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PEWAUKEE POLICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



— Protecting Our Community • Serving Our Neighbors. —

Village of Pewaukee Police Department Fleet, 2025

Our fleet represents readiness, visibility, and our commitment to serving the community 24 hours a day.

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

It is my privilege to present the 2025 Annual Report of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department.

Each year, this report provides an opportunity to reflect on the work performed daily by the dedicated men and women of our department and to share that work with the community we are honored to serve. While statistics and summaries are important, what they really represent are neighbors helping neighbors— officer responding when someone needs assistance, solving problems, and working alongside residents to keep Pewaukee a safe and welcoming place to call home.

Throughout 2025, our officers and professional staff remained focused on the responsibilities that come with serving a growing and active community. Whether responding to calls for service, supporting our schools and local businesses, participating in community events, or investing time in training and professional development, our goal has remained simple— to provide the best service possible while treating every individual with fairness and respect.

The Village of Pewaukee has always benefited from strong partnerships between the Police Department and the people we serve. The trust and support we receive from residents, community leaders, and local organizations allow us to do our jobs effectively and address challenges before they become larger problems. That partnership is foundational to our success, and it is never taken for granted.

As we look ahead, 2026 will mark a special milestone for our department as we celebrate the Village of Pewaukee Sesquicentennial— 150 years of service to this community. It is an opportunity to recognize those who served before us and helped build the traditions of professionalism, accountability, and community trust that guide us today. While we look forward to honoring that history, our focus remains on continuing to improve, adapt, and prepare for the future of our Village.

I would like to thank the Police Commission, the Village Board, and the residents of Pewaukee for your continued confidence and support. Most importantly, I want to recognize the sworn officers and professional staff on this department whose dedication, integrity, and commitment make a positive difference every day.
It is truly an honor to serve this community.

Respectfully,

Timothy Heier

Chief Timothy Heier



Department Roster

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Merit Awards Ceremony - March 2024

Village Board

		Term End
	President Jeff Knutson	04/19/2027
	Trustee Bob Rohde	04/19/2027
	Trustee Kelli Belt	04/20/2026
	Trustee Jim Grabowski	04/20/2026
	Trustee Kristen Kreuser	04/20/2026
	Trustee Rachel Pader	04/19/2027
	Trustee Nick Stauff	04/19/2027

Police Commission

	Sworn In Date
President David Spakowicz	04/20/2004
Member Jeffrey Bublitz	04/23/2010
Member William Gehrking	04/26/2018
Member Jodie Borckmann	05/09/2023
Member Peter Rohde	05/16/2023



Headlines

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Shots were fired, striking a Village of Pewaukee home, suspect arrested, police say



GMToday.com

Strong winds flip boats on Pewaukee Lake

GMToday.com

Pewaukee PD investigating stolen cars

GMToday.com

5 arrested following high speed police chase in Delafield

GMToday.com

Pewaukee police gear up for Operation Dry Water

GMToday.com

Pewaukee schools placed on secure hold two days in a row

TMJ4 News

Tickets for bullying: Parents split on new Pewaukee ordinance lets police fine students and parents

WISN

Two hurt, including police officer, in Pewaukee apartment fire



Headlines



FOX6 News Milwaukee

Pewaukee bus driver arrested for alleged improper conduct with a minor

GMToday.com

Pewaukee faces road closures, no-wake order as historic flooding persists

GMToday.com

Officials: Cruising ordinance curbing issues near Pewaukee Lake

FOX6 News Milwaukee

Pewaukee teen beach fight leads to village concerns for the summer

FOX6 News Milwaukee

Driver flees from Pewaukee police; hits squad car, arrested for OWI

Holiday Shop with Cops event returning this holiday season

Enterprise Staff Nov 13, 2025 Updated Nov 13, 2025

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Highway 16 crash near Pewaukee injures 4 and involved at least 7 vehicles, authorities say

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A 17-year-old drowned in Pewaukee Lake Sunday, police don't believe alcohol is a factor



Headlines



WAUKESHA COUNTY

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Rebecca Klopf



WAUKESHA COUNTY
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Freeman Staff Nov 12, 2025 Updated Nov 13, 2025

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Strong winds flip over boats on Pewaukee Lake

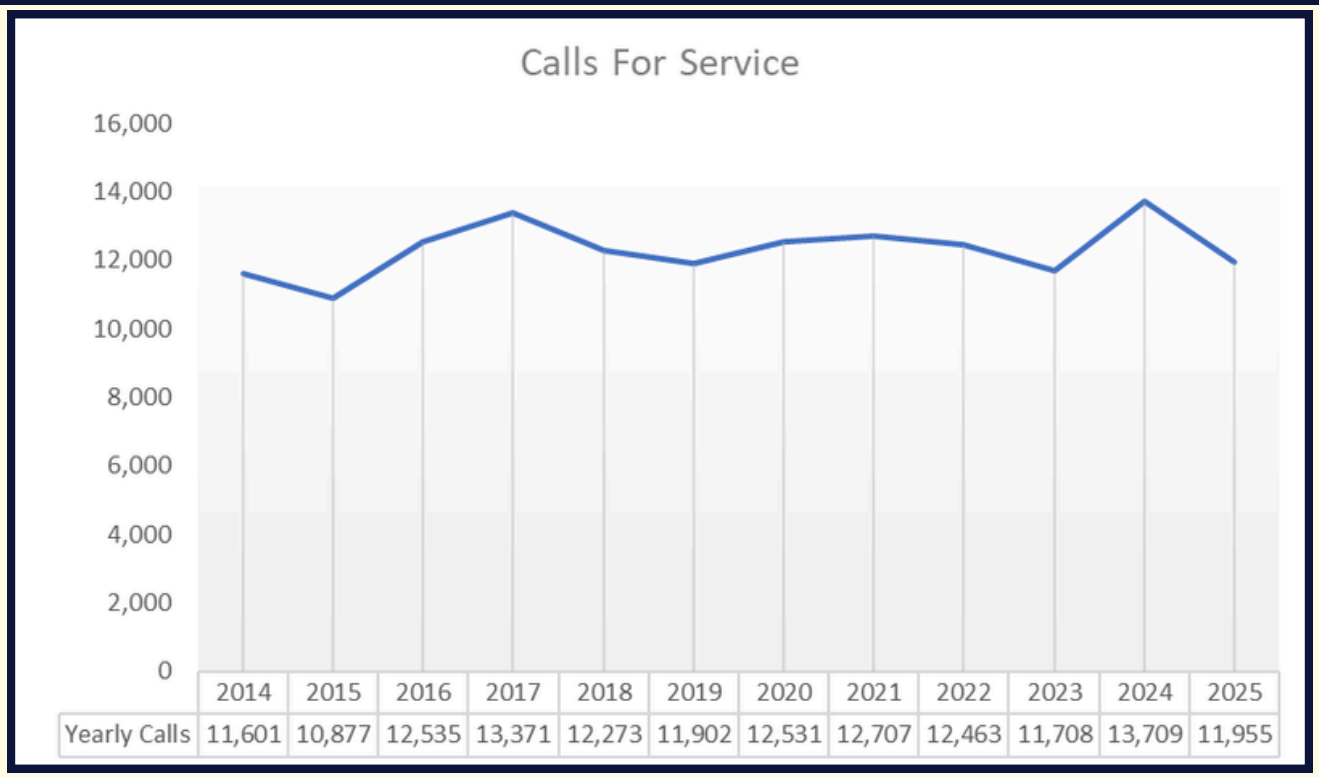


A pontoon boat flipped completely over on Monday evening on Pewaukee Lake.

Courtesy of Pewaukee Police Department

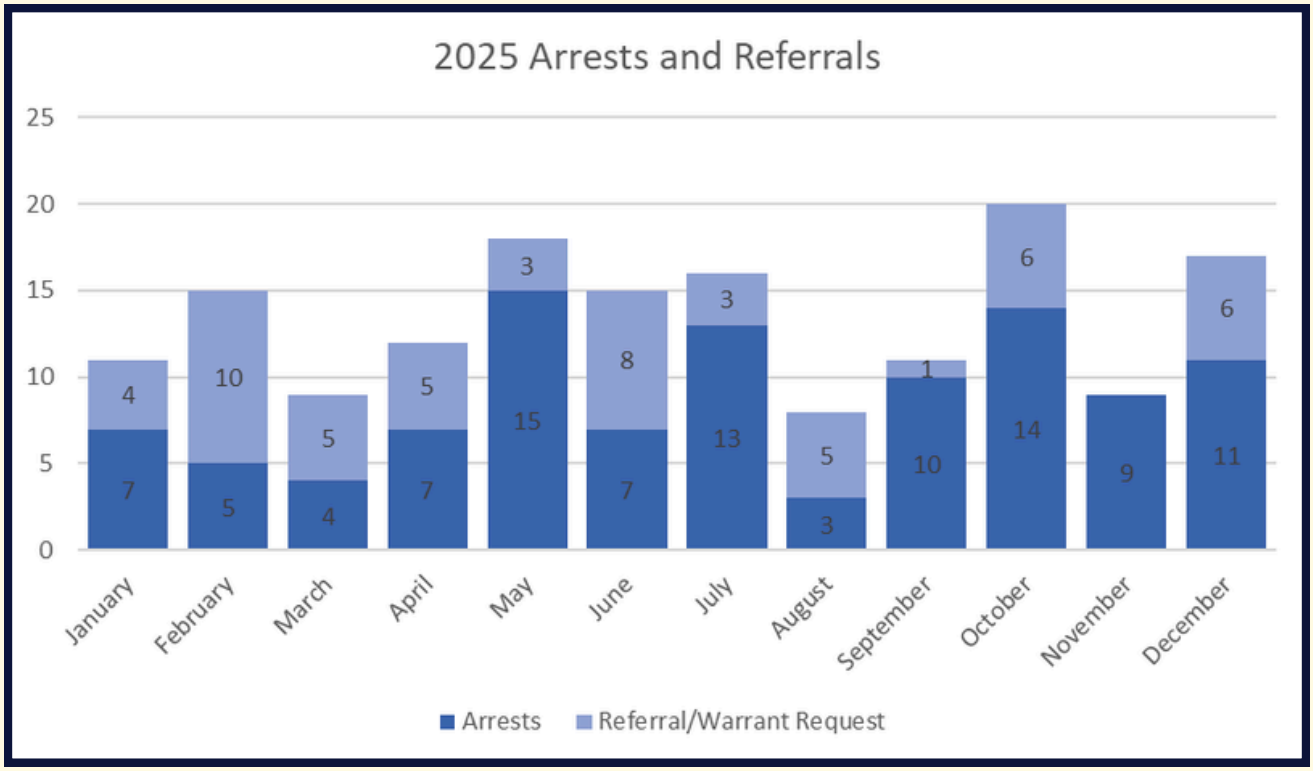
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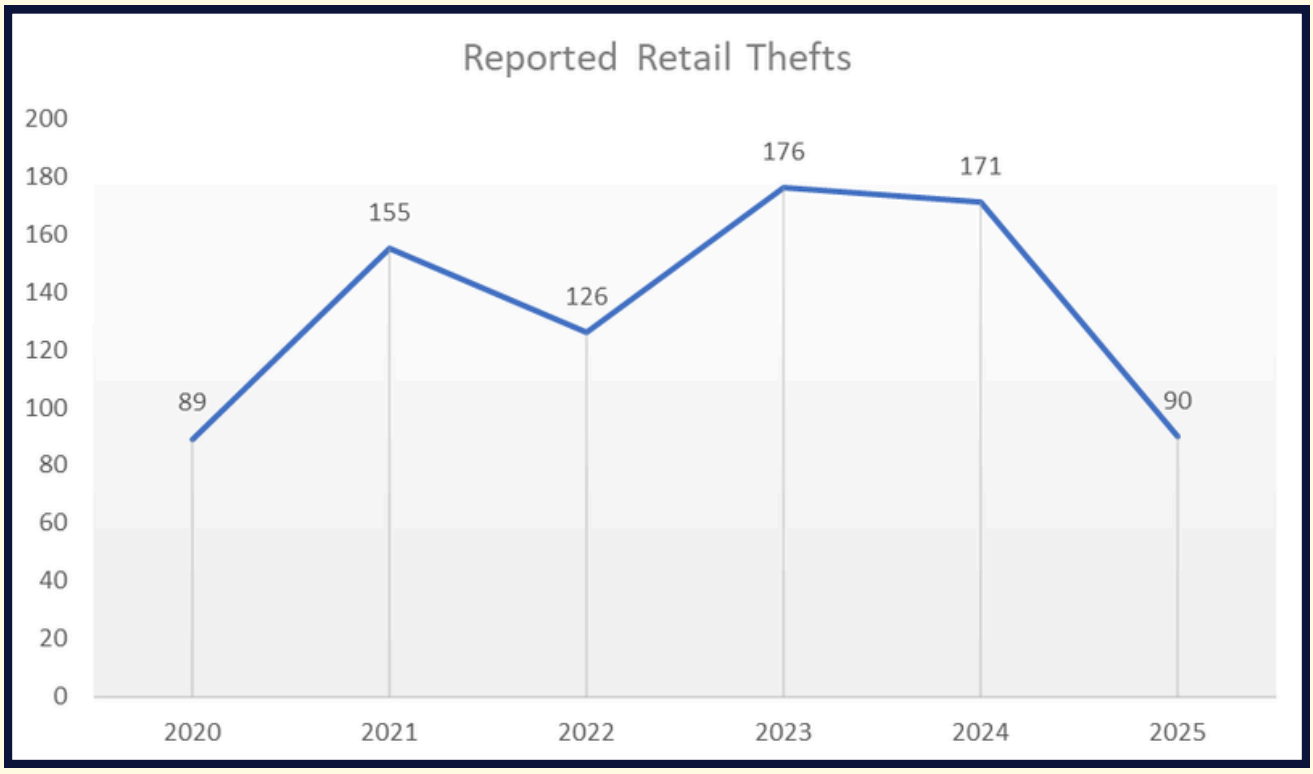
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Yearly Calls	11,601	10,877	12,535	13,371	12,273	11,902	12,531	12,707	12,463	11,708	13,709	11,955

