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Through innovative and dynamic leadership, the City of Manitowoc will effectively manage public resources to enhance the quality of life for the benefit of the entire community by: embracing the arts, humanities, and cultural diversity; fostering opportunities for economic growth; protecting the safety and well-being of the community; providing a welcome atmosphere for our citizens and visitors; serving the needs of the community with respect and dedication.

It is the vision of the City of Manitowoc to be a friendly, culturally diverse and economically vibrant community that embraces the arts and humanities and that preserves the best of small town life on the lakeshore, including health, long life, beauty, comfort and safety.

The Manitowoc Police Department is grateful for the ongoing support of the Mayor and Common Council. They have enabled us to move forward on many levels, and for this they are to be commended.

Police/Fire Commission Members

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute the Manitowoc Police Department has a Police & Fire Commission. The Police and Fire Commission is a non-political body appointed by the Mayor. They oversee the hiring of the Police Chief. They approve eligibility lists for promotion and hiring and they oversee the discipline and/or termination of sworn staff members. Members include:

Paul Blashka, Mary Schilder, Kate Reynolds, Michael Wellner and Thomas Bare
Manitowoc Police Department
Mission and Vision Statements
“MTPD”

Our Mission is to work cooperatively with the community to prevent crime, maintain order and provide a safe environment for everyone.

MISSION GUIDED
We follow our mission statement, because we value life and dignity above all else. Therefore, we give first priority to situations that threaten life, use force only when necessary and treat everyone, as we would want to be treated.

TRUSTWORTHY
We believe integrity is the basis for community trust. Therefore, we hold ourselves to high standards of moral and ethical conduct.

PROFESSIONAL
We are accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve. Therefore, we communicate openly among ourselves and are responsive to a diverse community by acknowledging community values and expectations.

DEDICATED
We strive for personal and professional excellence. Therefore, we do our best by working as a team toward realistic, mutually agreed upon goals. We lead by example, recognizing a changing world, developing ourselves to our highest potential.

OUR VISION
We will be a model law enforcement organization, viewed both internally and externally, as progressive and innovative, willing to embrace new technologies, concepts, and ideas. Working together, we will develop an environment that allows for an open exchange of ideas and information, creates cohesiveness throughout the department, and promotes a sense of respect and understanding with our employees and the community as a whole.
Deputy Chief Bridget Brennan was the most notable retirement of 2014. Deputy Chief Brennan began her law enforcement career with the Manitowoc Police Department when she was hired as a police officer on January 13th, 1986. She was assigned to the midnight shift. During her time at the police department she was a field training officer, field training supervisor, a member of the gang unit, a member of the bike patrol unit, and tactical instructor. In 1997 she was the Eagle Club Officer of the Year.

Her efforts paid dividends as she was promoted to several positions throughout her career. Although she was not the first female officer hired by the City of Manitowoc she did blaze a trail as the city’s first woman police supervisor. She held positions of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Patrol Captain and in 2002 was promoted to Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Brennan retired on December 31st, 2014 after 28 years of service to the community.

Just as it had many times since its creation in 1876, the men and women of the Manitowoc Police Department would rely on citizen support to fulfill its mission of serving and protecting our community. In 2014 Manitowoc budgeted for 64 sworn officers to protect a city that has grown to almost 19 square miles of land consisting of over 15,200 living units and over 900 commercial buildings. We patrol the 188.16 miles of streets consisting of approximately 900 intersections of which 2/3’s are controlled by a sign or signal light. In 2014 your police department also employed 10 support staff along with 12 part time crossing guards.

The members of the police department rose to the many challenges they faced in 2014 and they have continued to provide a high level of professional service to our community and its citizens. During 2014 there were 33,399 calls for service received by the county dispatchers assigned to the City of Manitowoc work station. These calls for service generated over 17,946 police incident reports.

Calls for Service in 2014 rose slightly compared to 2013 and incidents created from those calls for service increased by a very narrow margin as well. The remaining officers continued to investigate all forms of crime which left little time for self-initiated contacts with the public.

As the budget preparations began for 2013, a federal grant partially funded wages and benefits for 3 police officer positions. It was January of 2014 when two of the three officers were finally hired and began triaging to patrol the streets of Manitowoc.
With your help Manitowoc will continue to earn accolades as a great place to live and work. Your help is important and may give us that one piece of the puzzle that solves a crime and promotes a successful prosecution. Please remember that we would rather be called and not needed than needed and not called. It is with the utmost respect, that I offer my thanks to all who have called with even the smallest bit of information in an effort to help the police solve or prevent community problems.

Change is inevitable so I ask that you all continue to work with us as we progress with new technology. The use of the city website at www.manitowoc.org allows citizens to sign up for alert notifications via text or e-mail for a variety of topics from sex offender releases to emergency parking restrictions or even the press releases we send to the media.

Citizens may also file police reports using the city website. The use of the internet reporting tools gives us the information and allows some flexibility to schedule and prioritize our work. Our Facebook Page and the 2013 addition of a Twitter Account gives the public greater access to gain firsthand knowledge about the Manitowoc Police Department.

