff Department, where he was a Patrol Deputy for the past three and a half years. His experience and knowledge of the northeast part of Waukesha County made his transition to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department easy. Officer Michalsen has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. Due to his experience and knowledge, Officer Michalsen has fresh ideas for ways of providing the best service to the Village of Pewaukee community.

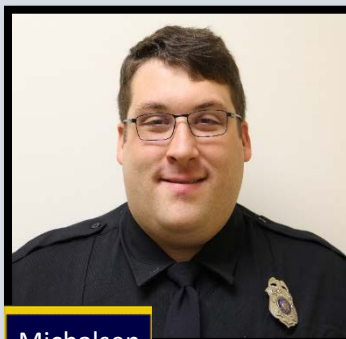
**Benjamin F. Noeske** – Joined the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on December 1st. Officer Noeske had been working in the financial and customer service fields prior to joining the department. Officer Noeske is a graduate of Waukesha County Technical College with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and Basic Law Enforcement Officer Academy in 2018. He took some time to gain life experience and hone his interpersonal skills before joining our department. Officer Noeske is still in his Field Training phase moving into 2022, and the department looks forward to seeing his development.



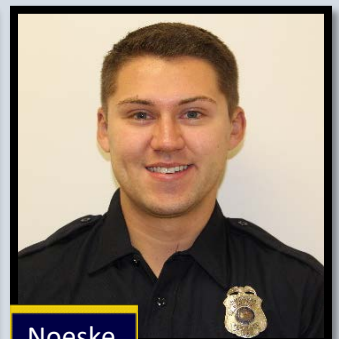
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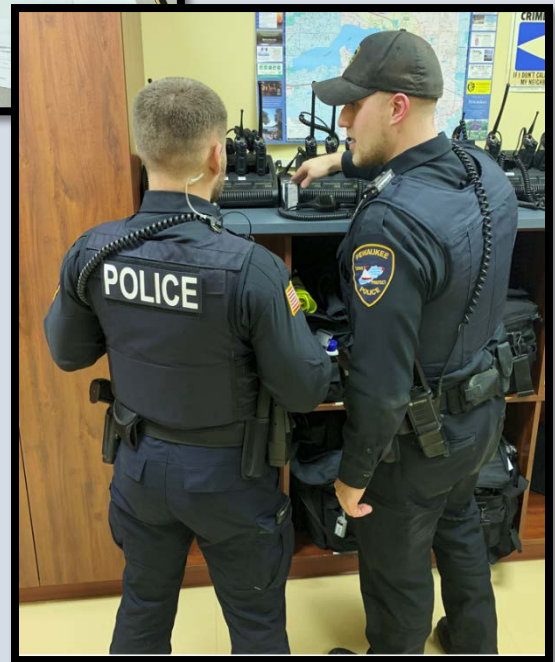
# Field Training Program

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

The paramount ingredient of any organization's success is the training of its new employees. The Village of Pewaukee PD is no different - - which is why the department's field training program is a focal point. Currently, our agency has three Field Training Officers (FTO's); Sgt. Brian Foth, Officer Julie Buddenhagen and Officer Brett Markut.

It is generally believed that FTO's have a greater impact on the development and future of new police officers than any other single part of the police culture. From the day a new officer receives their job offer, our FTO's serve as his/her personal "coach." FTO's offer new hires advice, direction and companionship to aid in the transition to their new career.

2021 was an extremely busy year for our FTO's. From June through August, Sergeant Foth and Officer Buddenhagen served as FTO's for Officer Mayek. Officer Bublitz started his career in October, with Sergeant Foth and Officer Markut assigned as his FTO's through December. Officer Michalsen was hired in November and had Sergeant Foth and Officer Markut as his primary FTO's. In December, Officer Noeske started his career and has had Sergeant Foth, Officer Buddenhagen and Officer Markut as FTO's during his training phase thus far. All four new hires have adjusted well to our department and show great promise moving forward.



# New Hire Perspective

*Officer Larisa Mayek*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department hired four new officers in 2021. Officer Larisa Mayek began on 06/01/2021, Officer Matthew Bublitz began on 10/25/2021, Officer Erik Michalsen began on 11/10/2021, and Officer Benjamin Noeske began on 12/01/2021.

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, Officer Mayek was assigned to 3rd shift, while Officers Bublitz and Michalsen were assigned to 2nd shift. Officer Noeske still remains on field training through 2022, and we wish him success during his training phases. Come April 2022, Officer Mayek will remain on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift for the remainder of 2022, while the other new hires will be rotated throughout the respective shifts accordingly, in order to gain experience with each shift and the different calls for service that they bring. In 2021, the new hires responded to approximately 931 calls for service within the Village of Pewaukee during field training as well as while they were patrolling on their own.

Throughout 2021, all of the new officers had the opportunity to make positive connections with members of the community. 2021 brought the resurgence of community events in the Village of Pewaukee, after they had previously been halted due to Covid-19. New officers were able to be introduced around the Village during these events, and enjoyed introducing themselves and meeting the members of the community. All four of the new officers look forward to serving the Village of Pewaukee community for decades to come.