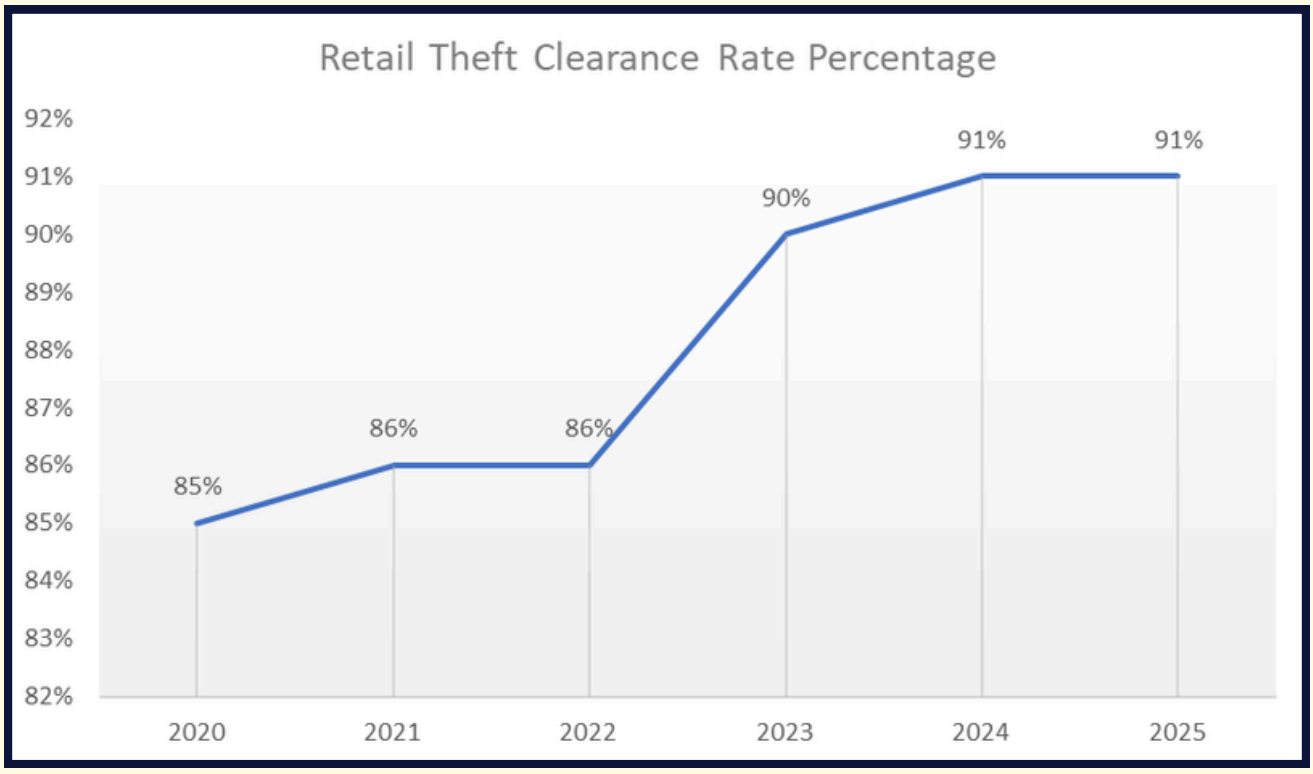
Officers responded to an average of 33 calls for service per day.



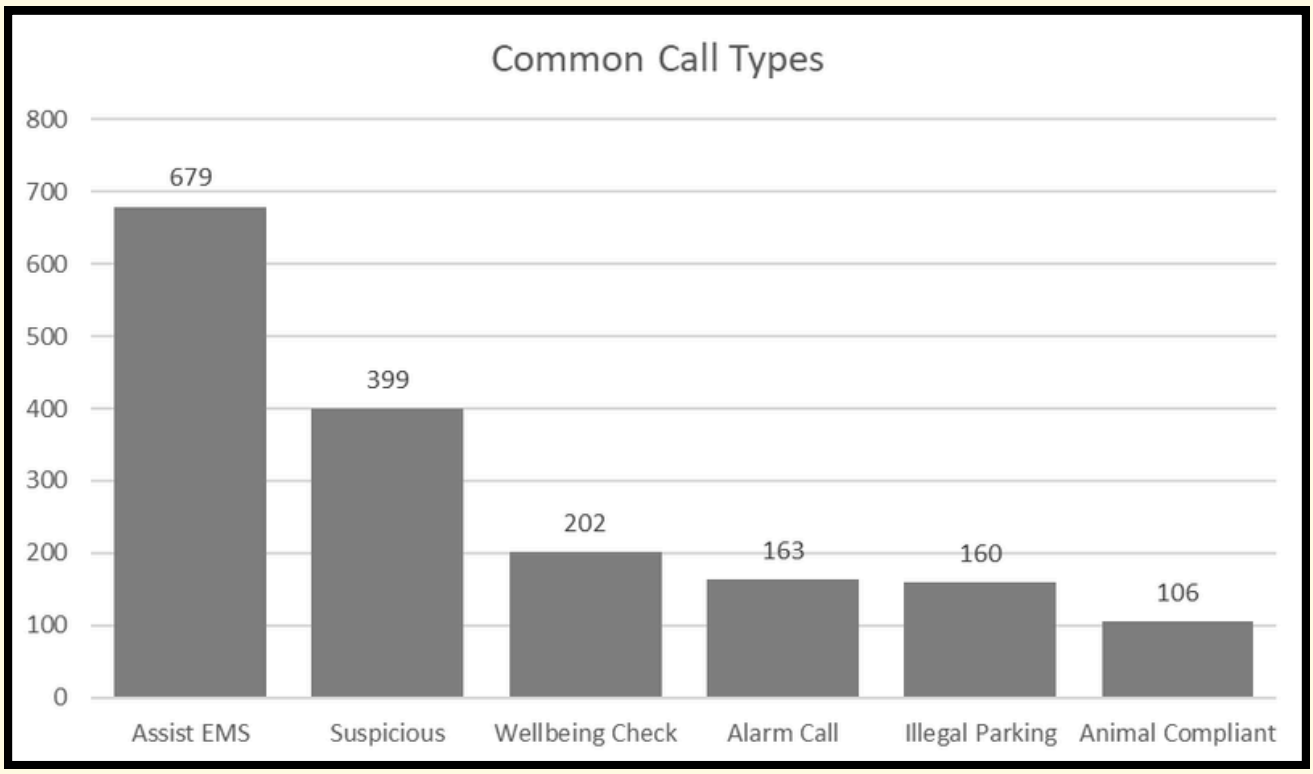
In 2025 Officers made 105 arrests, an average of one arrest every three days. Officers referred charges to the District Attorney's Office or requested an arrest warrant in 56 additional cases throughout the year.

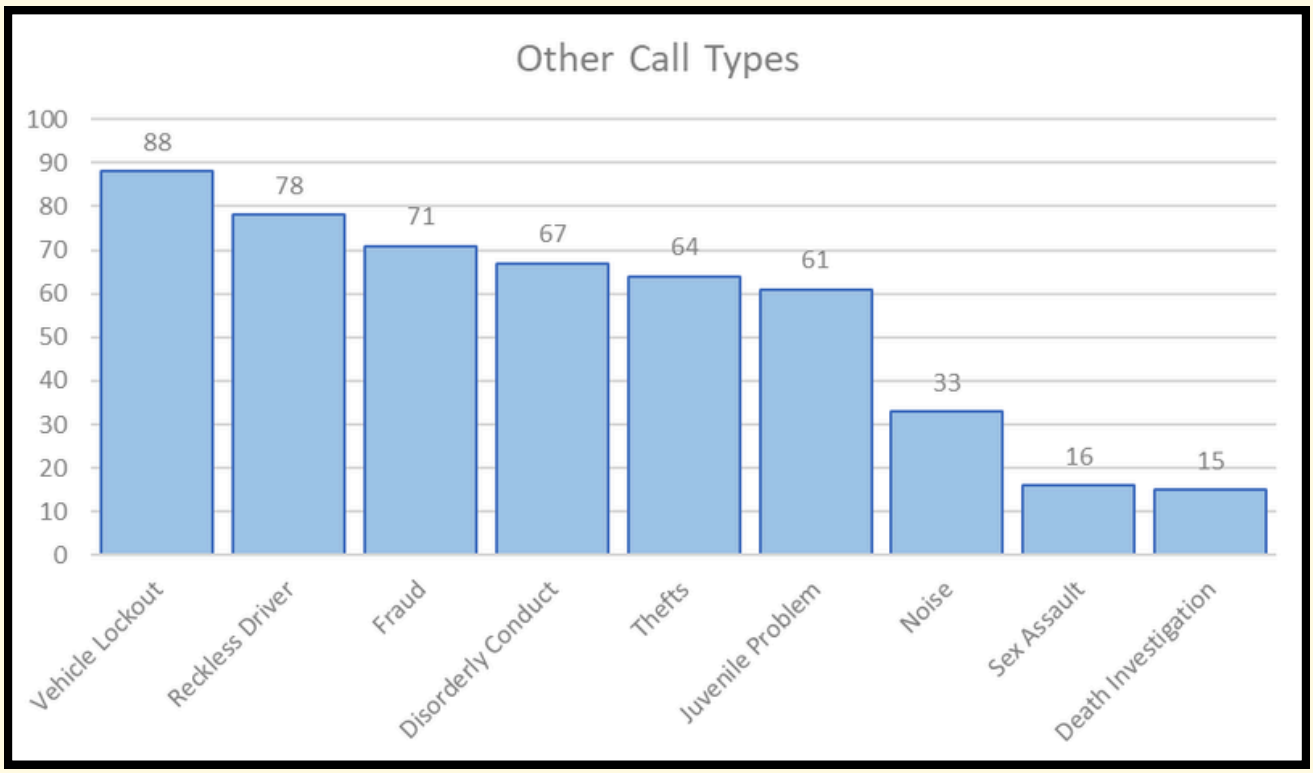
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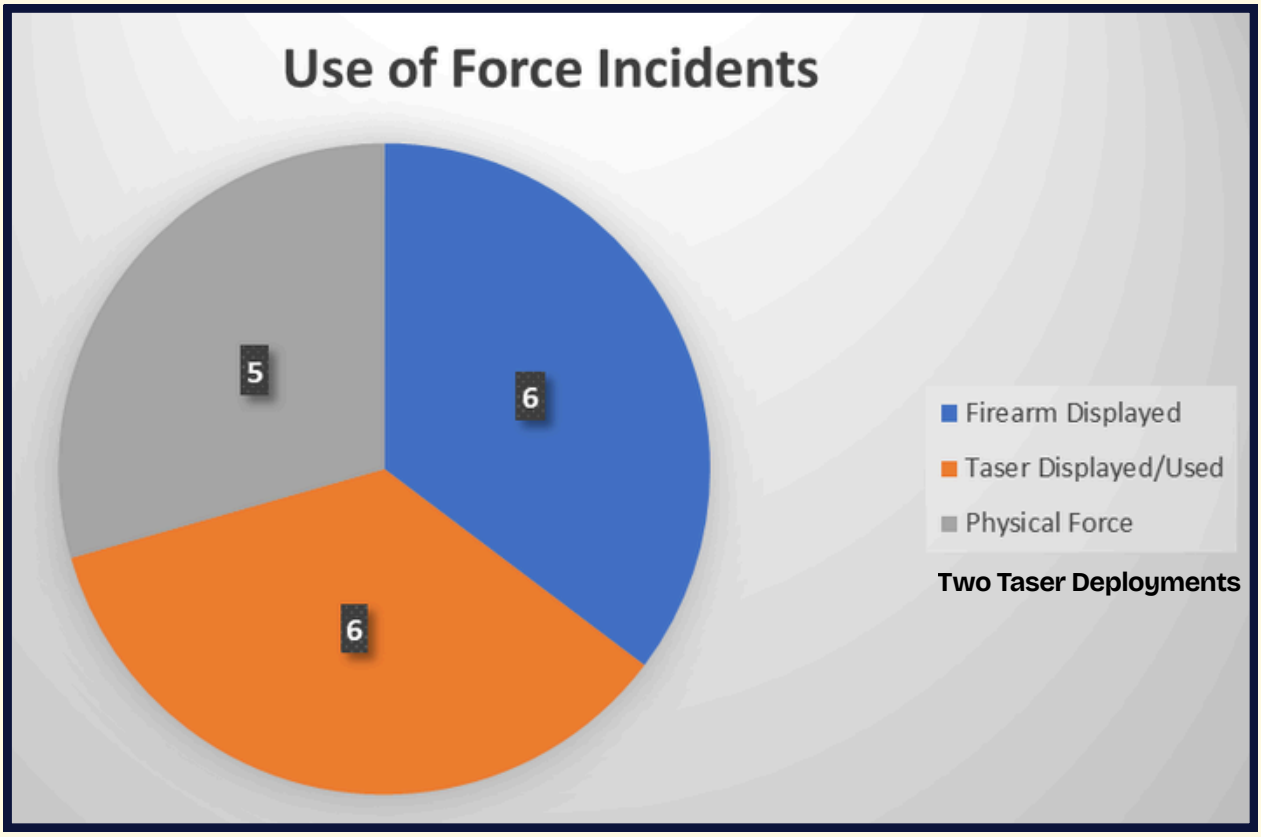