The 2014 Annual report will give you a brief explanation of the activities and actions of the city and your police department. There will be more information available on the portion of the city website dedicated to the police department. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
Oscar Dick

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Bridget Brennan

Captain Larry Zimney
1st Shift Patrol

Captain Jason Freiboth
2nd Shift Patrol

Captain Nick Reimer
3rd Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Steve Eckley
1st Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Karl Puestow
2nd Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Craig Jansen
3rd Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Matthew Wallander
1st Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Mark Schroeder
2nd Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Corie Pusel
3rd Shift Patrol

Captain Scott Luchterhand
Detective Bureau

Lieutenant Robert Barbier
Training Coordinator
Special Enforcement

Spring is here! People will soon begin to shake off their cabin fever by getting outdoors and enjoying the warmer weather. With this in mind, the Manitowoc Police Department would like to remind citizens of the laws related to pedestrian and vehicle safety. Whether pedestrians or vehicles have the right of way in a particular situation is often misunderstood. The following excerpts from the State of Wisconsin Statutes are provided to help both motorists and pedestrians remain safe.

CROSSING AT CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS OR CROSSWALKS
Statute 346.23 states that at an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is controlled by traffic signals, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who has started to cross the roadway on a green or “Walk” signal and in all other cases pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully proceeding directly ahead on a green signal. At intersections or crosswalks on divided highways where traffic is controlled by traffic signals, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian who has started to cross the roadway on a green or “Walk” signal either from the near curb or from the center dividing strip.

CROSSING AT UNCONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS OR CROSSWALKS
Statute 346.24 states that at an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is not controlled by traffic signals, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing the roadway in a marked or unmarked crosswalk in a safe manner. It should be noted that no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield. It should be noted that simply standing on a sidewalk or curbing at a crosswalk does not require a vehicle to yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians must be in a crosswalk to require operators of vehicles to yield the right-of-way.

CROSSING AT A PLACE OTHER THAN A CROSSWALK
Statute 346.25 states that every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway. Pedestrians are encouraged to cross roadways at marked or unmarked crosswalks only.

PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS
Statute 346.38 states that whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words “Walk” or “Don’t Walk” are in place, a pedestrian may proceed across the roadway or other vehicular crossing in the direction of a “Walk” signal and the operators of all vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian, while pedestrians may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of a “Don’t Walk” signal, but may complete crossing if the signal changes from “Walk” to “Don’t Walk” while crossing.

The Manitowoc Police Department will be conducting periodic pedestrian and traffic safety enforcement efforts beginning the week of March 24th. Citizens with questions are asked to contact the Manitowoc Police Department Shift Commander at (920) 686-6551 for more information.
Capt. Larry Zimney  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 1st Shift  
Years of Service – 26 Years

In 2014, the first shift was comprised of 12 patrol officers working the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The command staff consisted of myself, along with Lt. Karl Puestow and Lt. Steve Eckley.

I, Captain Zimney, had the opportunity to attend the FBI National Academy (FBINA) from April 6th to June 13th, 2014. This was the 255th session of the FBINA and consisted of 10 weeks of intense leadership training from some of the best instructors in the Law Enforcement field. There were 220 highly motivated professionals in the 255th session which came from 48 of the 50 States and 17 different countries. Lifelong friendships with classmates were realized along with prime opportunities to network and learn from them on a daily basis while at the Academy. Many of my classmates continue to network with each other regularly when we run into professional issues or just to share trending information in the Law Enforcement profession. This experience was the highlight of my Law Enforcement career thus far.

In 2014, the Department continued to hire new officers as they were needed. Six (6) new officers went through the Field Training Officer (FTO) program on day shift in 2014. The Field Training Officers on day shift are Officers Weyer, Sosnosky and VerVelde. Field training new officers is a demanding task and these officers all did a fine job in doing their part to train our new recruits and prepare them to be the best they can be.

The day shift had one officer retire in 2014. Officer Steve Thomm retired in October after serving on the Department for 25 years. Officer Thomm’s experience, knowledge and humor will be missed by all. Officer Thomm was a very hard worker and always gave his best day in and day out. He was very active in traffic enforcement within the City but always fair and compassionate with the citizens he served. His retirement along with several other officers leaving our Department to pursue other career opportunities has already led to more new hires in 2015.

In May of 2014, the Department began taking delivery of three new 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Sport Utility squad cars. These SUV squads replaced three aging Ford Crown Victoria squads. Ford discontinued the production of Crown Victoria’s in 2012. These SUV squads are the wave of the future for law enforcement. They are all wheel drive which has proven very useful for winter driving in Manitowoc. They are also much roomier on the interior and hold more gear in the cargo area than the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor sedans we had purchased the previous year. Most of the officers prefer these squads over the Ford sedans and the aging Chevy Impalas, which will be replaced in 2015.
The Department was able to outfit these new SUV squads with three state of the art Arbitrator HD cameras which are mounted in the upper windshield area on the passenger’s side of the squad. These cameras have the next generation technology and like the older models, record every traffic stop the officers make, but also continually record as the officers’ patrol the City. The picture quality is significantly better than the older models and our department hopes to continue to upgrade this technology as the budget allows. Also placed in these new squads were the Patrol PC tablets, which replaced the aging Panasonic Toughbooks, which are laptops. While more expensive on the front end, these tablets have a greater life expectancy, longer warranty period and experience far fewer repair issues which can be very expensive.