# Honor Guard

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

Since being founded in 2015, Sergeant Twelmeyer and Sergeant Foth have been members of Pewaukee PD's Honor Guard Unit. This unit, which is also comprised of members of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and the Muskego Police Department, is dedicated to providing both a symbolic and professional display of respect and honor for fallen officers who pass away. In addition, Honor Guard members provide a positive and formal representation of their respective agencies in memorial events, parades and other ceremonial events.

In order to maintain the high standards required to be a member of the team, the unit participates in bi-monthly training sessions during which the members are critiqued on their ceremonial movements, as well as their overall appearance and aptitude. These intense training sessions prepare the members for the numerous public events in which they are featured.

During 2021, Sergeant Twelmeyer and Sergeant Foth participated in over 20 public events. Among others, these events included the Waukesha County Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony, funerals of fallen retired officers across the state, WCTC Police Recruit Academy graduation ceremonies, and several parades across Waukesha County.

Members of the Honor Guard Unit understand the importance of the role they serve. The Unit looks forward to continuing to honor the fallen in 2022.





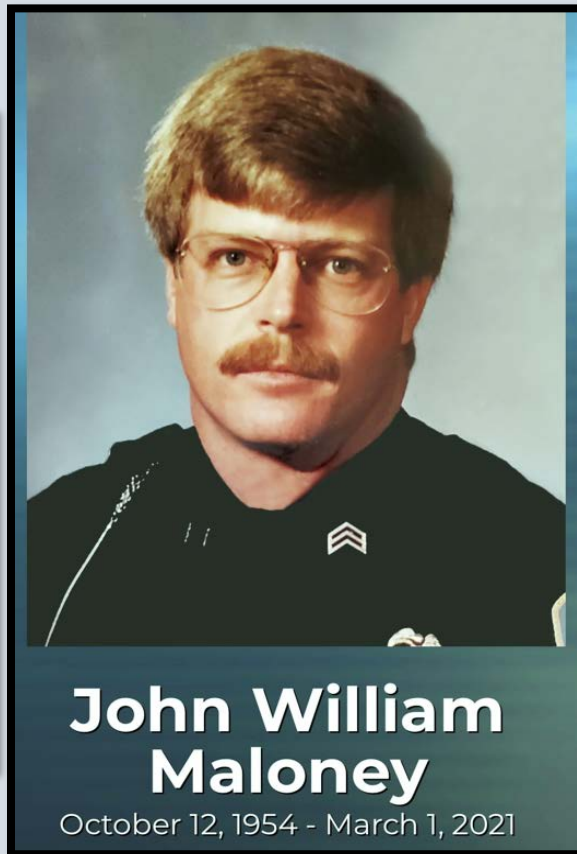
# Those We Lost – Sgt. John Maloney

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

In March 2021, retired Sergeant John Maloney passed away after a battle with cancer. Sgt. Maloney devoted nearly 40 years to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. After being hired in 1977 as a patrol officer, Sergeant Maloney quickly proved himself to be a leader, as he became the department's first ever Field Training Officer. He was soon promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and quickly became known as a supervisor who patrol officers could trust to have their best interests in mind.

Although heart-wrenching to begin the year with the loss of such a beloved member of our police family, it was encouraging to see both retired and current officers come together to pay tribute to such a distinguished man.

Those who were blessed enough to have known Sergeant Maloney remember him for his humor and humbleness. We are all better for having known Sergeant Maloney -- he is missed.





# Those We Lost – Chief Ed Baumann

*Sergeant Brian Foth*

In September 2021, our PD family suffered another loss when retired Chief Ed Baumann passed away. Known simply as “Chief” to most, Chief Baumann was truly a legend in every sense of the word. With his gregarious personality and ability to make a personal connection with nearly anyone he met; Chief Baumann impacted an immeasurable number of people throughout his lifetime.

Chief began his career as a patrol officer with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department in 1975. Throughout the next nine years, Chief was promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant, and was ultimately appointed as Chief of Police in 1984. Chief Baumann was the longest serving Chief of Police in all of Wisconsin at the time of his retirement in 2013, having held the position for nearly 30 years. Among the many awards he won throughout his career, perhaps the one he was most proud of was being named “Person of the Year” for the Village of Pewaukee in 1997.

Many people most remember Chief as being someone who inspired others. He truly believed in others more so than they often believed in themselves. He had a way of getting the best out of his officers and will always be remembered as being “one of a kind.”



**Edward Michael Baumann**  
June 18, 1952 - September 13, 2021



# Investigations

*Detective Craig Drummy*

The Pewaukee Police Department is in its 145th year of proudly serving and protecting our community. We continue to work with area law enforcement agencies and Wisconsin Probation and Parole and share intelligence on crimes we are investigating. This open line of communication has assisted in solving crime and making positive identification of suspects not only in Waukesha County but neighboring counties.