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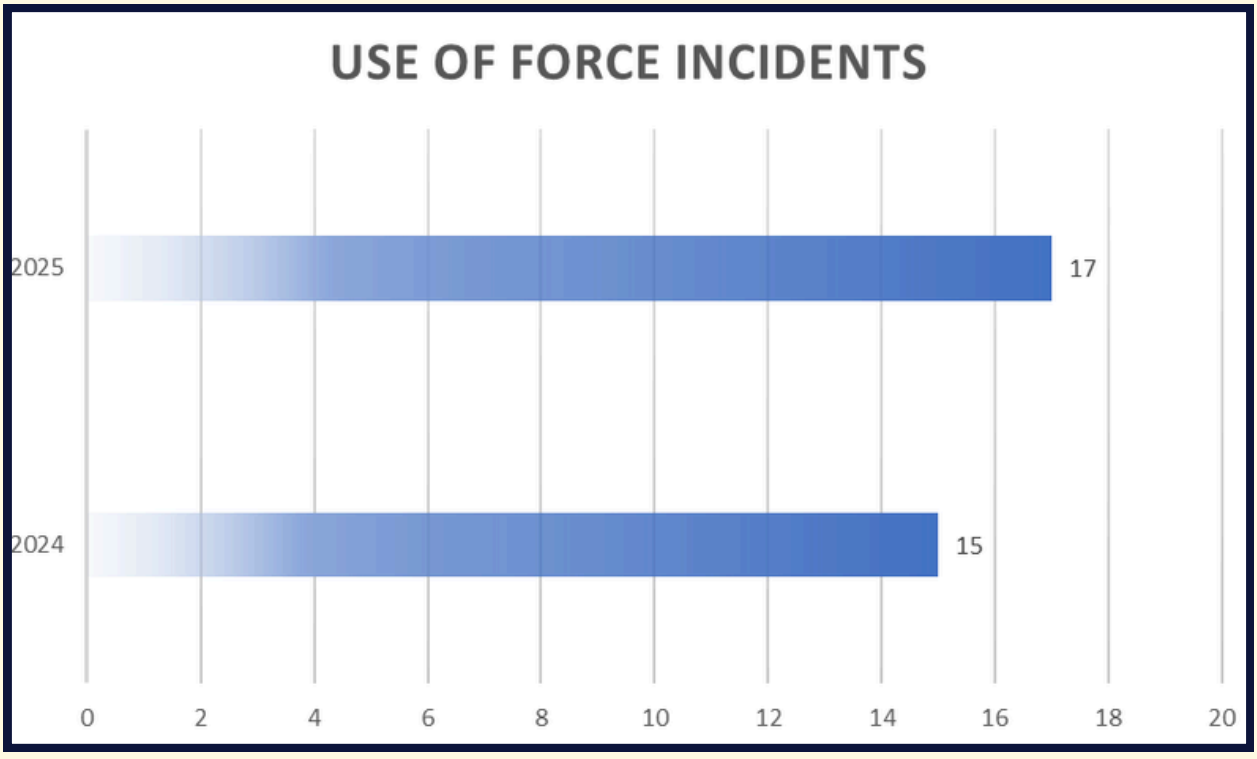




Annual Activity



Use of force incidents are represented by the highest level of force used. Additional, lesser levels of force, may have been used in conjunction with the higher level of force listed.



No officers were injured during any use of force incidents in 2025. All uses of force by officers were ruled justified.

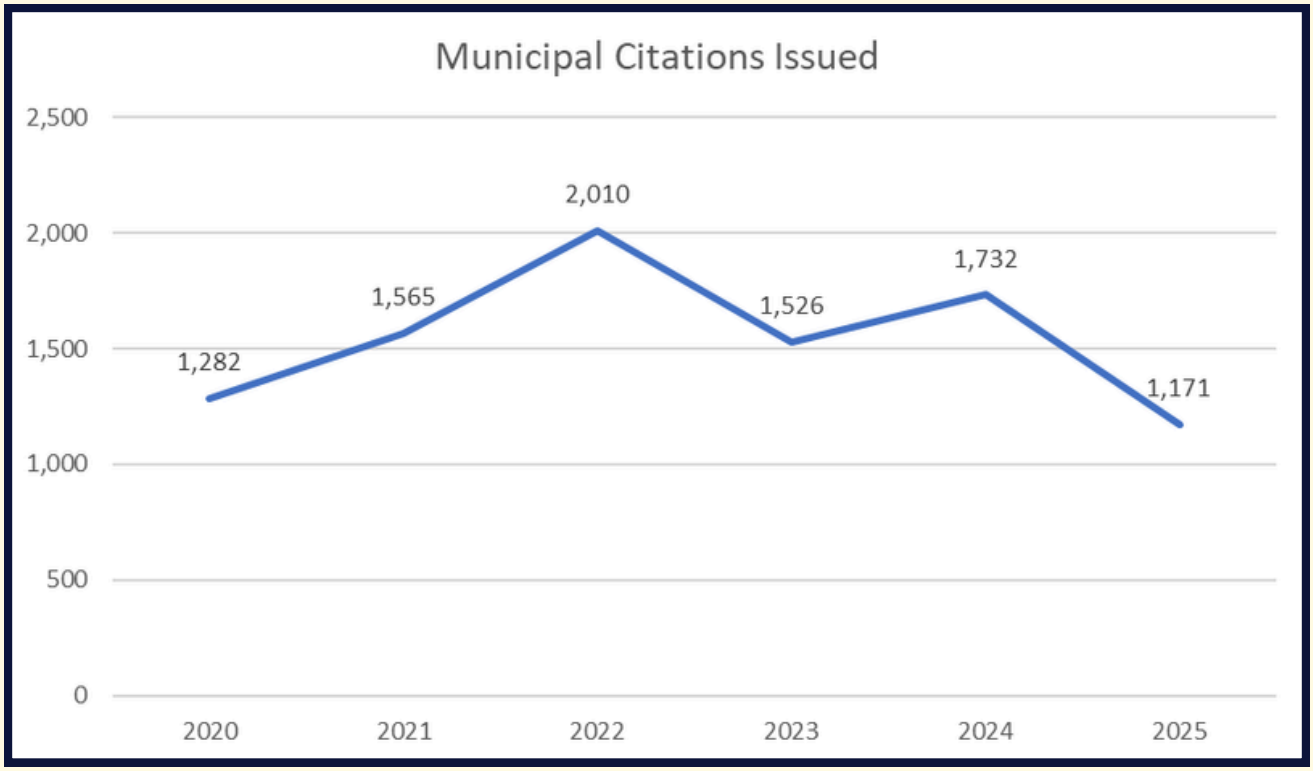
Municipal Court

The Village of Pewaukee Municipal Court represents the judicial branch of government for the Village of Pewaukee. The court handles 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 ordinance violations when found guilty.

Total payments received for citations in 2025 amounted to $143,190.81. The court actively pursues collection of unpaid fines using several enforcement mechanisms. These may include suspension of driving privileges for up to one year, interception of tax refunds through the State of Wisconsin Tax Refund Intercept Program, and referral of delinquent accounts to State Debt Collection (SDC).

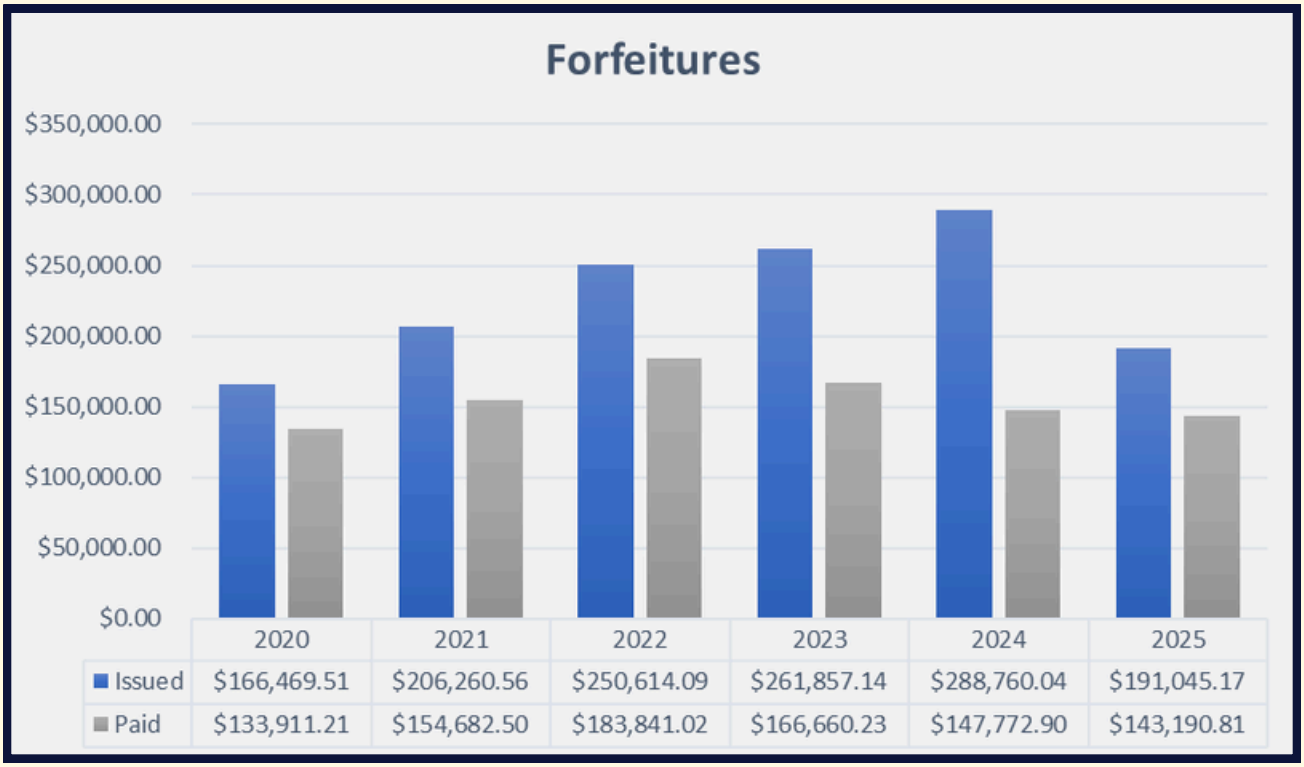
In 2025, $2,929.57 was collected through the Tax Refund Intercept Program, and $44,924.79 was recovered through SDC. The use of SDC has proven especially effective, enabling the court to collect payments on citations that were several years old and might otherwise have remained unpaid.

Court staff includes Judge Melissa Murray; Village Attorney Lori Fabian (pretrials and trials); Clerk of Court Julie Forrest; and volunteer interpreter Alexis Domingez. The court team is committed to providing courteous and respectful service to the community while adjudicating municipal violations. Although receiving a citation and appearing in court can be stressful, staff strive to make the process as fair, professional, and low-stress as possible.



Municipal Court

The Pewaukee Municipal Court processed 1140 cases in 2025. The dollar amount of forfeitures for the citations written in 2025 totaled $ 191,045.17. The breakdown is as follows:



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Issued	$166,469.51	$206,260.56	$250,614.09	$261,857.14	$288,760.04	$191,045.17
Paid	$133,911.21	$154,682.50	$183,841.02	$166,660.23	$147,772.90	$143,190.81

Municipal Citation Types in 2025

Traffic	**852**
OWI	**26**
Boat Patrol	**25**
Adult Non-Traffic	**197**
Juvenile Non-Traffic	**36**
Special Weight Limits Viol	**4**

Investigations

January 9, 2025 – Locker Theft
A locker room theft occurred at a local gym. Victim's credit cards were used to purchase approximately $5,000.00 in laptops from Costco. A 26 year old male from Kenmore Washington was identified and an arrest warrant was issued.

January 15, 2025 – Identity Theft / Fraudulent Loan
A village resident reported that an $11,000.00 small business loan had been fraudulently filed using their identity. The funds were frozen and the victim is not out any money. Further investigation identified a suspect in Washington state.

January 20, 2025 – Recovered Stolen Vehicle
A vehicle stolen in August 2024 from Pewaukee was recovered in Milwaukee. A fingerprint recovered from the gas cap door matched a male subject from Milwaukee. DNA recovered from the vehicle was sent to the crime lab for testing.

January 23, 2025 – Fraud Scam
A scam involving building materials and equipment resulted in a loss of $1,700.00. A 49-year-old male suspect out of Harvey Illinois was identified. An arrest warrant was issued.

January 24, 2025 – Structure Fire Investigation (300 blk Morris St.)
A fire displaced occupants from eight units and destroyed two units. A 33-year-old male was charged with Negligent Handling of Burning Materials. After failing to show up for court an arrest warrant was issued.



January 25, 2025 – Sexual Assault Investigation
An investigation involving a 17-year-old female and an adult male was conducted. The case was reviewed by the District Attorney's Office with no prosecution.

January 25, 2025 – Check Fraud
A local business reported interception of a $200,000.00 check. A 38-year-old male out of Ocala Florida was identified and an initial court appearance is scheduled for April 2026.

Investigations

January 28, 2025 – Sexual Assault Investigation
A male subject was questioned after allegations of inapropriate behavior with a child. Charges were referred to the District Attorney's Office.

January 2025 – Cryptocurrency Theft
A local business owner reported a Bitcoin/cryptocurrency theft totaling $80,000.00. The investigatation was forwarded to the FBI.

February 14, 2025 – Employee Fraud
Two male employees at a local business fraudulently paid themselves additional wages, resulting in an $8,000.00 loss. One 30 year old male confessed to the crime and charges are pending for both suspects.

February 2025 – Federal Agency Assistance
The department assisted United States Department of Homeland Security regarding a reported threat. A village resident was identified and warned about his behavior.

March 21, 2025 – Domestic Violence / Stalking Arrest
Officers responded to a domestic violence incident involving a non-U.S. citizen. A 31 year old male was arrested on stalking charges, issued $50,000.00 bail, and was later deported.