The Manitowoc Police Department currently utilizes ViVue brand lapel cameras, of which we have six. The body worn camera technology continues to evolve as more and more companies get into this growing market. It is hoped that this will drive prices of body worn cameras down as the competition for business from Law Enforcement agencies across the country continues to increase. The high cost of the cameras and more so of storage for video files are the biggest obstacles as to why the Police Department has not purchased more cameras this far.

The day shift supervisors and officers are constantly looking for ways to work as efficiently as possible. We are committed to serving the citizens of Manitowoc and keeping our community a safe place to live and work while providing professional and courteous service.

Capt. Jason Freiboth  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 2nd Shift  
Years of Service – 17 Years

Second shift at the Manitowoc Police Department currently consists of three supervisors and 12 patrol officers. The command staff consists of Captain Jason Freiboth, Lt. Mark Schroeder, and Lt. Matt Wallander. The patrol officers include Kathryn Walters, Justin Massart, Brad Hayner, John Musial, Miranda Check, Kurk Bessler, Nick Place, Travis VanKauwenberg, Amanda DeValk, Nathan Barnes, Ron Ploederl and Sean Manion. We also help supervise one part time community service worker. The second shift begins at 2:45pm and ends at 11:00pm.

The primary responsibilities of second shift officers include investigating traffic accidents, general disturbances, theft and damage to property complaints, and traffic enforcement. In addition to these core functions, we were also responsible for developing security plans and traffic direction for the following events: St Patrick’s Day parade, Cool City Car Parade, Color Guard at Bandits’ game, July 4th events, Sputnikfest, Lobsterfest, Holiday Parade, and giving tours of the police department to various Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops.
This year our shift experienced both emotionally high incidents and equally somber calls. We had the opportunity to help rescue an intoxicated disabled man who had fallen in a snowbank during an excessively cold winter day and assisted the fire department with a kayaker who had fallen in the cold water while fishing in the marina. A bitterly cold winter forced ducks to wander downtown into busy roadways. Officers were able to apprehend the ducks and turn them over to animal rehabilitators who safely relocated the animals. On a somber note, this year we lost a citizen to a residential house fire and a several young adults to drug overdoses and suicides. Alcohol and drug related incidents continue to be an ongoing problem in our community.

Throughout the year, members of second shift had the enjoyable opportunity to volunteer to help support numerous community events. We had several officers’ march in the Memorial Day Parade, represent our department as members of the color guard, and play Taps at a couple memorial services. We had several officers assist with the MPPA Police Chase Run/Walk fundraiser and assist with this year’s K9 fundraisers. We also interacted with members of the Holiday House during a coloring contest and a competitive game of softball. We also participated with Shop with a Cop to assist select families during the busy holiday season.
We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively with the community to prevent crime, maintain order and provide a safe environment for everyone.

Capt. Nick Reimer
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 3rd Shift
Years of Service – 18 Years

At full staff third shift consists of 12 patrol officers which includes 2 canine officers. Patrol officers generally work from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., however the canine officers work 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and occasionally 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The command staff currently consists of Captain Nick Reimer, Lt. Craig Jansen, and Lt. Corie Pusel.

We experienced several personnel changes in 2014. In January, Officer Adam Sohlden was assigned to the Metro Drug Unit. In August, Officer Jeremy Kronforst became the School Resource Officer for Wilson Junior High School. In October Officer Scott Keil left the police department to pursue other career opportunities. In May, Officer Kayla Rocklewitz (new hire) was assigned to third shift and in September Officer Kyle Massa also joined the shift as a new hire.

From October of 2013 to September of 2014, Lt. Pusel ran an OWI Task Force Grant that he received from the Bureau of Transportation and Safety after he applied for the grant. The Manitowoc Police Department used the $25,000 grant to deploy officers to enforce OWI and other traffic offenses. The deployments were run in conjunction with Two Rivers PD Officers and Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Department Deputies to form the task force.

Lt. Jansen began the Wisconsin Command College in September of 2014. Wisconsin Command College is a joint venture between the University of Wisconsin Certified Public Manager Program and the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The Command College consists of 240 hours of instruction that occurs over the course of nine months. The Command College criteria includes managing work, integrity, leading people, developing self, public service focus and change leadership. He is scheduled to finish the course in 2015.

In December of 2014, Officer Paul Krock became a certified Field Training Officer (FTO). As an FTO, Officer Krock will be part of a team of officers responsible for training newly hired patrol officers.

In 2014, third shift patrol successfully handled many serious calls for service in addition to their routine calls for service. Some of these incidents include stabbings, thefts from vehicles, burglaries, stolen vehicles, robberies, sexual assaults, suicidal subjects, and numerous drug arrests. In addition third shift officers located approximately 97 open doors to local businesses while doing building checks at night. An additional duty of third shift officers is to report street lights that are burnt out. In 2014 officers located and reported 349 street lights in need of replacement.
City of Manitowoc Auction

Saturday

2014 Auction

The City of Manitowoc held its auction once again.

The Auction was held at the City’s facilities located on Fleetwood Drive, off of Waldo Boulevard. The auction drew nearly 100 registered bidders!! The auction was a complete success.