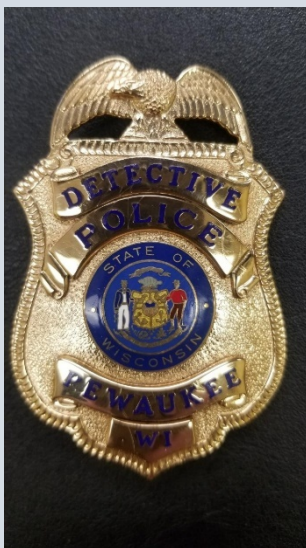
Our crime activity board in the police department was active in 2021; just like the year before. This board is used for linking crimes and suspects together which assists in our high clearance rate. Our department works as a team and is proud of the large number of cleared cases.

Pewaukee's large box stores on the east side of the village continue to keep our officers and detective bureau busy with high end retail thefts that usually turn into misdemeanors or felonies. Electronics including TV's, speakers, vacuum's, cell phones, video games and other home electronic devices were some of the most commonly stolen items. In 2021 there were 155 total retail theft cases reported, up from just 89 in 2020. Four of them turned were strong armed robberies due to the violent force that was used against staff members, all of which were solved. The Pewaukee PD retail theft clearance rate in 2021 was 86% which is higher than 2020. The national average clearance rate of property crime & larceny-theft combined is 29.7%.

Some of the other cases we investigated: arson, check frauds, theft by fraud using counterfeit bills, criminal damage to property cases, drug arrests of subjects in possession of pills, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl and heroin, and entry to auto cases just to name a few.

The Milwaukee Police Department Tactical Enforcement Team (MPD TEU) also assisted Pewaukee PD in 2021 with several investigations in which we have recovered over 48 stolen items. Search warrants were served at residences in City of Milwaukee. MPD TEU was used to clear the house and deem the residence safe before our searches began. The Major Investigation Unit members searched and recovered the stolen property.

In March of 2021, a 30yr old male drove his vehicle to the US ARMY RESERVE CENTER where he assaulted two uniformed members by shooting a paint ball style rifle at them as they were in the parking lot. The FBI Office in St. Francis assisted and the suspect was federally charged with assaulting uniformed military personal. He was affiliated with the Q-Anon group.



# Major Investigations Unit

*Officer Julie Buddenhagen*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been a member of the Major Investigations Unit (M.I.U) for approximately 20 years. M.I.U is comprised of a team of carefully selected officers from police departments in the Lake County Area. These officers have received specialized training in one or more areas of investigations. The following departments contribute officers to the M.I.U team: Pewaukee PD, Hartland PD, Delafield PD, Elm Grove PD, Chenequa PD, Waukesha Sheriff's Department, Butler PD and Summit PD.

The following Village of Pewaukee Officers are members of the MIU:

Chief Heier: President

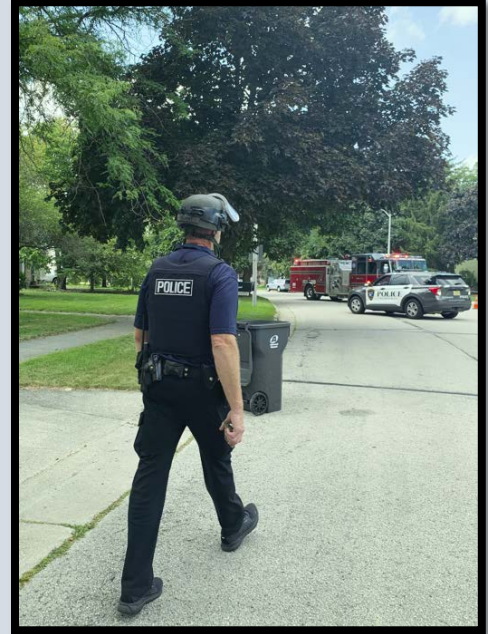
Deputy Chief Mark Garry: Arson Investigator, Evidence Technician, Photographer, Investigator, Trailer Driver

Sergeant Brian Foth: Investigator, ICAC

Detective Craig Drummy: Arson Investigator, Evidence Technician, Photographer, Investigator, Trailer Driver

Officer Julie Buddenhagen: Investigator, Evidence Technician, Sensitive Crimes, ICAC

Officer Kerry Corrus: Photographer/Evidence Technician



In 2021, Officers from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department responded to 3 MIU Callouts:

1/7/2021: Elm Grove requested assistance with an ICAC Search Warrant. Officer Julie Buddenhagen responded.

1/16/2021: City of Delafield requested assistance with an ICAC Warrant/investigation. Sergeant Brian Foth responded.

1/18/2021: Village of Chenequa requested assistance with a sexual assault investigation. Officer Julie Buddenhagen responded to complete a forensic interview on the victim at the CARE Center. Officer Buddenhagen then responded to the Village of Chenequa Police Department to assist with the suspect Interview.