Counterfeit money used at a local business.

April 4, 2025
Assisted Michigan law enforcement with the recovery of a stolen boom lift valued at $25,000. The equipment was successfully recovered and returned to the owner. A village resident was arrested for obstruction after interfering with officers attempting to recover the stolen property.

Investigations

May 2025
Investigated a case involving the sexual assault of four juveniles by a school bus driver. The suspect, a male in his 60s, was arrested. Cash bail was set at $400,000. The suspect is still in custody awaiting trial.

June 7, 2025
An adult male was taken into custody for First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety involving the use of a knife.

June 30, 2025
Officers conducted a drowning investigation involving a juvenile male at the Pewaukee Lakefront. The drowning was ruled an accident.

July 5, 2025
Officers disrupted an organized theft operation involving the attempted sale of stolen construction equipment from Indiana. Property valued at over $200,000 was recovered. Two 35-year-old males were taken into custody with confirmed ties to an Indiana-based theft ring. Charges were filed.

August 19, 2025
A resident reported hundreds of dollars of fraud on their accounts. Officers determined that the scammers originated in India and had used the stolen funds to book several flights.

August 31, 2025
Officers arrested a male following a sexual assault investigation. Cash bail was set at $10,000 and charges were filed. The suspect is still in custody and awaiting a court appearance in April 2026.

September 2025
Investigated an identity theft case involving a fraudulent loan application totaling $100,000. A person of interest was located in Hudson, Wisconsin, and a search warrant was executed for electronic evidence.

September 5, 2025
Following a series of locker thefts at a local gym, three adult suspects from Romania were arrested after attempting to purchase approximately $8,000 in stolen electronics. The investigation was conducted with assistance from Monona Police Department. The subjects were later deported.

Drug paraphernalia found during a traffic stop.



Investigations

September 20, 2025
A downtown restaurant was burglarized on three separate occasions. A 29-year-old female suspect was identified and arrested in connection with the incidents.

September 24, 2025
Officers responded to a report of shots fired in the 100 block of George Street. An adult male was arrested for First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. Cash bail was set at $50,000. The suspect later entered a guilty plea; final sentencing is pending.

October 1, 2025
Assisted the Town of Brookfield Police Department with a credit card theft investigation involving an attempted purchase of approximately $4,000 in computer equipment. Pewaukee Police Department led a multi-jurisdictional investigation tracing related criminal activity across Wisconsin, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Florida, California, and New Jersey. A 28-year-old female suspect from Romania was arrested in Newark, New Jersey. The suspect was later deported on January 12, 2026. The investigation determined the suspect was part of a transcontinental organized crime group.

October 1, 2025
Officers arrested a male who had been traveling on State Highway 16 near Capitol Drive after he pointed a handgun at another motorist. The suspect was taken into custody for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and OWI While Armed.

October 13, 2025
A 28-year-old male and 22-year-old female were identified in a retail receipt fraud investigation at several local stores. The same suspects comitted similar crimes at multiple stores across several counties across south eastern Wisconsin. Arrest warrants were issued and a court date is scheduled for April 2026.



Weapons and body armor seized during shots fired incident, September 2025

Investigations

October 28, 2025
Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress along a roadway. A 19-year-old male was taken into custody for Battery to an Elderly Person. The 81-year-old victim sustained facial injuries. The suspect was released on a $1,000 signature bond and a court hearing is scheudled for March 2026.

November 9, 2025
Following a report of inappropriate contact between an older male an a juvenile female at a local retail store, investigators conducted an extensive video review and identified the suspect vehicle and individual involved. The 50-year-old male suspect later returned to the area and was taken into custody. Cash bail was set at $10,000. The female was arrested for retail theft. While off-duty Detective Drummy observed the suspect vehicle and helped to arrest the suspects.

November 11, 2025
Investigators prevented a large-scale fraud after a local business owner was targeted in a scam involving an attempted transfer of $15,000. Due to rapid investigative response, the funds were successfully frozen before being lost. A suspect in Arizona was later identified and charges were referred.

November 15, 2025
A 51-year-old male was arrested following a strangulation/suffocation investigation. Charges were filed. A court hearing is scheduled for March 2026.

November 19, 2025
A 25-year old female and her 33 year old boyfriend were arrested for identity theft and theft after stealing over $50,000 of social security funds from her elderly mother who is in a nursing home.

December 2, 2025
Officers arrested a male suspect in a theft-by-contractor case involving a local business owner. A valid contract was filed and funds were accepted, but work was never started or completed. The reported loss was $750.



Items recovered during a retail theft arrest, December 2025.

Investigations

December 3, 2025
A 27-year-old employee stole multiple cellphones from a local business before quitting. An arrest warrant was requested.

December 11, 2025
Investigators responded to multiple retail thefts involving cell phone accessories at a local businesses. The business reported a loss of approximately $10,000. This cases remain under active investigation.

December 17, 2025
A local bar reported that a 19-year-old female bartender had been altering receipts for larger tips. Multiple victims identified and charges referred.

Throughout 2025 Officers, with the assistance of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, obtained search warrants or permission to forensically analyze 15 electronic devices relating to ongoing investigations.



Handguns seized during a variety of incidents.

Major Investigations Unit

The Lake Country Area Major Investigations Unit (MIU) consists of members from several local agencies that assist each other on large scale investigations and search warrants. Each agency has a team leader and members that have specialty training to assist during call outs. The Pewaukee PD team leader of the unit is Detective Craig Drummy. Chief Timothy Heier is the MIU President.

February 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Summit Police Department with evidence collection in regards to an embezzlement case. Documents and electronic devices were collected.

March 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Hartland Police Department with evidence collection in regards to a burglary. Evidence was collected and blood was located at the scene.

August 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Pewaukee Police Department in reference to a burglary investigation. The case was later determined to be a civil issue after locks were changed on a residence.

August 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Elm Grove Police Department with evidence collection in regards to an ICAC investigation; a 14-year-old was trading and uploading images of minors.

August 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Elm Gove Police Department with evidence collection in regards to an ICAC investigation.

September 2025

MIU assisted the Village of Pewaukee Police Department with a reckless endangering safety investigation. A 51-year-old male fired approximately 30 rounds; some of which were from a semi-auto; and the rounds struck a neighbor's house to the east. 3 rifles, 3 handguns, ammunition, body armor and suppressors seized.



Scene processing after shots fired incident.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been an ICAC Affiliate since 2010. At that time, former Police Chief Ed Baumann made it his mission to ensure the Department was actively involved in protecting children online by prioritizing specialized training and equipping officers with the necessary tools to investigate and prosecute offenders. Since then, the Task Force's investigative techniques have continued to evolve alongside advances in technology and changes in offender methodologies.

Our ICAC Taskforce consists of 3 members, Deputy Chief Brian Foth, Officer Julie Buddenhagen, and Officer Larisa Hildenbrand. In 2025, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department received 3 CyberTips. These CyberTips involved Child Pornography (possession, manufacture, and distribution).

During the reporting year, two ICAC-related cases were processed through the Waukesha County Judicial System. In the first case, the defendant accepted a plea agreement for Possession of Child Pornography. This investigation originated from a CyberTip that was investigated by Officer Hildenbrand. The defendant was sentenced to six (6) years of confinement and was ordered to register as a lifetime registrant on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry.

The second case proceeded to a jury trial, where the defendant was found guilty of Child Exploitation. The defendant was sentenced to eight (8) years in state prison.

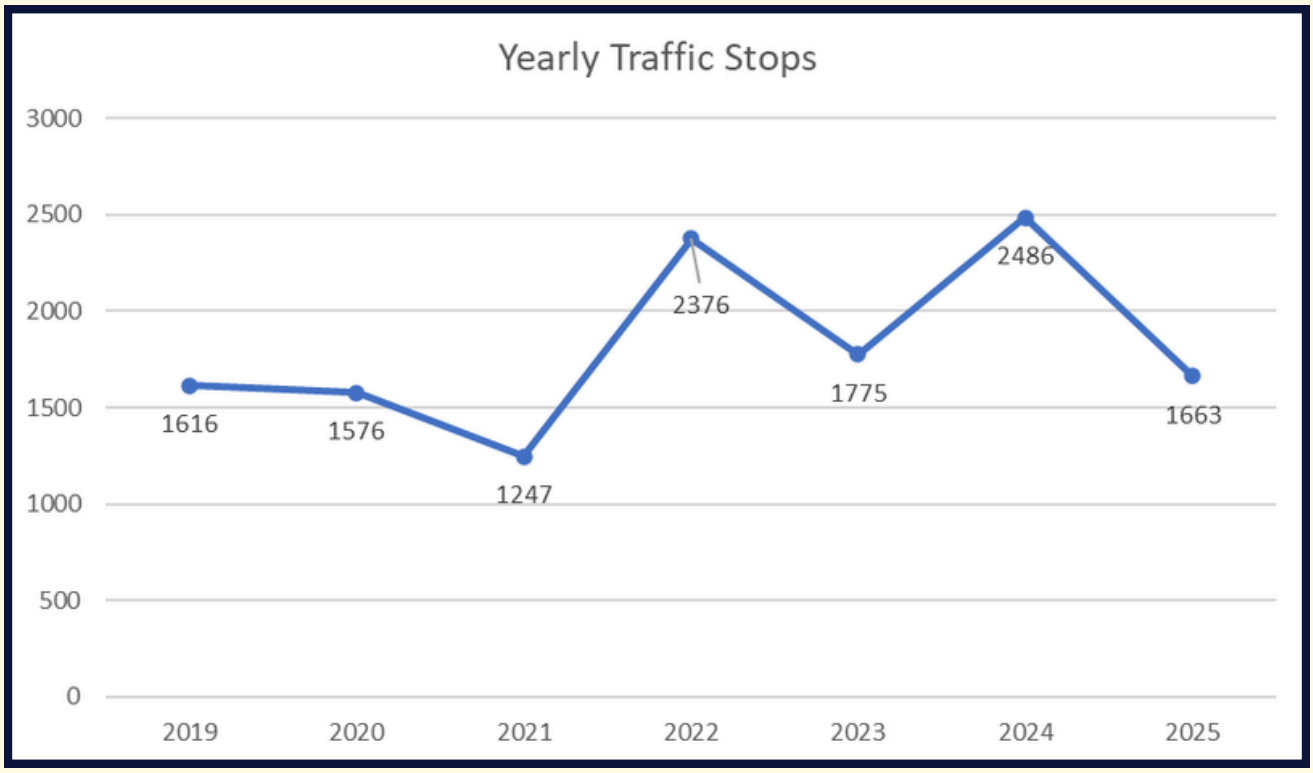
The department is currently awaiting a jury trial stemming from an investigation initiated in May 2025, involving a bus driver employed by Go Riteway. The defendant faces twelve (12) felony counts related to child sexual abuse while on duty as a bus driver. Jury trial proceedings are scheduled to begin in May 2026.

In May 2025, Officer Julie Buddenhagen was invited to present on ICAC-related topics at the CESA School Resource Officer Training, which included representatives from 12 school districts across Wisconsin. Attendees included school administrators, social workers, guidance counselors, and law enforcement officers. Topics covered included sextortion, internet safety presentations for youth, cyberbullying, sexting and overall online safety.

In August 2025, Chief Timothy Heier proposed an anti-bullying ordinance to the Village Board. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide accountability and a measure of justice for victims of bullying and cyberbullying by holding offenders—and when appropriate, their parents—responsible for these actions.