The city auctioned off numerous bicycles and miscellaneous property, which collected over $4,000 for items sold at the auction.

Mark your calendars for next year!!! Look for information on the City’s website:
http://www.manitowoc.org

May 10, 2014
Manitowoc County

2014 Peace Officer Memorial Service

Thursday, May 15th, 2014 at 2:45 p.m.

1000 block of S. 8th St Manitowoc

In honor of Manitowoc County Peace Officers killed or disabled in the line of duty

Marshal Edmund Hanske
Kiel Police Dept  EOW: 8/23/14

Patrolman Fred Mueller
Manitowoc Police Dept  EOW: 7/5/32

Patrolman Lawrence Metsker
Manitowoc Police Dept  EOW: 2/25/76

Police Officer Leo Rocque
Two Rivers Police Dept  EOW: 10/5/26

Police Officer Thomas Dodge
Two Rivers Police Dept  EOW: 9/10/75

Deputy David Hibbard
Manitowoc Co Sheriff’s  EOW: 5/8/82

Patrolman Dale TenHaken
Manitowoc Police Dept  EOW: 9/23/98
Special Enforcement

The Manitowoc Police Department along with other law enforcement agencies from all over Wisconsin will intensify our safety belt enforcement efforts during the annual Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 19 to June 1, 2014.

Safety belts save lives and prevent serious injuries
- Consistent safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people from being ejected from a vehicle or thrown around violently inside it during a crash and possibly hitting another vehicle occupant with massive force.

- In 2013, more than half of the drivers and passengers killed in crashes were not buckled up.

More people are buckling up but improvement is still needed
- Wisconsin’s safety belt use rate is approximately 82%, which is the all-time high for the state. This means about four out of five drivers and passengers are buckling up.

- However, the 82% rate in Wisconsin is still substantially lower than the national average of 87% and much lower than neighboring states whose rates exceed 90%.

Buckling up is quick, easy, and a proven lifesaver. So please remember—Click It or Ticket and together let’s achieve zero preventable traffic deaths.

Every year during the annual Memorial Day Weekend holiday period, law enforcement agencies join forces day and night, from coast-to-coast, for an enforcement blitz that delivers on our message CLICK IT OR TICKET. The mobilization is supported by national and local paid advertising and earned media campaigns aimed at raising awareness before the blitz.
The Manitowoc County Miracles mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with cognitive disabilities ages 8 and up, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Officer Kurk Bessler organized a softball game including members of the Manitowoc Police Department and the Manitowoc County Miracles on Tuesday July 29th at 4 p.m. at Rheaume Park. Although it rained during most of the game; it did not dampen the spirits of anyone involved. The teams were divided using players from both the PD and the Miracles on each team. The game ended in a 6 to 6 tie.

Players from the Manitowoc Police Department included: Rob Barbier, Paul Behrendt, Kurk Bessler, Chris Brey, Jeff Buck, Jason Freiboth (and daughter Aubrey), Craig Jansen, Ron Ploederl, Nick Reimer, Travis Van Kauwenberg, and Matt Wallander.
Currently the Manitowoc Police Department’s Detective Bureau consists of one Captain of Detectives, one Detective Sergeant and seven full time Detectives including two whose primary duties are working with Manitowoc County’s Metro Drug Unit. In addition we also have one full time civilian evidence clerk who works mainly with the evidence that our officers and detectives collect on cases throughout the year. The detective bureau is staffed with both a first and second shift. Of course, as always, the detectives continue to make themselves available through cell phones to provide coverage 24 hours a day – 7 days a week – 365 days a year.

The Detective Bureau is primarily responsible for the investigation of major felony crimes such as homicide, sexual assault, burglary, robbery, forgery, and fraud. In addition to these investigations they are also responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence. The detectives assigned to these crimes have developed an advanced level of expertise by attending specialized training and through years of experience working on complex cases with colleagues at the federal, state and local levels. With this advanced knowledge and experience, our detectives are always more than willing to help educate both our employees along with numerous groups throughout the community.

Investigating complex major crimes require the dedication, cooperation, and assistance of a variety of individuals and units. Detectives work closely with patrol personnel to identify witnesses, preserve major crime scenes, gather critical information, and develop leads. They also coordinate activities between the District Attorney’s Office, Department of Human Services, Probation and Parole, F.B.I., State of Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, various Correctional Institutions, the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and many other organizations.

Our detectives are an extremely dedicated and hard working group of individuals. Through their investigations, they make every effort to seek the truth, exonerate the innocent and gather information that will convict the guilty in the criminal justice system. The information gathered is then submitted to the District Attorney’s Office who ultimately makes the final charging decisions and conducts the prosecution of each case.

Over the last several years our department has tried to stress the impact that DRUGS are having on our community. Unfortunately the quality of life for many of our citizens is on the decline because of this epidemic. Whether you believe it or not EVERYONE in Manitowoc is affected by this problem in one way or the other. For some it is the ultimate loss. Our department once again had to investigate numerous drug overdose deaths throughout the past year. When this happens it is not only the drug user being affected but their families, friends and co-workers.