2/19/2021: Village of Pewaukee conducted a search warrant in Milwaukee for a retail theft suspect charged with 2 felony counts and responsible for 11 separate offenses. 26 stolen items were recovered.

3/19/2021: Village of Pewaukee conducted a search warrant in Milwaukee for two retail theft suspects charged with a combined two felonies and 10 misdemeanor counts of retail theft. 29 stolen items were recovered.

5/14/2021: The Waukesha DA's office hosted a "Victim Intimidation Workshop" at the Village of Pewaukee. 30 law enforcement attendees were present from throughout Waukesha County.



# Internet Crimes Against Children

*Officer Ryan Crouse*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is proud to serve as a part of the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. The activities of the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force are funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Justice with additional resources provided by other government agencies. The ultimate objective of the task force is to prevent, investigate, and prosecute the use of the internet as tool in the sexual exploitation of children.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in person trainings and presentations have not been conducted until most recently at the end of 2021. The Village of Pewaukee as well as the Wisconsin ICAC task force had to develop new virtual ways of sharing information with parents and children regarding safe internet use.

Often when there is suspicious activity conducted on the internet involving a child, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) will generate what is called a cyber tip. These cyber tips are then sent all over the country to various different ICAC task forces, including the Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force. In 2021 the Wisconsin ICAC task force received 4645 cyber tips, 1,105 more than in 2020.

Due to Covid-19 forcing many children to attend school virtually, children are using the internet more than ever before. This has caused a great increase of complaints where children are being exposed to harmful material, sexting, and unsafe online behavior. The Village of Pewaukee ICAC task force continues to make protecting children the top priority. This includes educating children about safe online practices, and the dangers of unsafe behavior on social media.





# South Eastern Multi-Jurisdictional Impaired Driving Task Force

*Sgt. Luke Twelmeyer*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department is a member of the South Eastern Multi-Jurisdictional Impaired Driving Task Force. The task force is made up of several Lake County Agencies, including: Chenequa, Hartland, Oconomowoc, and Summit. The Task Force applies for Federal Grant funding for approximately \$49,996.96 to be utilized to pay officers wages for High Visibility Enforcement Patrols.

The concept of the operation incorporates sworn personnel to saturate pre-selected highway corridors/sections best determined to be advantageous in the detection of targeted violations. These targeted violations include; however, they are not limited to: OWI, Speed, and Seatbelt Enforcement. During an Operating, Officers from all Agencies are assigned for a four-hour block of dedicated traffic enforcement.

In addition, the Village of Pewaukee participates in several Mobilizations running congruent with the task force. These mobilizations are as follows: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click it or Ticket. These mobilizations put our Agency eligible for additional grant money to be spent on specialty equipment specific to traffic enforcement. In the past, our agency has been awarded \$5,000 in grant money which we have utilized to purchase flash lights, traffic vests, and driver's license scanners.

During the most recent HVE Deployment, The Village of Pewaukee Police Department had the following self-initiated field activity:

- 40 Traffic Citations
- 15 Compliance Orders (Fix it Tickets)
- 45 Verbal Warnings
- 88 Total Traffic Stops
- Two OAWI's
- Three Drug Related Arrests



# VEHICLE CRASH INVESTIGATIONS

Sgt. Luke Twelmeyer

In 2021, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department investigated 254 Motor Vehicle Crashes. This graph breaks down the types of crashes investigated: Property Damage Only, Hit and Run, and Crashes with Injury. Per Wisconsin Statute s. 346.70(1), any crash within the State of Wisconsin must be reported when it results in:

- 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



In addition, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department has joined into a collaborative partnership with Carfax for Police. The Police Department chose to partner with CARFAX for Police to solve crimes faster with unique data. We accomplish this by utilizing proprietary Investigative Tools – FOR FREE. The derived Traffic and Records deliver time savings, build better citizen-officer relationships, and improve citizen customer service.

The tools provided include:

- Vehicle History reports
- VIN Alerts
- Partial License Plate Search
- High Mileage Alerts
- Crash Report Center



# Driving Under the Influence

*Officer Mike Rowe*

In 2021, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, like many other agencies across the country, focused heavily on combating impaired driving. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department received numerous complaints about reckless drivers, possible impaired drivers, and overall poor driving behavior that were reported to us by the motoring public. These incidents were thoroughly investigated and at times, subsequent arrests were made for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

In total, the Pewaukee Police Department arrested 53 individuals for impaired driving during 2021. These arrests included persons that were charged with municipal (1<sup>st</sup> Offense), misdemeanor (2<sup>nd</sup> offense and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense), and felony offenses (4<sup>th</sup> offense and above). These arrests also included persons that were charged with Operate with a Restricted Controlled Substance and Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration.