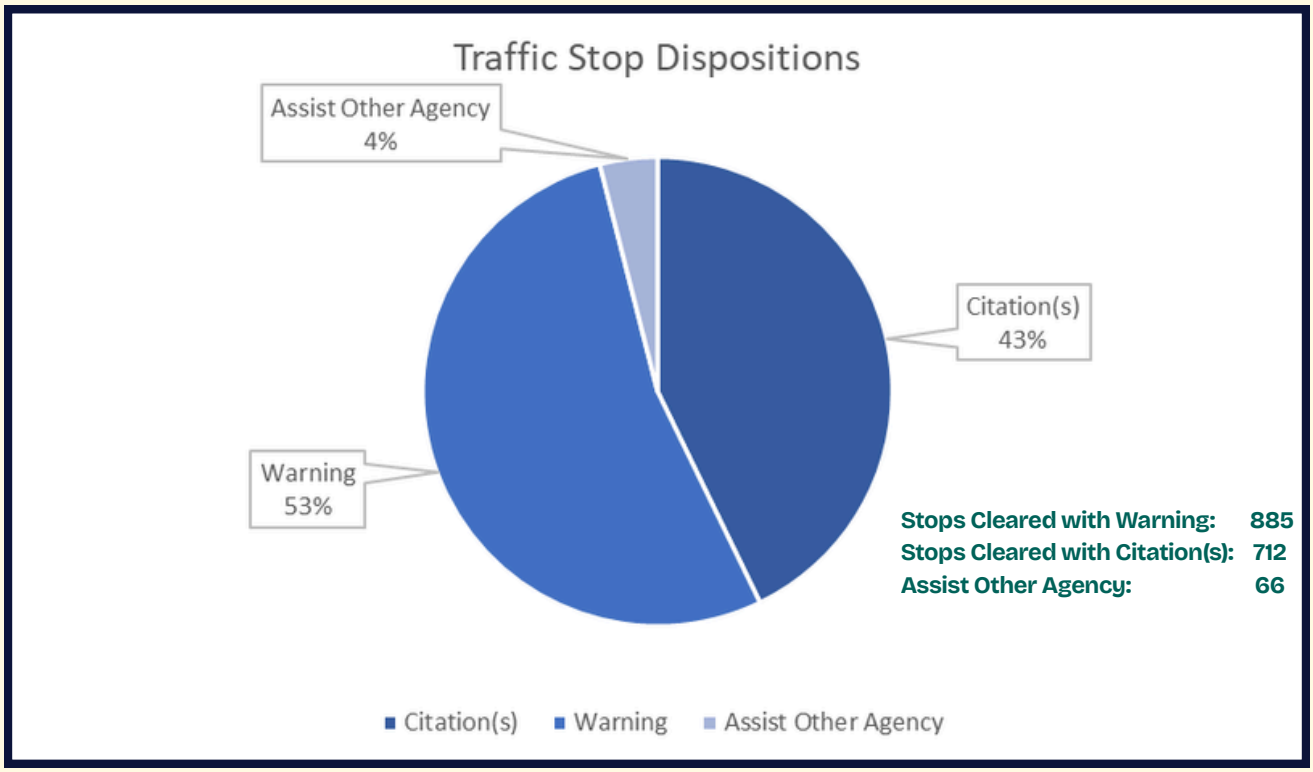
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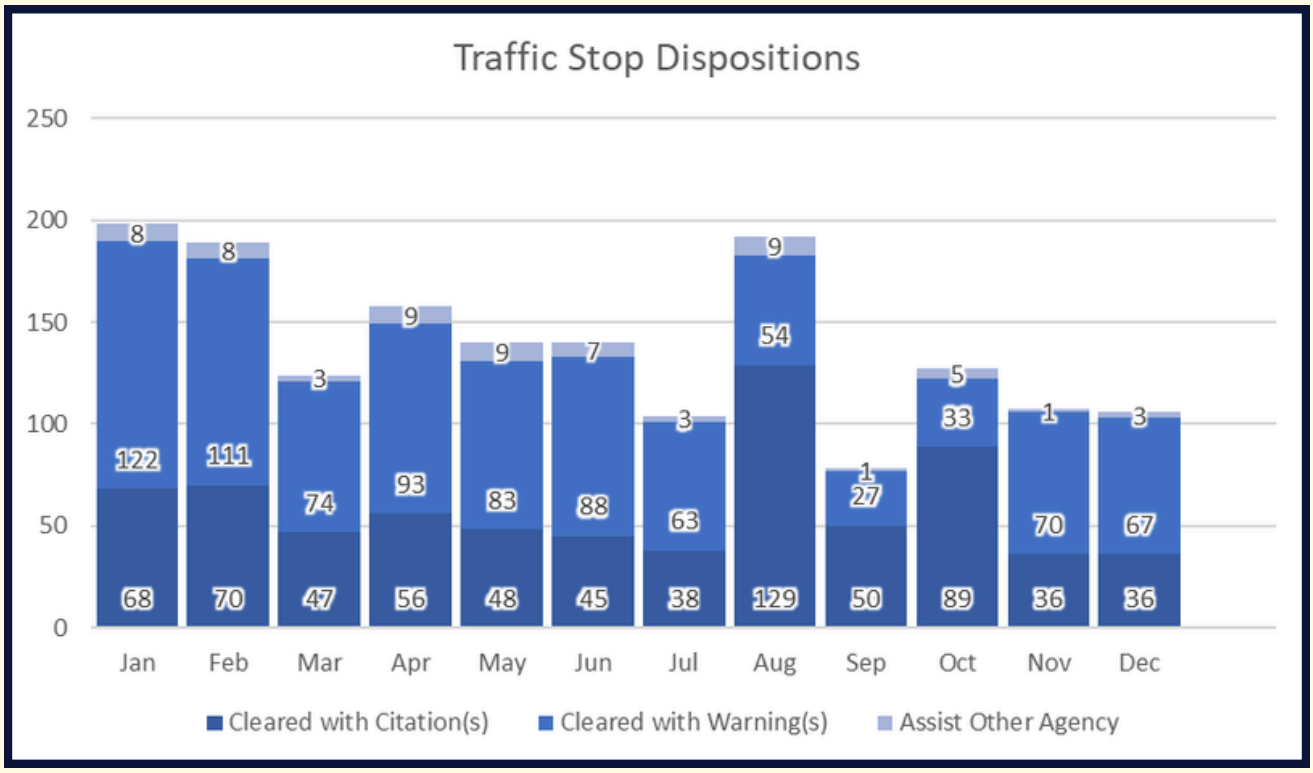
Traffic Enforcement





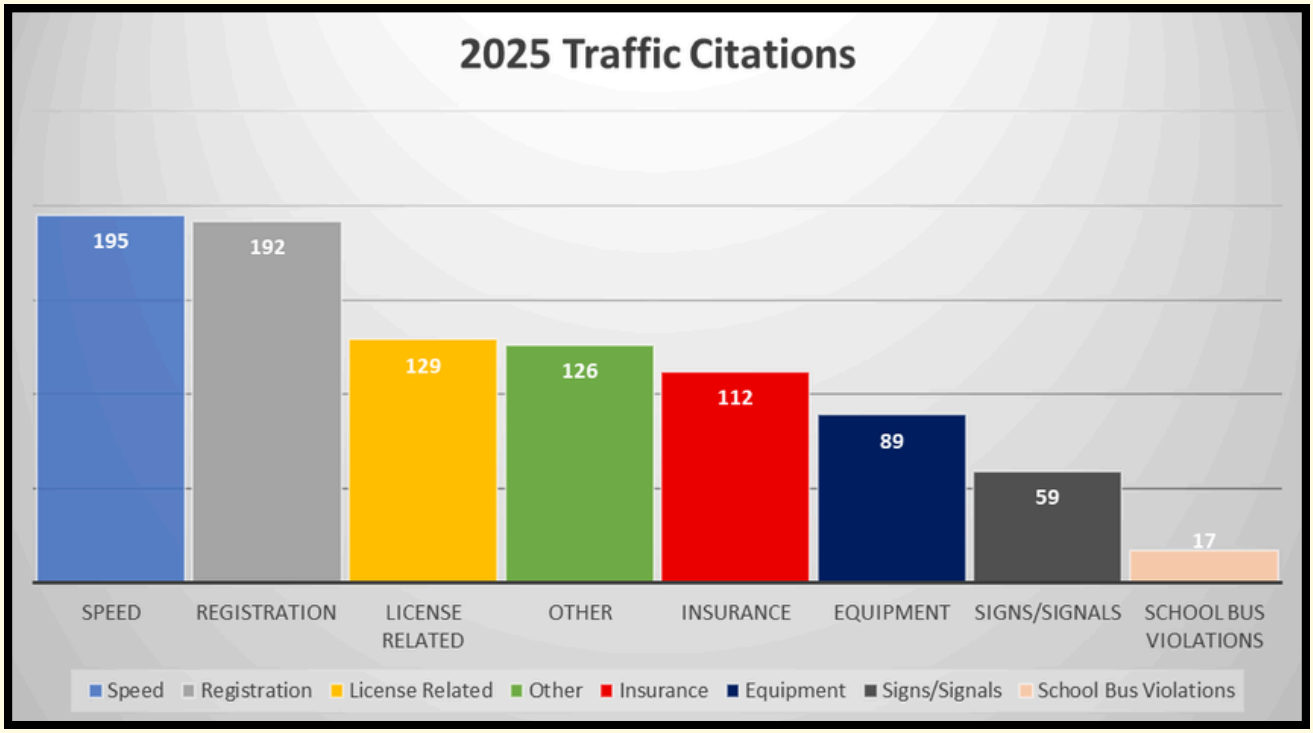
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Multiple citations may have been issued during a traffic stop.

Traffic Enforcement





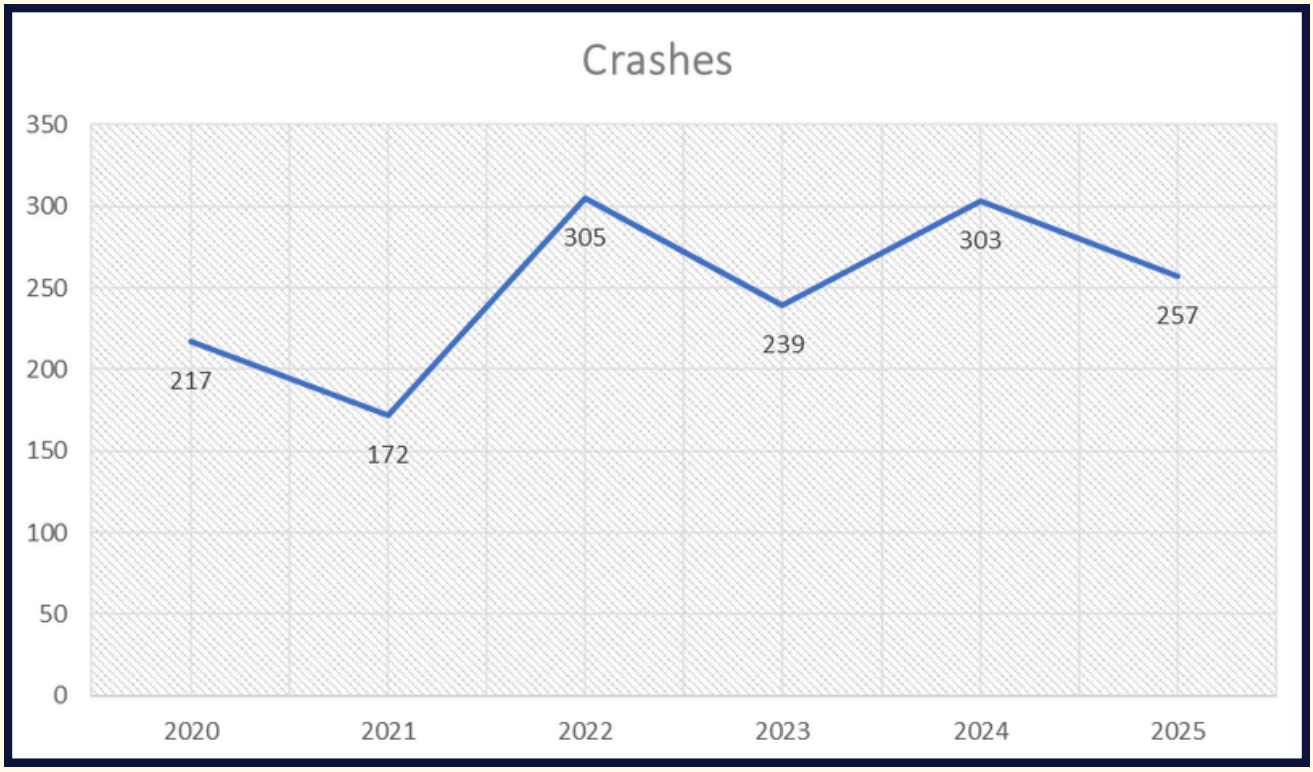
Detective Drummy and Deputy Chief Foth at crash on Capitol Drive.



Condo after being struck by a vehicle.

Traffic Enforcement

The response to traffic crashes is a core responsibility of law enforcement. Upon arrival at a crash scene, officers secure the area by rerouting traffic through the use of squad vehicles, flares, barriers, cones, or manual traffic direction. Officers assess all individuals involved for injuries and provide assistance as necessary until fire or emergency medical personnel arrive. They also evaluate property damage and request additional resources when required.





Driving Under The Influence

In 2025, the Village of Pewaukee Police Department continued its proactive efforts to identify, intercept, and arrest impaired drivers. A total of 37 drivers were arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI). These arrests included drivers impaired by alcohol and/or restricted controlled substances and included first-offense, misdemeanor, and felony-level OWI offenses.

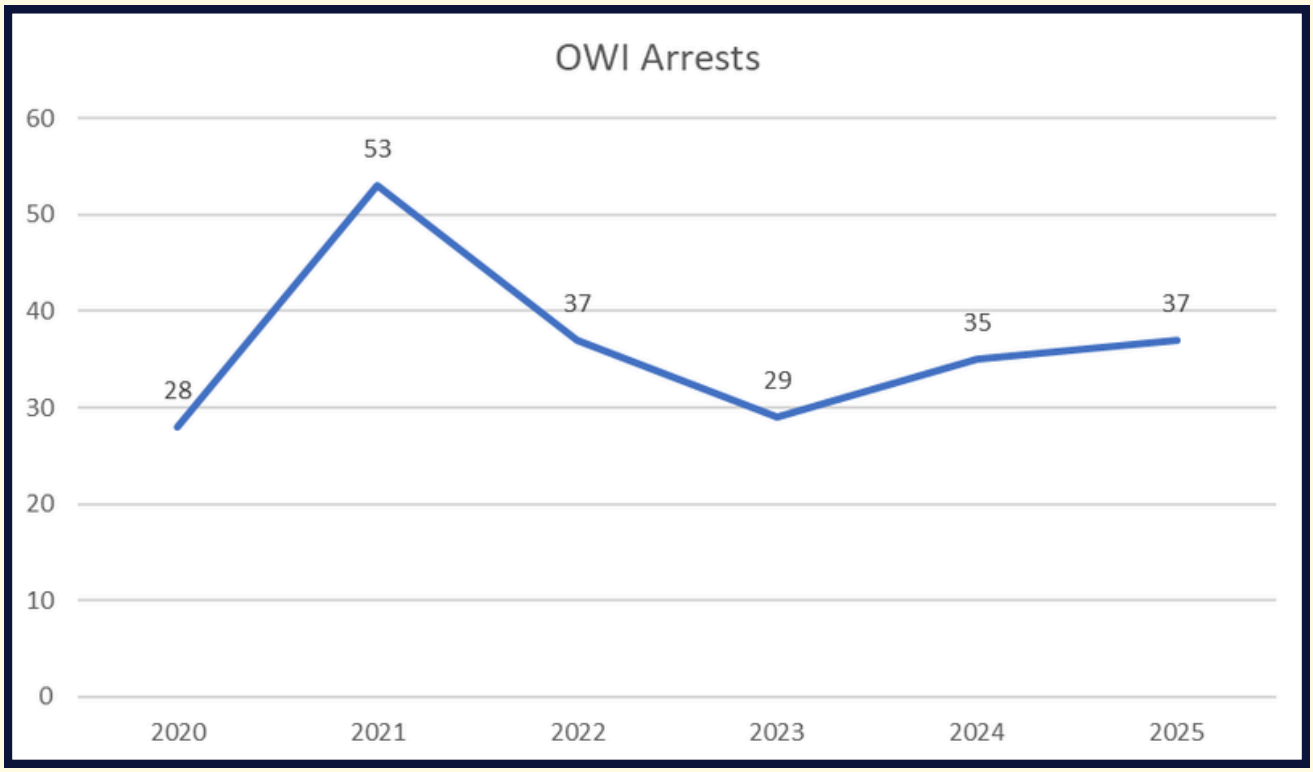
The majority of OWI arrests occurred during late evening and overnight hours, primarily between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Officers—particularly those assigned to third shift—prioritize OWI enforcement due to the significant and often deadly risks impaired driving poses to the community.