Perhaps you’re one of the countless victims of secondary crimes committed by these drug abusers. Many of the burglaries and thefts from your homes, vehicles and businesses, along with such things as frauds and scams are the result of drug users searching for money to help fund and support their drug habits. If you’ve been fortunate enough not to have been victimized personally then it’s still impacting
you with increases in insurance, retail prices and even your taxes. In the end we ALL pay because of these addictions.

Our department, along with the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit, has worked diligently in trying to slow down the trend of drug abusers using even more highly addictive drugs. However, this is NOT only a law enforcement issue….this is a COMMUNITY issue that MUST be addressed by everyone!! When drug users begin using such highly addictive drugs as Heroin, Methadone, Fentanyl, Oxycodone and other narcotic prescription drugs they will NOT be able to stop their use on their own. Our community must begin looking at alternative options to assist the drug users “kick their habits” and begin living a productive life rather than a life of destruction.

Over the past several years’ local law enforcement ramped up their efforts to try and remove prescription drugs from the streets. Rather than one drug disposal day a year we now have drug drop boxes that are available every day of the year. Continued efforts reminding the public of the importance of disposing of their drugs properly have helped tremendously in ridding our streets of these unwanted rugs.

However, we need the community to work with our local physicians to help restrict the quantity of narcotic prescription drugs that are being prescribed on a daily basis. While investigating these drug overdose deaths we find that somewhere along the line of drug abusers….extremely large quantities of narcotic drugs were prescribed by our local physicians. We’re not talking about 10-20 pills but hundreds of pills being prescribed and refilled on a monthly basis. With these large quantities hitting the streets it’s only a matter of time before they’re being sold and abused by the drug users in our community. This practice MUST stop or our community will continue to be faced with even more issues in the future.

Our department has stressed for years that the citizens of Manitowoc remain our best asset. That is absolutely still true today. It is only with their involvement that real change can take place. No matter how much training or technology we use, citizen participation and awareness allow us to apprehend the unlawful. We can’t stress enough the importance of calling our department when you observe a crime being committed or see something unusual going on. We have always said that we would much rather go on a call and find out that “nothing was really going on” than to find out in the morning that a crime had been committed and no one called.

Our local Crime Stoppers program had an instrumental part in the success of our investigations at the Manitowoc Police Department. In fact in 2014 we received twice as many Crime Stopper “tips” which helped lead to solving three times as many Crime Stopper cases as we did in 2013. Those are incredible increases which really show the impact that citizens can make in our community!!

We would also like to take the time to thank such instrumental community partners such as the Herald Times Reporter, Lamar Advertising, WOMT Radio and other media outlets. Throughout the past year(s) these businesses have supported our department in providing information to the public and assisting us in trying to locate and identify criminals in our community. Many cases over the years have been solved because of their dedication and willingness to work with our department. We truly appreciate everything they do for us on a daily basis!!
Our detective bureau cannot function by ourselves. That is why the Manitowoc Police Department’s Detective Bureau works closely with the Community Policing Division to help prevent the citizens of our community from becoming victims of crimes and to educate them on how to become better witnesses should they become involved in a crime. We are very grateful to the citizens of our community. Together we can make a difference!!

**Metro Drug Unit**

In 2014, The Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit continued to be staffed as a [multi-jurisdictional task force](#) utilizing the resources committed by the [Manitowoc County Sheriff](#), [Manitowoc Police Department](#) and [Two Rivers Police Department](#). The personnel committed by each jurisdiction remained consistent and there are no anticipated changes in 2015. Moving forward the task force has the potential for another successful year as the investigators become more experienced. The resources committed by each agency should be maintained throughout 2015. The additional resources provided by the Manitowoc County Sheriff and Manitowoc Police Department in 2013 made a significant impact on the outcome of several complex drug investigations.

In 2013, the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit had a very successful year based on narcotic seizure amounts in numerous drug trafficking investigations. Records indicate that [seizures for heroin, cocaine and marijuana plants were the largest on record](#). In 2014, the task force directed its efforts towards targets that were the most concerning drug threats to the community. It is becoming more difficult for investigators to be proactive due to the increasing volume of drug related information requiring investigators to direct their efforts toward significant drug abuse situations.

Overall, about 36% of the cases initiated and investigated by the task force were related to [heroin](#). Approximately 28% of cases involved a wide variety of [prescription medications](#), but most involve narcotic, synthetic opiate-type pain medications. The recent change from marijuana and cocaine related investigations reflect the new threats. Now approximately 76% of the task force caseload relates to [heroin, prescription medication and methamphetamine substances](#).
In 2014, the task force utilized the Manitowoc County Special Operations Squad (SWAT) for search warrants. The reason for this increased utilization is due to the dangerous nature and unexpected behavior of individuals abusing heroin, large variations of prescription medication and especially methamphetamine. Additionally, the quantities normally possessed and contained within residences are very small compared to quantities of marijuana. These small quantities can easily be destroyed or secreted within the body which requires quicker control and isolation of individuals and areas during a search warrant. A total of 25 drug search warrants were executed in 2014. Of those, the SOS team was utilized 19 times. Investigators and SOS personnel evaluate and discuss each search warrant scenario and determine the need for assistance and justification for additional personnel and tactical presence.