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





# Metro Drug Unit

*Officer Geoff Cimpl*

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. The Drug Take Back occurred on October 23, 2021. Waukesha County collected 5,157 pounds from participating communities. The state total in Wisconsin for October 2021 was 55,377 pounds. Village of Pewaukee residents dropped off 336 lbs. of prescription medication in our lobby drop-box in 2021 and 3,368 lbs. since we started collecting medication on December 8, 2014. The state of Wisconsin was #1 in the country for drug take back in Spring and Fall of 2021.

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

### #1 Drug Threat in Waukesha County

Heroin:

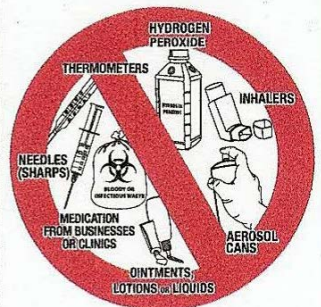
- Most Common Drug Death
- Record Number of Overdoses



### 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.





# Lake Patrol

*Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer*

The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is a part time multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement agency comprised of the Town of Delafield, City of Pewaukee, and Village of Pewaukee. The mission of the Pewaukee Lake Patrol is to promote boating safety by gaining compliance with the Boating Laws of the State of Wisconsin.

The Village of Pewaukee is responsible for the administration of the Lake Patrol, whom works collaboratively with the Lake Patrol Advisory Committee. The Pewaukee Lake Advisory Committee acts as a liaison to each respective government body. Current members of the Pewaukee Lake Advisory Committee: Town of Delafield Supervisor- Joseph Woelfle, City of Pewaukee Council Member- Ian Clark, and Village of Pewaukee Board Member- Ed Hill.

This year during our annual training, the Lake Patrol received legal update training from Recreation Warden Jason Roberts. This training was coupled with hands on practical application of trained techniques. The Lake Patrol trained collaboratively with the Pewaukee Fire as well as the Town of Delafield Fire Department to implement integrated response plans to medical emergencies on the lake. In addition, the lake Patrol was trained by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Dive Team Regarding Search, Rescues, and Recovery.

The Pewaukee Lake Patrol Officers are all subject matter experts based on their previous Law Enforcement experience. Currently, the Lake Patrol has approximately 210 years of combined experience. The Patrol's current experience includes: 1 acting Police Chief, 2 Captains, 2 Sergeants and 1 Detective.



# Civil Disturbance Unit

*Officer Kerry Corrus*

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

CDU consists of multiple platoons, 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 officers' agency.

2021 was calmer and quieter in terms of protests and riots; but, in the wake of the chaos, Officer Corrus and Officer Tyler both received a Unit award for being deployed over 30 times across Milwaukee and Waukesha counties in 2020. Right out of the gate in 2021 were two deployments to Kenosha, on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and both incidents went without any issues.

In February, the Sheriff's Department received intel that the People's Revolution planned to come to the Waukesha County Courthouse for a judiciary committee meeting and wanted to voice concerns regarding the hiring of Joseph Mensah. This event was monitored with no incidents.

July brought Milwaukee an NBA championship with the Milwaukee Bucks and the Civil Disturbance Unit assisted Milwaukee during this celebratory event.

November brought one of the biggest tragedies we had ever seen; the Waukesha Christmas parade attack. The team was requested to protect the courthouse during the suspect's preliminary hearing.

One squad from the Civil Disturbance Unit was also requested on December 15<sup>th</sup> for FLOTUS to visit the Waukesha parade site. And lastly, the Civil Disturbance Unit also participated in required trainings which involved refreshers on marching formations, crowd control tactics, mass arrest team procedures and a yearly exposure to tear gas. All events went smoothly without any problems.