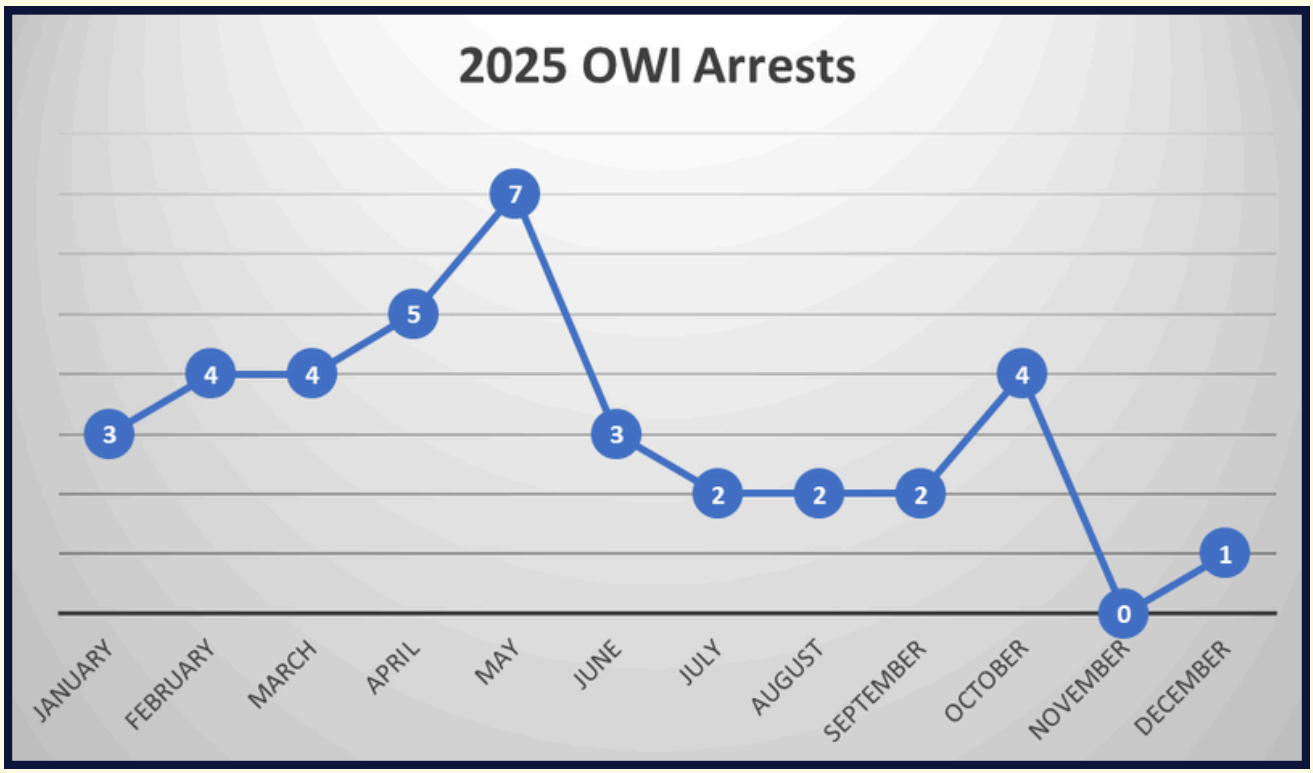
The highest blood alcohol concentration (BAC) recorded by Pewaukee Police in 2025 following a legally obtained blood draw was 0.324 g/100 mL, which is four times the legal limit of 0.08 g/100 mL. Fortunately, no injuries resulted from this extreme level of intoxication.

OWI-related crashes, such as the incident pictured below, occur as a direct result of impaired driving and can be fatal. The department continues to encourage the public to report suspected impaired drivers. Community reporting plays an important role in preventing serious injuries and saving lives.

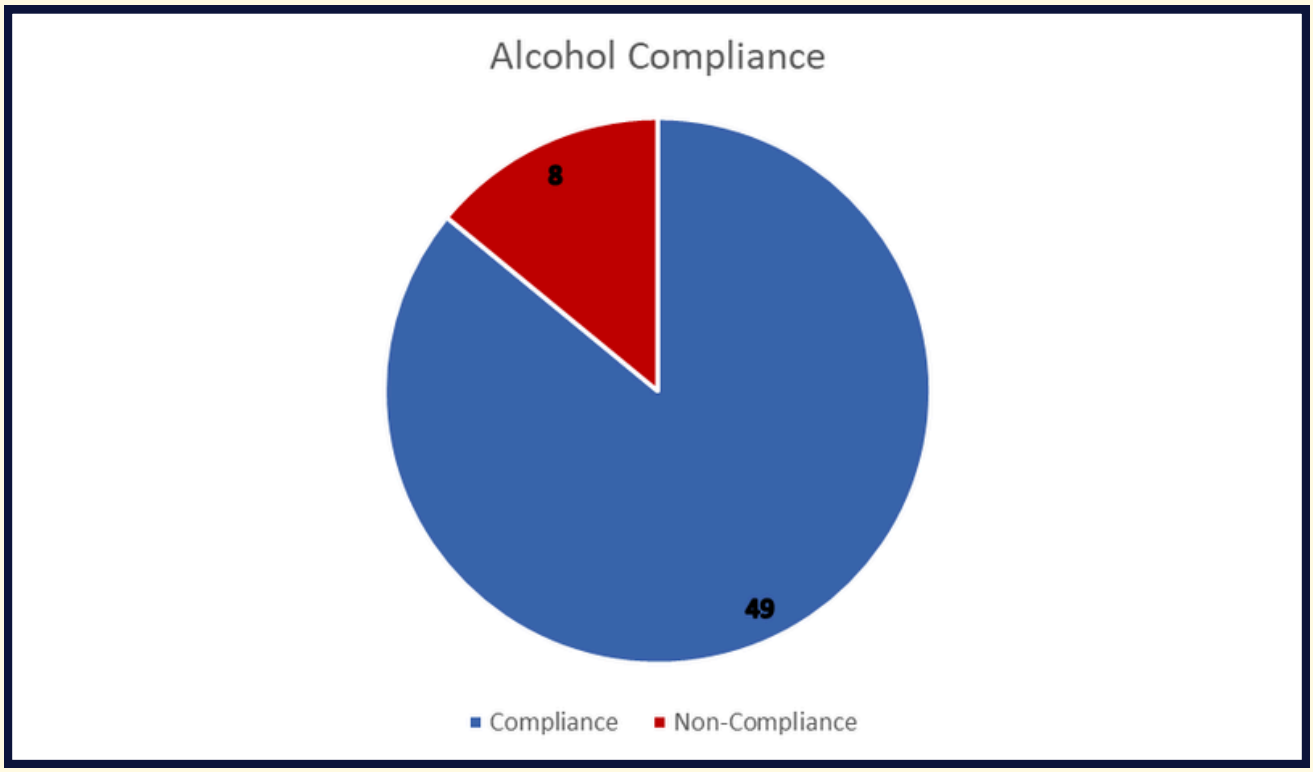


Driving Under The Influence





Alcohol Compliance



In 2025, officers conducted two alcohol compliance enforcement campaigns. During these operations, officers partnered with underage volunteers who attempted to purchase alcohol at local businesses.

Throughout the spring and winter campaigns, officers conducted 49 compliance checks and issued 8 citations, resulting in an 86% compliance rate. This represents a significant improvement from the 65% compliance rate recorded in 2024.

Our goal remains 100% compliance, with no citations issued, ensuring that all businesses consistently follow alcohol sales regulations.

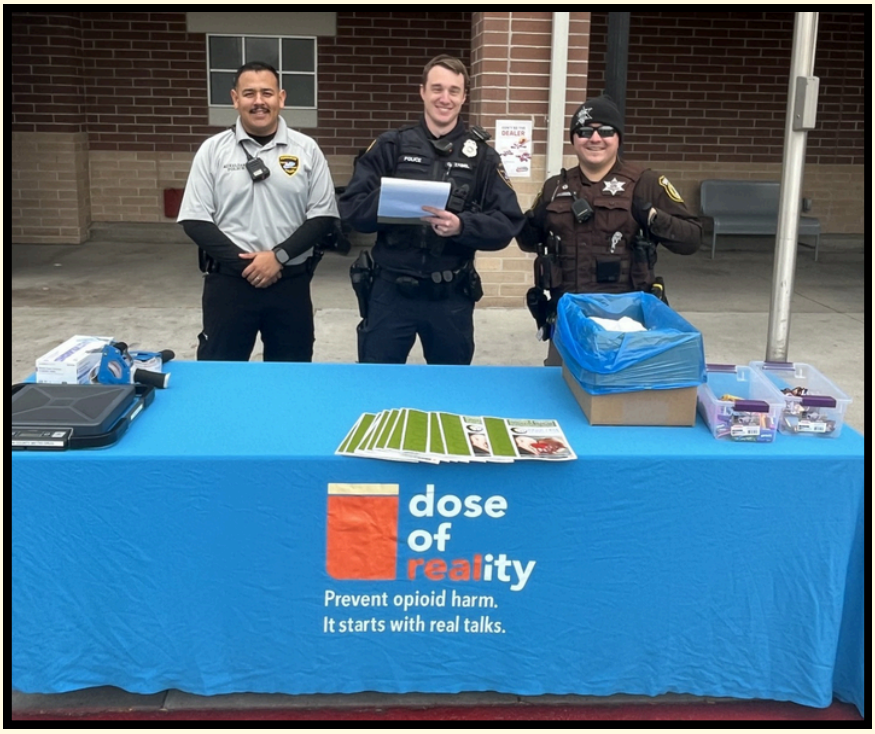
Metro Drug Unit

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department continues its long-time partnership with the Waukesha County Drug Task Force (WCDTF). PVPD contributes one officer to WCDTF on a part time basis. This officer becomes a dually sworn officer (PVPD and Waukesha County Sheriff Department) and works as a Detective for the Unit.

While assigned to the WCDTF, the Detective investigates drug crimes, not only in the Village of Pewaukee, but also throughout Waukesha County. Part of the assignment is to work in a plain clothes (undercover) capacity. While assigned to the WCDTF, 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 WCDTF develop skills and relationships that are brought back to PVPD.

The WCDTF 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 Village of Pewaukee Police Department maintains a medication disposal drop off box in the lobby for anyone to turn in unwanted medications. In 2025 alone, 489 pounds of prescription medications were turned in for destruction. Since 2014 a total of 4,614 pounds of prescription medications have been turned in and safely destroyed. This partnership continues to keep persctiption medications off the streets.

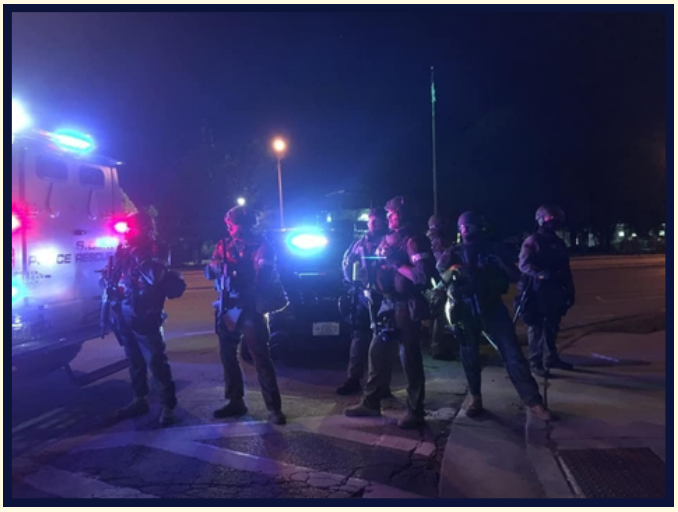


Drug take back event 2025

Suburban Critical Incident Team

This team of selected officers from the Brookfield, Chenequa, Delafield, Elm Grove, Hartland, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, and Pewaukee Police Departments are trained to handle critical calls for service in the community. These nine agencies work as a team to provide tactical services to their communities and, when requested, to assist other agencies under mutual aid agreement. SCIT calls for service can range but not limited to; hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high risk search/arrest warrants, personnel protective details, terrorist incidents, civic events, area searches, etc. In addition to these nine law enforcement agencies, the City of Brookfield and Lake Country Fire Departments provide paramedics to provide tactical emergency medical services to the team. SCIT consists of Command, Tactical Operators, Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Tactical Emergency Medics (TEMS), and the Technology Resource Group (TRG). Members on SCIT work their primary assignments at their Police or Fire Departments and are on call 24/7 for tactical situations serving 9 jurisdictions with a population over 160,000. The sharing of expertise and equipment make these types of join efforts cost-effective and provide an excellent service to the communities involved in SCIT.