This would also involve a total of approximately 165 controlled purchases of narcotics.
One of the most significant and important aspects of narcotics investigation is identifying and either disrupting or dismantling a drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). In Manitowoc County we identify a DTO as a group (5-15 individuals) involved in a multi-level distribution organization which purchases large quantities of narcotics outside of this area. The organization then has multiple subjects in/around the Manitowoc area distributing the drugs to mid-level dealers who distribute to the street level dealers that are very active in Manitowoc County. On the basis of our local size and the local definition of a DTO in 2014 the task force was able to either disrupt or dismantle 9 DTOs. Some of these investigations involved lengthy conspiracy type investigations which expose the criminal activity and involve numerous witnesses and suspects. These investigations will usually result in a significant impact on the supply of narcotics in the area.

**Over 550 intelligence entries were made in 2014** by investigators within the task force involving drug activity in Manitowoc County. Investigators continue to develop reliable sources of information at the “street level” to maintain the highest level of familiarity with current trends and threats to the community. **Prescription medication diversion and heroin abuse continue to be the highest priority for the task force.** Prescription monitoring programs and access to prescription medication disposal sites are areas that could have a positive impact on this health threat. Education and awareness are key areas of emphasis within the task force. In 2014, the task force worked closely with a local group to bring a “Heroin Summit/Initiative” to the community. This event was very well attended and will be motivation for additional community awareness events. The task force has been proactive in participating in these focus groups, and community support for the task force remains high.

The Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit continues to direct and oversee the **Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program.** In 2014, nearly 1,400 pounds of controlled and non-controlled substances were collected. Below is a chart which illustrates results from 2014 and previous years.

- 2011 was the first full year operating drop boxes in the Two Rivers & Manitowoc Police Depts.
- Households are NOT counted from drop box locations
Throughout 2014 the Manitowoc Police Department recorded 1,289 Part I Crimes (see below for details). The Part II offenses encompass all other crime classifications outside those defined as Part I.

- Murder/Non-Negligent – the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.
- Forcible Rape – the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.
- Robbery – the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- Assault(s) – an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- Burglary – the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.
- Larceny/Theft – the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Motor Vehicle Theft is not included. All theft and attempted thefts are counted.
- Motor Vehicle Thefts – the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is classified as a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails.
- Arson – any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

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Property data is also collected in the UCR Program. Property data describes the type, value and quantity of property involved in each particular incident. Property information is submitted separately for each type of property loss, i.e. burned, counterfeited, forged, destroyed, recovered, seized, etc.

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Patrol officers are responsible for police protection of the city, responding to calls for service and enforcement of local ordinances and state laws, as well as traffic enforcement and monitoring traffic problems. Patrol officers also investigate reportable traffic crashes. The city is divided into 4 districts. One officer patrols each district with the remaining officers on shift having special or traffic assignments.

Officers of the Manitowoc Police Department have continued to work aggressively to fight crime and solve problems. This chart is a listing of the total number of arrests referred to the Manitowoc County District Attorney’s Office (adult charges) or the Department of Human Services (juvenile charges) for prosecution.

Accident data is used by a variety of agencies in order for our roadways to become a safer environment. Such as, Wisconsin DOT uses this for analysis of highway safety; Dept. of Motor Vehicle for administration of the safety Responsibility law; Law Enforcement agencies For selective enforcement; Traffic & Safety Commissions and traffic engineers for safety and elimination of hazards and local units of government to target specific accident locations.
Sgt. Bruce Jacobs  
Current Position – Crime Prevention Sergeant  
Years of Service – 26 Years  

I have worked in the Crime Prevention field since 1992 when I started as an School Resource Officer (SRO). I served a total of 17 years as SRO before I was promoted to the Crime Prevention Sergeant position in October 2009 and truly believe in the crime prevention theory: The communities are the police and the police are the community. We at the Police Department are only as strong as the community allows us to be. With that thought in mind, I am in charge of many different committees and programs that help keep the community involved and also educate them about crime prevention and not becoming a victim. I also give many presentations to service groups, parent groups, elderly groups and the general public on a number of topics. Listed below are some of the committees, programs and activities I have participated in throughout 2014.

2014 has been a very busy and successful year. One of my goals for the year was to grow the Neighborhood Watch (NHW) Program from 19 Block Captains to 50 Block Captains. Some of the ways I was going to achieve this was to speak about NHW at the end of each community presentation I did, no matter what the topic and to canvas neighborhoods of higher crimes. I also found it beneficial to go to neighbors when there was an active police presence due to a call and talking to neighbors who were standing outside watching. In using these strategies we were able to grow to a total of 61 NHW Block Captains.

This is not only a great tool for the communities, but it gives both the Police Department and hundreds of citizens a connection through emails. Each Block Captain receives a NHW email each morning. On this email is a list of most of the calls the Officers have went on over the past 24 hours. We believe that a better informed public creates safer and smarter neighborhoods.

Another issue that I am passionate about is the amount of people who were losing their money from scams. Our city alone gets hit with approximately 5,000 scams a day between letters, text messages, emails, on line romances, work from home jobs or Craig’s list/Ebay scams. Some might have the attitude of a fool and his money are soon parted, but it goes much deeper than that. The truth is the majority of the scams are being done by terrorist from out of the country. They in turn use the money to commit terrorist acts around the world. I have made contact with all the retailers and banks who wire money through Western Union or Money Gram to train them about the right questions to ask when someone wants to send money. I stay in close contact with these businesses reinforcing the importance of helping people not to become victims. I began to keep track and in a 90 day span, we were able to stop 51 people from being scams out of $85,152.