# Suburban Critical Incident Team

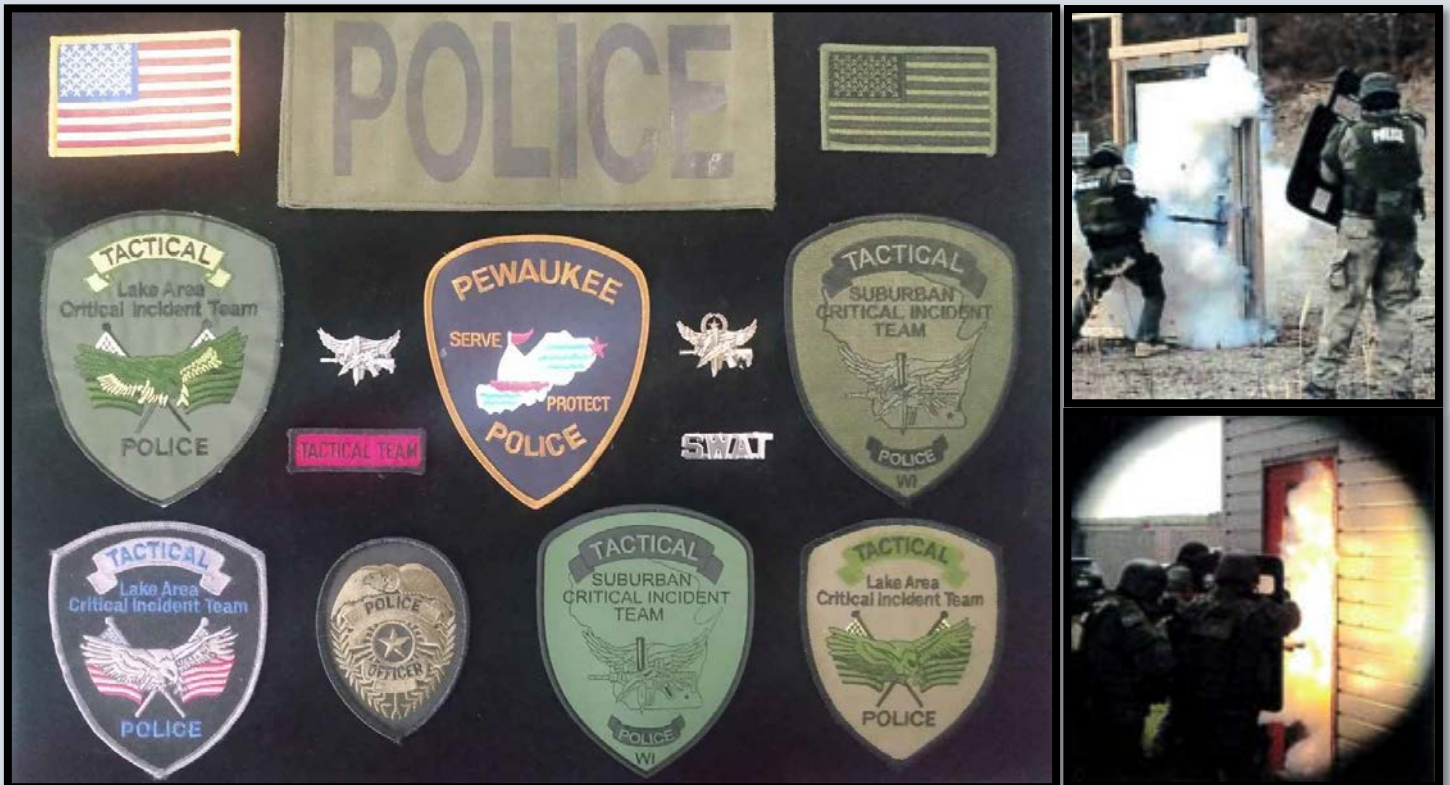
*Officer Brett Markut*

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. Officers Brett Markut and Travis Tyler were newly assigned as Tactical Operators within S.C.I.T in October 2021.

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. S.C.I.T. provides a diverse and professional life saving response capability to the community. S.C.I.T. covers the majority of population of Waukesha County and also assists agencies outside of Waukesha County.

S.C.I.T. was used in some of the area's most significant and high-profile incidents during 2021 and deployed over 20 times. Some of these incidents include search warrants, barricaded suspects, dignitary protection for the First Lady of the United States, Internet Crimes Against Children operations, security for Pewaukee Lakefront events and Milwaukee Bucks games, suicidal subjects, subject with a gun incident and the Waukesha parade incident. With the addition of an Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) in 2020, S.C.I.T. now has more capabilities and protection for both Officers and citizens during operations.

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



# Military Liaison

*Officer Brett Markut*

Gov. Tony Evers and Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp (Wisconsin's Adjutant General) presented the Village of Pewaukee Police Department with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve 2021 Freedom Award. This award is the U.S. Secretary of Defense highest recognition honoring the department's outstanding support of the employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve forces. Out of 3,382 nominees nationwide, only fifteen finalists were selected to receive this award. Due to the Department's exemplary support for veteran officers, both past and present, Officer Brett Markut nominated the Village of Pewaukee Police Department for the Freedom Award amongst others in 2020, following a military deployment to Ukraine. This award is a testament to all members of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, and the community as a whole, as they truly value military veterans and their families. The Village of Pewaukee Police Department additionally received the ESGR's Above and Beyond Award and Pro Patria Award for the outstanding service to the national defense of the nation in their support of employees who serve in a military reserve capacity.





# 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 firearm fundamentals as well as learn to teach other officers. The instructor is tasked with the 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 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 calibers and models. Marked squads are outfitted with a rifle mount and a Bravo Company 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. Officer Tyler has taken the stance to add uniformity to the firearms program by pushing for the goal of issuing all officers the same model and caliber sidearms.



# Department Information and Technology

*Deputy Chief Mark Garry*

In 2021, the Police Department completed the upgrade of Squad and Body Worn camera systems to continue the transparency of operations. The Department switched from two different systems, with their only nuances, to Kustom Signals integrated system for both squad and body worn cameras. This move helped in the simplification of data and information management. The changeover took a little time for all personnel to get used to, but the benefits of a consolidated system have been significant. The quality of video is greatly improved compared to the other systems. The Department looks forward to the benefits of this system for the next several years.