Village of Pewaukee Police employs four of its members who are assigned onto SCIT in various roles. Officer Brett Markut and Officer Travis Tyler maintain their assignments as Tactical Operators on the team since 2021. Tactical Operators also may be assigned to specialty units on the team which requires additional training and qualifications. Officer Tyler maintains his assignment as a Grenadier and this past year Officer Markut became certified and was assigned onto the Sniper team. Sergeant Mike Rowe maintains his assignment as a Negotiator with CNT and also complected his certification at the FBI Regional Crisis Negotiator Course. Towards the end of the year Sergeant Michael Duncan was selected onto the TRG team as a Drone Operator and will be completing training and certifications for operational status.





Crisis Negotiations Team

Sergeant Michael Rowe attended the 40-hour FBI Negotiator course in 2025 and is now appointed as a Negotiator with the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) for the Suburban Critical Incident Team (SCIT). The primary goal of CNT is to make contact with the target during a critical incident, and ultimately negotiate his/her safe surrender. The team is comprised of 18 members from 9 different agencies. Each individual assigned to the team has gone through an interview process and attended a 40-hour FBI Negotiator course. The team trains five times a year (2 full team trainings included). These trainings can include other jurisdictions to develop relationships and cohesiveness.

CNT was activated 11 times during 2025. During these incidents, each Negotiator plays a critical role to achieve the most positive outcome.



Crisis Negotiations Team 2025

Honor Guard

Village of Pewaukee Police Department is celebrating 10 years with the Waukesha County Honor Guard. The Joint Honor Guard currently consists of 11 members in its entirety. Only those Officers who are highly motivated and maintain exceptionally high standards of conduct are to be considered.

The Honor Guard was established to provide both a symbolic and professional display of respect and honor for officers who have lost their life in the line-of-duty, as well as active and retired officers who pass away. Additionally, the Honor Guard provides a positive image and formal representation of the police department by participating in memorials, parades, and other special events.

The primary role for honor guards is to provide funeral honors for fallen comrades and to guard national monuments. An honor guard may also serve as the "Guardians of the Colors" by displaying and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions.

Deputy Chief Brian Foth and Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer have served in the unit since the Village of Pewaukeebegan its partnerhsip with Waukesha County.



Field Training Program

Officers that are hired at the Pewaukee Police Department undergo three phases of on-the-job training, each of which being approximately one month in length. New officers are paired with a training officer during each phase. During these three months, trainees work with different training officers, learning individual styles of policing and finding their strengths and areas of improvement as they begin their journey in the new career field. New officers experience and handle calls under their field training officer, where they will be able to build their knowledge of how to handle calls, begin to learn some of the resources that are available to officers, and interact with the community. Officers will be exposed to different types of calls for service on each of the shifts that they train on, providing them with more exposure and experience to a wide variety of calls in the village.

New officers are evaluated with daily reviews completed by their field training officer, as well as weekly reviews and regular meetings with supervisors to assess the officer, identify their strengths and areas of improvement, and also answer any questions which a trainee may have relative to the program. At the conclusion of field training, officers are released to solo patrol.

The ultimate goal during the field training process is to equip officers with resources, knowledge, and the confidence to carry out duties as a law enforcement officer in a career where each day at work presents different challenges.



Officer Schneider sowrn in by Chief Heier, July 2025

New Hire Perspective

Fischer Schneider

My law enforcement career started here in Pewaukee and I have lived in Waukesha County my entire life.

During my last semester of college at UW-Parkside, I was offered an internship through the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. Sergeant Twelmeyer was able to help me get my foot in the door. Through that internship, I was able to get a preview of what the career has to offer and it solidified my decision in becoming a police officer. I was officially offered the job in March of 2025 and the Village of Pewaukee sponsored me for the police academy at WCTC.

During the summer of 2025 I came to the village on occasion as an auxiliary officer to help with parades and other events before I went to the police academy. I was officially sworn in on July 28th, 2025 and started the academy on July 30th. I graduated from the police academy on December 4th and officially started with the Village of Pewaukee on December 8th.

I am motivated to continue learning, developing my skills, and growing as an officer. I am proud to begin my career with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department and look forward to serving the community for many years to come.



Left to right; Chief Heier, Officer Schneider, Sergeant Rowe, Sergeant Twelmeyer, WCTC Police Academy Graduation, December 2025

Training

Officers attend quarterly firearms training with the Lake Area Firearms Training Group. This group consists of firearms instructors from Pewaukee, Hartland, Delafield, Chenequa and Butler. Training with this group gives our department opportunities to train with other officers that we work with on a regular basis while on patrol. Trainings consist of firearms fundamentals, advanced tactical movements and scenarios. Firearms instructors are certified by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB). Officer Tyler and Officer Markut are the department's current firearm instructors.

Marked squads are outfitted with Bravo Company carbines with suppressors. The purpose of a suppressor is to dampen the sound of the firearm and ultimately help protect the hearing of bystanders and officers. Patrol officers are currently issued Sig Sauer sidearms with a Red Dot Sight (RDS) optics.

Recently the State of Wisconsin has transitioned how officers respond to High-Risk Vehicle Contacts (HRVC). Pewaukee PD has led the training group in integrating updated training in this new model and continuing to implement this topic in the firearm training curriculum.

In 2026, Pewaukee will be implementing additional training for Pepper Ball. Pepper Ball is a non-lethal use of force tool which will give officers another option to deescalate situations when needed. Prior to this, officers needed to request assistance from other local agencies if less-lethal or non-lethal tools were needed. Our department continues to hold a high standard on all trainings and continues to invest in quality equipment so officers can be prepared for any call they may face.





Lake Patrol

The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is responsible for ensuring the recreational safety of the waters of Pewaukee Lake. We enforce laws adopted from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, combined with local ordinances. The Pewaukee Lake Patrol is also an essential asset for providing search and rescue services and medical care as an initial response unit before more specialized units arrive. The application of our patrol boats and our UTV allows the police to reach locations not easily accessible from land.

Throughout the year, officers focus on building a strong foundation of trust and respect for the waterway users. We rely on education and establishing voluntary compliance with local ordinances and state laws. Within the 2025 Patrol year, Officers completed 64 Safety Inspections of vessels, issued 78 warnings, and issued 25 citations.



Highlights for 2025:

4 Day Boat Patrol Maneuvering Course

Life Jacket Give Away

UTV/ATV Training Course

Implemented the 1st Ice Rescue Equipment

57 boat stops

25 citations





Social Media

2025 was a record year for our social media presence. Our Facebook page had over 1.6 million views throughout 2025. Our most viewed posts were related to press releases regarding critical incidents and general news. Our Facebook page acts as our primary conduit for sharing important information with the wider community.

Village of Pewaukee Police Department's posts

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Detective Drummy recently attended a ceremony during which We Energies awarded our agency a grant to purchase "Guardian Angel Lights." These lights will be worn by our officers while on patrol.

We thank We Energies for their generous donation and support....





Pewaukee PD Activity

09/22/2025 – 09/28/2025



*Calls for Service: 202

Highlights

*On 09/22/2025, an officer responded to a local gas station for a report of fraud. Investigation determined that two suspects had used fake receipts to return approximately $150 worth of stolen merchandise. This investigation remains open and ongoing.

*On 09/23/2025, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a reported possible drunk driver. A bystander, identified as the father of the 21-year-old adult driver, arrived on scene. The father interfered with officers as they conducted their investigation, loudly screaming obscenities and vulgarities. The father called 911 while on scene to report that officers were being "terroristic tyrants." The father was cited for misuse of 911.

*On 09/23/2025, officers responded to multiple 911 calls of shots fired in the area of Marshall St. Officers determined a residence on Marshall St. had been struck by several rounds fired from a high-powered rifle. On scene investigation found shell casings in the backyard of a residence on George St. Officers observed movement inside the residence and established voice contact with a male inside. Officers convinced the male to surrender peacefully. A search of the male's residence revealed a cache of weapons, ammunition and body armor. The male, a previously convicted felon, has been criminally charged with several new felonies. He is currently being held at the Waukesha County Jail in lieu of $50,000 cash bail.

Village of Pewaukee Police Department
August 13, 2025 ·

**********SCAM ALERT**********

We have been notified by local retail stores that some residents (predominantly elderly) have been attempting to purchase Apple Gift Cards to "help" those affected by the recent floods.

Please spread the word.....if you receive a phone call or email asking you to purchase Apple Gift Cards under the guise that the funds will be used to aid those affected by the recent floods, this is a SCAM.

It's unfortunate that some will try to take advantage of the generosity of others - - but it is a reality. If you wish to donate, please take steps to ensure that you are giving to a trustworthy and reputable person/organization.



Village of Pewaukee Police Department
September 24, 2025 ·

**********PRESS RELEASE**********

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PRESS RELEASE

September 24, 2025

Shots Fired Arrest – Village of Pewaukee

On Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:54 p.m., Village of Pewaukee Police Officers responded to a report of shots fired in the 100 block of Marshall Street.
Upon arrival, officers located multiple spent casings and determined that a residence had been struck. No injuries were reported.
A 51-year-old male suspect was taken into custody at a residence in the 100 block George Street, and a firearm was recovered. Charges will be referred to the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office.
The incident remains under investigation. At this time, there is no ongoing threat to the community.

Police Chief Timothy S. Heier

School Resource Officers

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department assigns two School Resource/Liaison Officers to serve the Pewaukee School District. These officers work collaboratively to promote a safe and secure learning environment across all campuses. In 2025, Officer Julie Buddenhagen served as the liaison officer for Pewaukee High School and Horizon Elementary School, while Officer Larisa Hildenbrand served as the liaison officer for Pewaukee Lake Elementary School and Asa Clark Middle School.

The School Resource Officers are assigned to the Pewaukee School District Monday through Friday during the school year and are contracted for a portion of the summer months. During this time, they respond to a wide range of calls for service on campus, including EMS-related incidents, safety concerns, juvenile matters, suspicious activity, parking complaints, and ordinance violations. In addition to their response role, the officers proactively collaborate with the District Safety Committee and the Security Director to enhance overall school safety planning and preparedness.

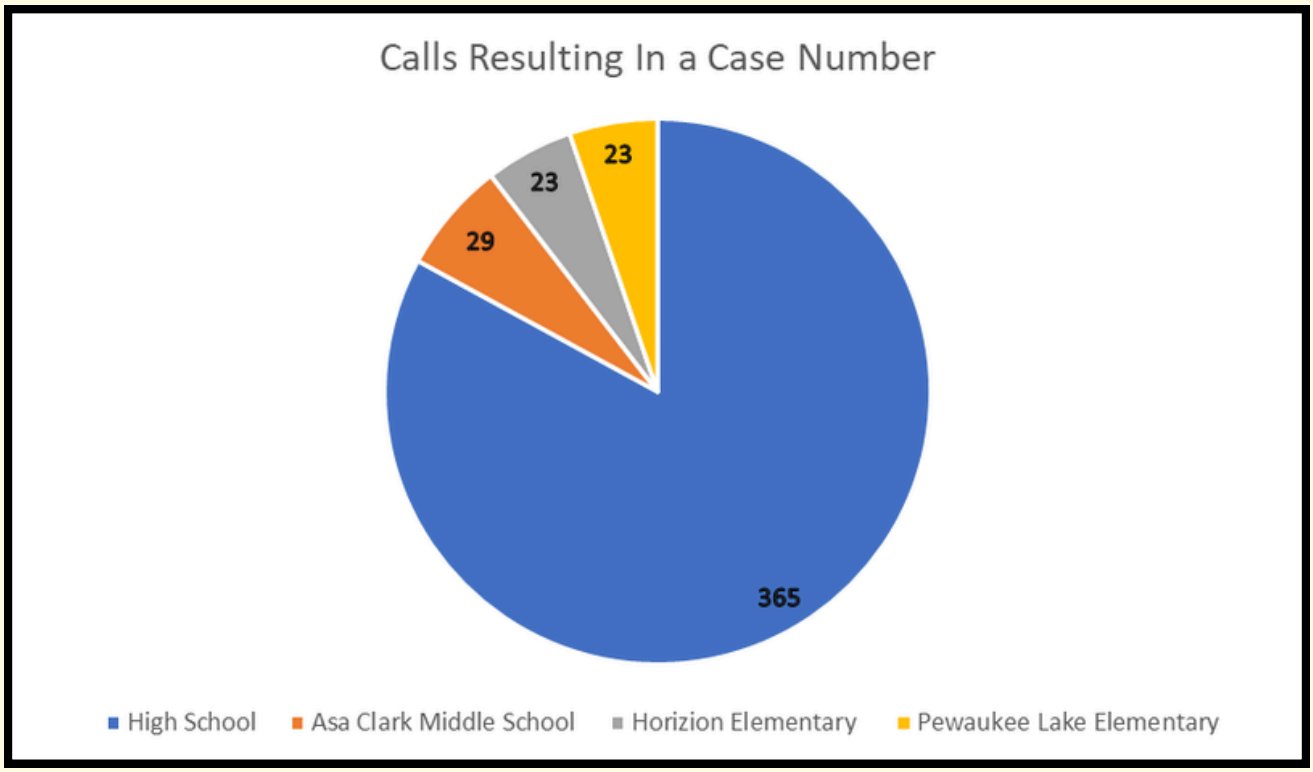
The Village of Pewaukee Police Department also provides officer coverage for after-school and special events, including athletic events, school dances, musicals, and graduation ceremonies, to ensure a safe environment for students, staff, and attendees.







School Resource Officers



Officers Buddenhagen and Hildenbrand place a strong emphasis on relationship-building within the school community. They regularly engage with students and staff by reading in classrooms, delivering presentations to students and parents, volunteering for Career Day and the Reality Store, and participating in “state send-off” events for teams traveling to competitions outside the district. Both officers maintain an open-door policy and encourage students, staff, and families to reach out with questions or concerns, further strengthening trust and communication within the school community.