Another Crime Prevention tool that was expanded this year was the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. A house that has three or more nuisance calls in a 12 month period can qualify to be deemed a public nuisance. Once that happens the property owners are forced to work with the Police to come up with a Nuisance Abatement Plan to abate the problems. The ordinance also works with inspection violations
which force properties to conform to neighborhood norms. No one wants to live next to a junk yard or a drug house. Once this happens neighbors begin to stop caring about their properties. Property value start to go down and the neighborhoods begin to deteriorate. The Nuisance Ordinance is a great tool used when working with Neighborhood Watch groups who have a trouble house or family degrading the integrity of the neighborhood.

**CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

This Committee meets once a month and consists of 23 positions with the purpose of establishment, promotion, involvement, and financing of Crime Prevention Activities and Programs. The Crime Prevention Committee takes an active role on many of the Crime Prevention Programs and Events in our Community. The Committee is a 501(3) (c) organization that handles the financial matters on Crime Prevention issues. The citizens that volunteer to fill those positions are community-minded and action-oriented individuals who are appointed through the Manitowoc City Council. There are monthly meetings held at the Police Department by the members to discuss and take action on many different events and or problems associated with the community. The members volunteer their time not only to be on the committee, but also to help out at many special community events throughout the year.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

The Neighborhood Watch has been a part of Manitowoc’s Crime Prevention Program since the beginning of the Program in 1980. The goal of the Neighborhood Watch is to unite neighbors in their efforts to protect themselves against crime. The details and specifics of how each Neighborhood Watch Program works is up to its members. The Police Department’s role is to facilitate the establishment of the group and to support each group with crime trend information, educational materials, and crime prevention training.

The Neighborhood Watch Program at the national level is getting a new emphasis and a new name in the post 9-11 environment. Through the Department of Homeland Security, the Neighborhood Watch Program will now be under the name of USA ON WATCH. The idea behind this change is the premise that if each neighborhood is crime resistant, then each town is crime resistant, then each county and state is crime resistant, and in the end all parts of the USA are crime resistant. Everyone watching out for each other makes our nation safer.

We had a number of people show interest in starting Neighborhood Watch Groups in their neighborhoods during the year. I was able to do several community presentations to neighbors and make them officially known as Neighborhood Watch Groups. The problem is when something happens in the neighborhood, many people want the Neighborhood Program, but don’t follow through on
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maintaining the communication. It’s still important to remain a Neighborhood Watch group, as the education and awareness is an important step in prevention.

The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains receive regular daily e-mails with neighborhood crime locations listed. The block captains are encouraged to share what’s happening in their neighborhood with their area blocks.

McGRUFF HOUSE

A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in an emergency or frightening situation such as being bullied, followed, or harassed. A McGruff House provides a sense of security and a source of emergency aid for the young people of our community.

RETAIL CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The Retail Crime Prevention Task Force met monthly to exchange information on a multitude of issues involving crimes against retailers. The meetings are attended by a variety of business people from throughout Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties. The meeting environment is very relaxed and information is exchanged freely. Often time, photos and videos related to retail crime are shown during the meetings. All business owners and concerned community members are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings and to become members of this Retail Crime Prevention Task Force.

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It’s important to remember that these were just the ones reported as many stores have a limit in the value of merchandise before they will call the police. It’s also only the ones that are caught. Retail estimates a very large percentage is not caught.

FINANCIAL CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The Financial Crime Prevention Task Force meets monthly combined with the Retail Crime Prevention Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide a forum through which financial institutions can work together to prevent financial crimes. This teamwork is very important as Identity Theft and Financial Scams and Schemes continues to be a major problem in the United States and in Manitowoc
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County. The goal is to have a multi-faceted approach to educate the public about protecting themselves from being victims of financial crimes.

**TRAID COMMITTEE**

TRIAD means a three-way commitment among the police, sheriff and older or retired leaders. They agree to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of the elderly and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. A major purpose of TRIAD is to develop, expand and start effective crime prevention programs for the older community members. Activities center on both pre-victimization (preventive) and post-victimization (victim/witness assistance) aspects.

TRIAD works to improve the quality of life for seniors. By providing an opportunity for the exchange of information between law enforcement and older persons, TRIAD can also focus on reducing unwarranted fear of crime.

The Manitowoc TRIAD has strongly influenced the Neighborhood Watch Program. They conducted a telephone survey, questioning how active neighborhood watch groups are, and how many participating members remain in their neighborhood. TRIAD has also made the Neighborhood Watch Program their personal project, to ensure that Manitowoc remains a safe community.