# School Resource Officer

*Officer Julie Buddenhagen*

In 2021 the School Resource Officer position was split between Officer Steve Chochola and Officer Julie Buddenhagen. Starting in January 2021 Officer Steve Chochola took over the position as School Resource Officer. Officer Chochola worked directly with the Dean of Students to progressively work on morning and afternoon traffic issues. He also worked to address any concerns directly associated with student vehicle parking off campus and related concerns from the school district's neighbors. Officer Chochola continued to build relationships with the students and staff in the school district as well as respond to calls for service.

In Fall of 2021, Officer Julie Buddenhagen came back as the School Resource Officer. Officer Buddenhagen continued to be proactive by working with staff and administration on any safety concerns. She also completed a Safety Assessment with Building and Grounds Supervisor, John Stangler. Officer Buddenhagen's priority continues to be building positive relationships with students and staff while also focusing on safety. Officer Buddenhagen focuses on safety by working with administration to practice drills and being prepared for any incidents that can take place before, during and after school.





# WCTC Security Services

*Officer Jeff Lenius*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been proudly providing security at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) campus in Pewaukee for 41 years. WCTC is the only technical college in the State of Wisconsin to have a full-time police presence on campus. WCTC police service is provided under contract from 7am-11pm, Monday through Friday. In 2021, Officer Jeff Lenius served as the dayshift (7am-3pm) WCTC liaison officer and Officer Kerry Corrus served as the second shift (3pm-11pm) WCTC liaison officer.

In 2021, there were 1,393 calls for service on campus, approximately a 12% decrease from 2020. Common calls for service included vehicle accidents, vehicle lockouts, rescue calls, and recovered property. Unique challenges in 2021 were theft complaints and incidents of criminal damage to property; investigations were conducted and multiple arrests were made for these cases.

The “W Building” on campus is home to the Criminal Justice department. Every year, WCTC hosts two separate classes for the Police Academy. Students train here for 720 hours in order to become certifiable police officers. WCTC also hosts trainings for certified officers. Police departments from all across the state of Wisconsin send their officers to attend trainings here on campus to improve their skills, as well as possibly finding a new skillset or area to train in.

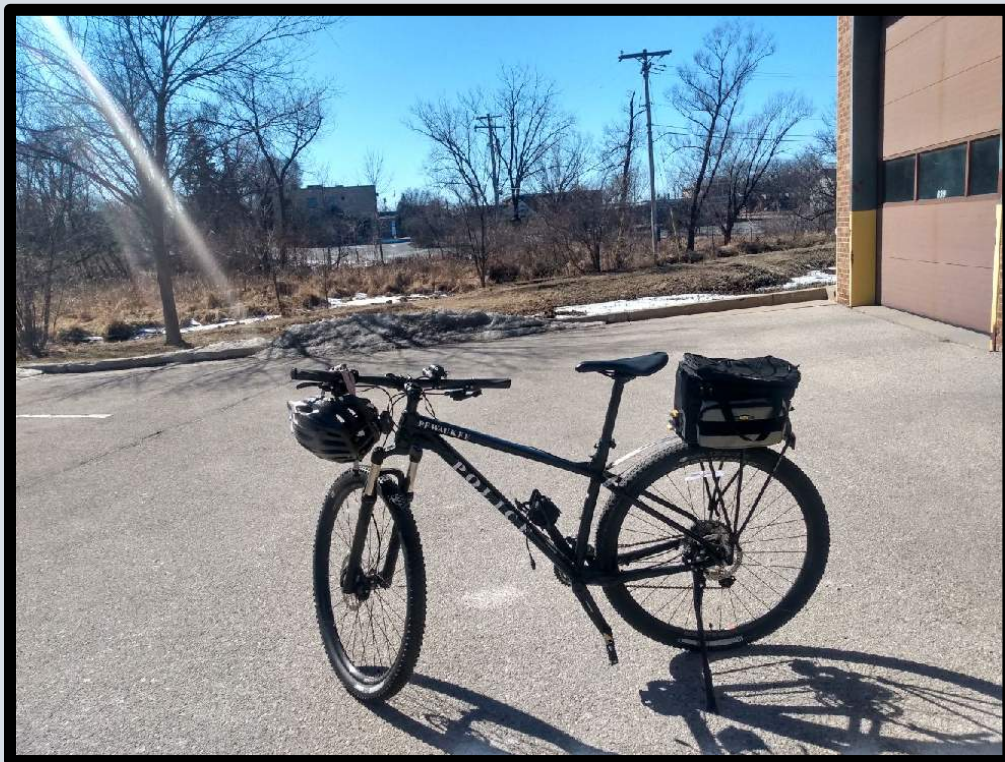
The police department has a very good working relationship with the WCTC Security Department. The WCTC Security Coordinator is Peter Latona, a retired officer from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. The WCTC liaison officers patrol the campus along with student security officers employed by the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



# Bike Patrol

*Officer Brett Markut*

Over the course of 2021 the Bicycle Patrol unit once again was able to be active in the community. Officer Brett Markut and Sergeant Twelmeyer are all certified under the *International Police Mountain Bike Association* (IPMBA). Officers are able to use Bicycles to traverse and patrol areas which are otherwise unable to be accessible by squad cars and they enable officers to have more engagement with the community. Bicycle officers go through rigorous training, which is essential for the officer's safety, and necessary to effectively serve the Village of Pewaukee Community. During the past year, the Village of Pewaukee Bicycle Patrol was utilized for community policing, patrol, and traffic enforcement. With the addition of more Officers during 2021, the Bicycle Patrol Unit is looking forward to having more utilization in 2022 and forward.