WCTC Officer

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department has been proudly providing security at the Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) campus in Pewaukee for 45 years. WCTC is the only technical college in the State of Wisconsin to have a full-time police presence on campus. The WCTC Security Coordinator is Peter Latona, a retired officer from the Village of Pewaukee Police Department. WCTC police service is provided under contract from 7am-11pm, Monday through Friday.

In 2025, there were 935 calls for service on campus. Common calls for service included vehicle accidents, vehicle lockouts, EMS rescue calls, and recovered property. In addition, WCTC liaison officers helped coordinate the 2025 spring and fall graduation ceremonies. Officers managed traffic control and interior security during the events.



Department Achievements

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March 11, 2025

Presentation speech for Officer Julie Buddenhagen

Wisconsin Association Women in Police - Merit Award Winner for 2024

This past Saturday, March 8, 2025, was International Woman's Day. Under the theme, "For all woman and girls: Rights, Equality and Empowerment. Central to this theme is empowering the next generation -youth, particularly young women as catalysts for lasting change.

Officer Julie Buddenhagen in her 21 years in law enforcement has been a mentor, role model, and within the last 7 years, a School Resource Officer. Officer Buddenhagen in her current roll has the power to make lasting changes to all the students she encounters.

In her position she acts as a role model for the adolescent girls in middle and high school and shows them that they have opportunities that will empower them for the future. Let me just highlight a few points from our nomination that really show Julie's expertise and background.

Empathetic, Compassionate and Positive, these three descriptors encapsulate what makes her worthy of this award.

Hired in 2004, she was only the second female the agency had hired in its 130-ryear history. Her hiring forged the way for the female officers who have been hired by our department since as the agencies patrol force is now comprised of 22% female officers

Some highlights from Officer Buddenhagen's career include:

- Being named Wisconsin's "Internet Crimes Against Children" (ICAC) investigator of the Year in 2017 and one of the lead investigators 6 years later, in ICAC's Case of the Year in 2023.
- She founded Pewaukee's Shop with a Cop program 14 years ago and has continued this tradition to this past December.
- She was selected as one of Waukesha County's first ever Forensic Interviewers. This is a role in which she has been invaluable and supportive to many child victims.
- She is an FTO and Crime Scene Investigator. In addition to her life as a police officer, she spends time with her family and raising four children.

The success the school has had with our Officer Buddenhagen, has led to the Pewaukee Schools finding funding to sponsor a second SRO, Larissa Hildenbrand, Julie's co-investigator in the ICAC Case of the Year. Let's give a round of applause to Julie Buddenhagen for her merit award.





Officer Julie Buddenhagen recieves a Merit Award at the Wisconsin Association of Women Police, March 11, 2025 in Lake Geneva.

Department Achievements



Left to right; Jody Crozier, Brad Schimmel, Deputy Chief Foth, Linda Sear

During 2025 Deputy Chief Brian Foth graduated from the 10-week School of Police Staff & Command at Waukesha County Technical College. This intensive curriculum is designed to prepare department leaders for the critical thinking and high stakes decision making required of law enforcement supervisors.

Department Achievements

The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) is the leading accreditation organization for law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin. WILEAG establishes standards of professionalism, efficiency, and accountability. It provides a structured foundation for agencies to maintain a high standard of service to our community.

The Pewaukee Police Department has been actively involved in the WILEAG accreditation process since 2015. This voluntary program recognizes agencies that adhere to best practices and high standards in policy development, operations, personnel management, and community relations. Maintaining WILEAG accreditation status establishes our department's commitment to excellence, transparency, and continuous improvement in services to Pewaukee.

In 2024, the Pewaukee Police Department underwent a comprehensive, three-day assessment. The evaluation verified compliance with 262 standards and 655 dimensions. The WILEAG governing board officially approved and reaffirmed our accreditation status in January 2025.

As we look to the future, the Pewaukee Police Department remains committed to upholding the values of WILEAG accreditation. With assessments conducted every 3 years, this ongoing process reaffirms our mission to serve and protect the Village of Pewaukee with professionalism and integrity. Our agencies' next on-site assessment is June 2027.



- January 3rd, 2025

Officer Awards

On March 10, 2026 our department hosted a Merit Awards Ceremony to recognize officers and community members for their commendable actions and contributions demonstrated by going above and beyond throughout 2024 and 2025. The following is a list of the awards that were presented:

Military Recognition—Sergeant Michael Duncan and Lake Patrol Officer Sonia Schneider
Honor Guard Decade Award—Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer

Milestone Service Awards:
Deputy Chief Brian Foth 20 years
Officer Jeff Lenius 20 years
Officer Julie Buddenhagen 20 years

Perfect Attendance Awards: Deputy Chief Foth, Sergeant Twelmeyer, Sergeant Duncan, Officer Markut and Officer Floral

Excellence in Community Policing—Officer Larisa Hildenbrand and Officer Erik Michalsen

Inter-Agency Partnership Award—David Schroeder of Waukesha County Computer Forensics Lab

Distinguished Service Awards:
Sensitive Crime Investigation—Officer Julie Buddenhagen, Officer Larisa Hildenbrand, Officer Brett Markut, Officer Grant Zabel and Detective Craig Drummy

Off-Duty Arrest—Detective Craig Drummy

Large-Scale Fraud Scheme—Officer Grant Zabel
Exemplary Service Award—Sergeant Michael Rowe for his role in WILEAG

Donations & Grants

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department actively seeks and utilizes grant funding and community donations to support public safety services, enhance officer capabilities, and strengthen community relationships.



Village of Pewaukee Police Chief Timothy Heier was very pleased to receive a generous donation of an Emergency Jump Bag from the Freemasons of Day Lite Lodge No. 358. The donation was made to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department on July 21.

Pictured above, from left: Wayne Budwick; Andrew Thomas; Josh Whitney; Sri Vasudevan; Tom Crass; William Shelley; Russell Unrath; Marvin Laack; Pewaukee Police Chief Timothy Heier; Gary Parker; District 12 Deputy Jeremy J. Koss, Master; Lou Plotkin; Doug Winter; Gary Beier; PGM Kenneth C. Gorgen; Coke Morris; and Lowell Scott.



August 2025: Detective Craig Drummy

The Village of Pewaukee Police Department wrote for a $1,920 grant via WE Energies Foundation that supported the purchase of 20 Guardian Angel lights that were issued to every member. These lights will directly improve the safety to officers on various calls for service, traffic stops, and large special community-based events.



Chief Heier and Lake Patrol Officer Ciano received a $250 donation from the Pompeii Men's Club . This donation was used to purchase throw bags and new lines for our boats.

Donations & Grants



The Pewaukee Police Department received $6,500 in grant funds through the Northern Waukesha County OWI Task Force for 2024/2025. These funds were utilized to provide additional traffic enforcement during peak times of the year.

In 2025, the Pewaukee Lake Patrol submitted claims to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for collaborative efforts. The Lake Patol division received a reimbursement of $26,643,71. The Lake Patrol division submits claims for enforcement, generating annual reimbursements.

Shop with Cops

On December 6, 2025, the Holiday Shop with Cops event brought joy to local children and families during the holiday season by giving kids the opportunity to shop for gifts alongside law enforcement officers. This special event helped create positive connections between youth and first responders while ensuring children could select meaningful gifts for their loved ones in a supportive, festive environment.

This year, 38 children participated, supported by officers and staff from the Village of Pewaukee, Hartland, Delafield, North Prairie, Menomonee Falls and Chenequa Police Departments along with volunteers from Waukesha County Communications (WCC).

This year, the event was held at Spring Creek Church, where volunteers and community partners worked together to make the experience memorable for every child. Some of the volunteers involved in this event were from the Spring Creek Church, the Pewaukee Woman's Club, Pewaukee Area Arts Council, Pewaukee High School and the Army National Guard.

Holiday Shop with Cops continues to be a meaningful tradition that strengthens community relationships and spreads holiday cheer to those who need it most.





National Night Out



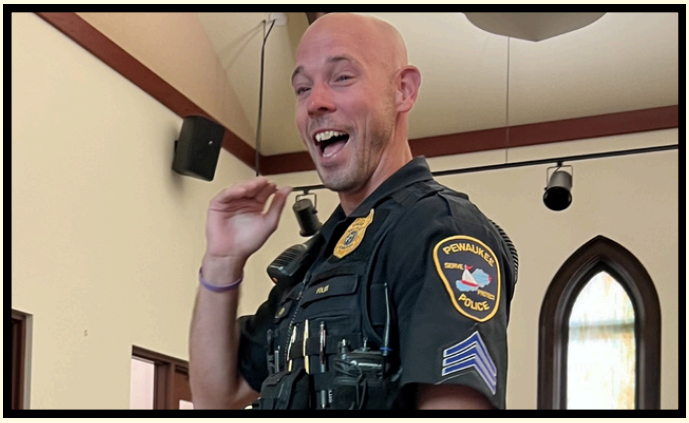
National Night Out, August 6, 2025.

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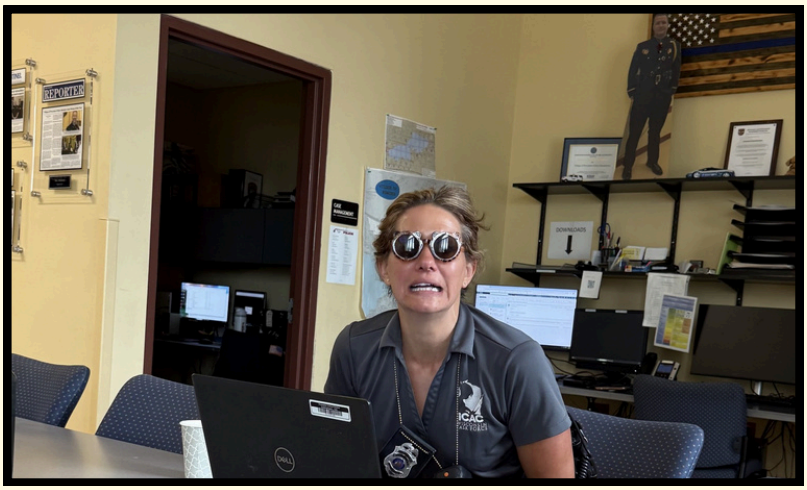

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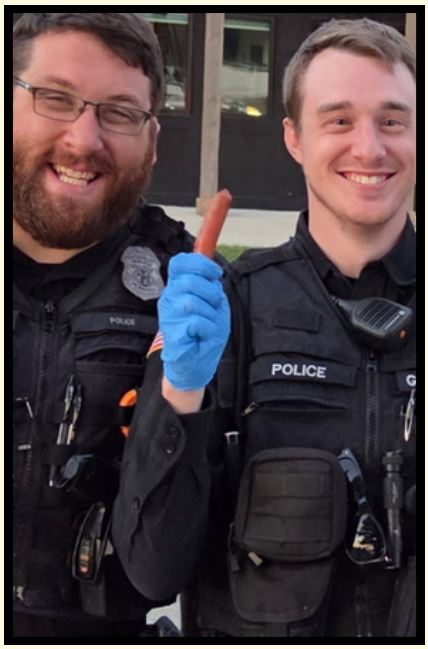
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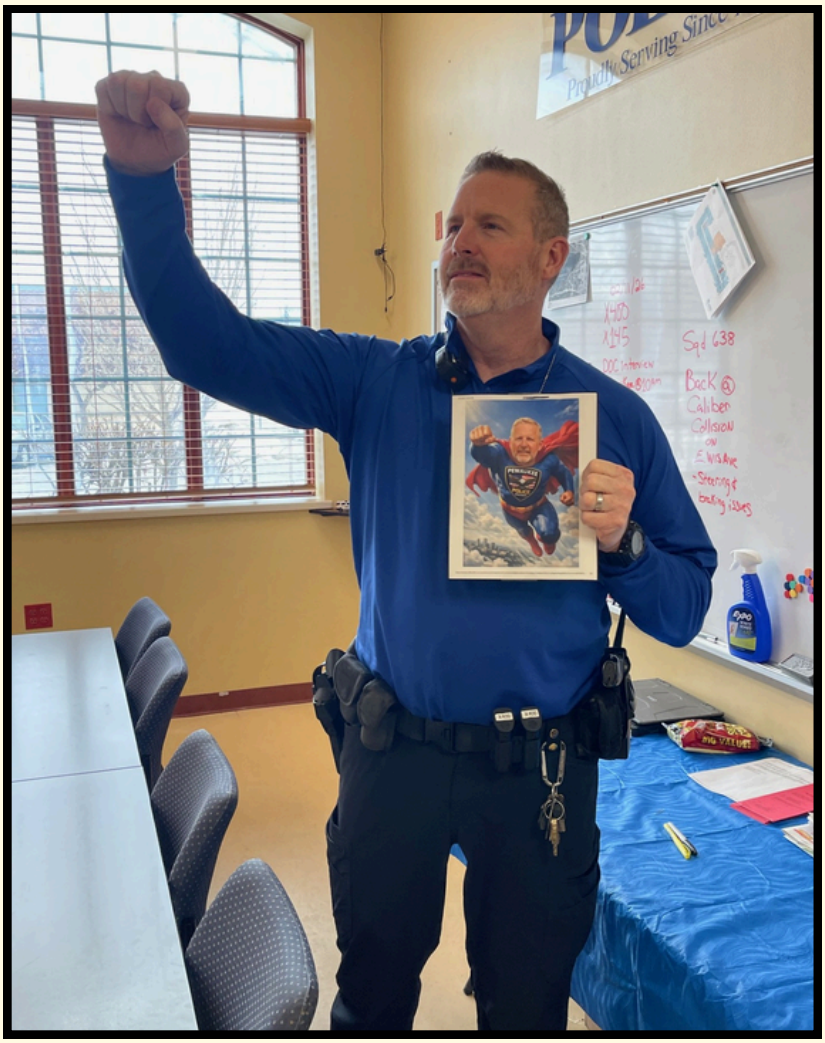

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