# Social Media

Officer Grant Zabel

In 2021 the Police Department was able to reach over 50,000 people through Facebook. The department uses social media to share all of the good done in the community and continually showcase local nonprofit organizations. In 2021 social media was by far the most effective way for the department to get information out quickly to a large group of people. Social media allows us to easily connect with members of the community and hear people's concerns. We are looking forward to expanding our social media presence in the future.


VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

FAMILY EVENT

KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FREE FOOD & DRINKS  
RAFFLES  
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6PM-9PM  
VILLAGE OF PEWAUKEE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
235 HICKORY STREET  
PEWAUKEE, WI 53072

2022

## Youth Academy



Meets at 235 Hickory Street

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| Every Tuesday | April 26 <sup>th</sup> to May 24 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM |
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Learn About a Career in Law Enforcement  
For Ages 14-18  
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Topics Covered:  
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## LAKE COUNTRY CITIZENS ACADEMY

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CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION  
COMPUTER CRIMES  
FIRE RESPONSE  
CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE  
DISPATCH TOUR  
CPR TRAINING  
SCENARIO BASED LEARNING

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APPLICATIONS DUE BY **MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**




Please Join Us For **Trunk OR Treat**

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## Holiday Shop With Cops





6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Gingerbread House-Making

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department  
Partnering with  
Pewaukee Area Arts Council

Grab-and-Go building kits available while supply last

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM  
235 HICKORY STREET





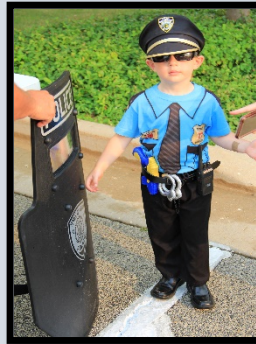
# Community Events

*Officer Grant Zabel*

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department fully embraces community policing and prides itself on having a strong, positive presence in the community. In 2021 we participated in, and hosted multiple events. Here are a few of the events that we took part in.

The police department partnered with the Pewaukee Public Library for a touch-a-truck event. The event gave kids the opportunity to get a hands-on experience with many different kinds of equipment ranging from utility trucks to police vehicles.

The largest community event of the year is National Night Out which has been hosted every August since 2013. In 2021 we had a record turnout with over 400 people attending. The event brings together and promotes local nonprofit groups such as the Pewaukee Food Pantry, Historical Society, and Positively Pewaukee, just to name a few. National Night Out is sponsored by local business who provide the support necessary to make the event free for all who attend. The event is an opportunity for kids to interact with police officers in a positive setting. We also gave away two bikes to some very excited kids.



In October we participated in the Waukesha County Crime Stoppers trunk-or-treat event. We saw a lot of amazing costumes and gave out nearly ten pounds of candy.



The police department took part in many other events throughout the year, such as: parades, Merchant's Meetings, and State Championship escorts for the Pewaukee High School's football, basketball, and volleyball teams. We look forward to expanding our community programs and adding even more events next year.

# Shop with Cops

*Officer Julie Buddenhagen*

On Saturday, December 4, 2021, The Village of Pewaukee Police Department joined forces with the Village of Hartland and City of Delafield Police Departments to host our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Shop with Cops event. Officers were very grateful and eager for this year's event, as the Shop with Cops event was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are very appreciative of our long supporting sponsors and volunteers who help to make this event a success. Holiday Shop with Cops 2021 was held at Queen of Apostles Church and Walmart in Pewaukee. Go Riteway Bus Company also donated buses to transport officers and children between these venues. Thanks to fundraising efforts, as well as our generous donors, we were able to assist 26 children and their families by purchasing holiday gifts.

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



# Neighborhood Watch

*Officer Grant Zabel*

The Village of Pewaukee has organized several Neighborhood Watch groups that cover a vast area of the jurisdiction. These groups are organized by local community leaders and act to bring neighborhoods together to promote safety and awareness of crimes. Groups typically meet three to four times a year and on average consist of nearly a dozen members each. Meetings are typically held in the homes or garages of members on a rotating basis. An officer is always present to give a presentation on crimes that are occurring in the specific neighborhood that the meeting is being held. Those who attend can easily share information such as: suspicious people in the area, concerns about speeding vehicles, or knowing when a neighbor may be away from their home on vacation. We hope to expand this program in the future and promote a community effort to crime prevention and deterrence.