**CRIME PREVENTION DAY AT EXPO**

Nationally, October is designated as Crime Prevention Month. Locally, the area Crime Prevention Committees have designated one week in October as Crime Prevention week in Manitowoc County. This event is held at the Manitowoc County Fairgrounds and has been happening since the early 1980’s. The purpose is to bring together all the Crime Prevention Family Members for one special day. This day will focus on educating the citizens of Manitowoc County on crime prevention techniques used in protecting themselves, their families and their homes. By working together as a community, we can help each other keep Manitowoc County safe. On October 18th, 2014 there were 1250 people who attended. We gave away 200 bike helmets, collected 191 pounds of drugs from 147 households and finger printed 180 children.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out is a nationwide program which is a community night our to stand against crime. The Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee and TRIAD committee sponsor the National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to: 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**CITIZENS ACADEMY and CITIZENS ACADEMY ALUMNI**

The Citizens Academy is an 11 week condensed Police recruit school and is sponsored by the Citizens Academy Alumni Association. The program is publicly advertised and adult citizens apply for the academy. Twelve applicants are picked and going through the training, which is done strictly by sworn Officers of the Manitowoc Police Department. The lessons consist of the following: 1) Introduction 2) Use of Force, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Pepper Spray and Taser 3) Firearms 4) Investigation, Body Farm and Crime Scene 5) Traffic Stops and K-9 6) OWI/DRE 7) Drugs, Building Search 8) Gangs, Dale Tenhaken Incident 9) Internet Predators, CVSA 10) Legal System, Courtroom Testimony, DVO.

**YOUTH ACADEMY**

The Youth Academy is similar to the Citizens Academy except it is not as in-depth. The goal of the academy is to provide students with a working knowledge of the Manitowoc Police Department and to strengthen community support and involvement with the department.

The topics that are covered are: Police Department Operations, Traffic Stops, Report Writing and Being a Good Witness and Observer, Fingerprinting, Defense and Arrest Tactics, Crime Scene Investigation, Juvenile Laws and Ordinances, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and Internet Safety.

**D.A.R.E. PROGRAM**

Drug Abuse Resistance Education; I have taken on the roll of DARE Coordinator for the Department. I was trained as a DARE instructor in 1994 and have been teaching ever since. The DARE Program is a 10 week course and is taught to 5th graders as the elementary program. The 6th graders are taught the middle school program which is 7 weeks. DARE is taught in all six public elementary schools, St. Francis middle school, Immanuel and Bethany Lutheran.
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**D.A.R.E. DANCE**

The Dance has been a tremendous success and has grown in popularity each year with approximately 250 D.A.R.E. graduates in attendance. This event is a celebration of the D.A.R.E. graduates’ commitment to be drug free. It is also an example of a positive alternative activity.

Funding for the D.A.R.E. Dance is solely from donations by the PTA/PTO’s and other local organizations/businesses. The location is alternated between the two Jr. Highs with the student council providing concessions and decorating for the Dance. Admission is FREE for D.A.R.E. Graduates.

**BILL BOARDS**

The Manitowoc Police Department has teams up with Lamar Signs to help catch criminals and find people who are wanted on warrants. Lamar Signs donate space on their digital bill boards and the names and faces of wanted individuals are broadcast throughout the city for citizens to be more informed and help find them. The program has been very successful. Because of this we have also partnered with HTR and the Port City Scanners over Facebook, who also post the pictures.

Some of the other activities I am involved in are:

- RADIO PRESTATIONS
- CHECK DIVERSION PROGRAM
- INVESTIGATIONS
- WI CRIME ALERT
- ANIT DRUG COALITIONS
- SAFETY PATROL
- SAFETY PATROL PICNIC
- CRIME STOPPERS
- SRO MEETINS
- INSERVICE TRAINING
- ORDANCE FILL IN SRO DUITIES
- PD TOURS
- AAA CONTACTS PEER SUPORT MEMBER
- NUISANCE ORDINANCE

I also give many presentations though out the schools and community which include:

- SCAMS
- CRIME SCENE
- INTERNET PREDATORS
- SENIOR SAFETY
- SAFETY PATROL
- FINGERPRINTING
- REALITY STORE
- STRANGER DANGER
- WORK PLACE VIOLENCE
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- SRO
- SENIOR FAIR
- ALCOHOL
- GANGS
- DRUGS
Ding, ding, ding, the sound of the class bells, the roar of hundreds of students in the hallway rushing towards their next class, but not before they are able to share a laugh with a friend. Ding, ding, ding, the class bells ring again and just like that, the hallways are quiet.

As the 2014-2015 school year comes to an end, we realized that being School Resource Officers (SRO) in the Manitowoc Public School District (MPSD) is much more than just being a “Police Officer”. The youth look for guidance and support as they find their place in life. It is our civic duty to provide our youth with the resources they need to become productive members of our society.

Being an SRO is dynamic and ever-changing as our youth continue to evolve. Therefore, we as police officers, educators, and parents need to adapt to this change. We have been fortunate enough to be part of the D.A.R.E. Program, Manitowoc County Youth Diversion Program, Junior Police Academy, 4th Amendment Law, and Youth Academy (Summer School Program).

During the school year, MPSD had updated and changed the crisis plans for each school. This was completed with the assistance of MPSD Staff, the Manitowoc Police Department (MTPD), Brandt Bus Company, and the Manitowoc Fire Department (MFD). This created transparency with the schools, the police department, and the public as we explained how each resource would respond and what services would be provided. Several schools had incidents occur in the neighborhood that did not directly affect the school, but each school did enact one of the crisis plans. The updated crisis plans worked great with little effort as all staff had an outline of their responsibilities. It was comforting knowing that in a time of potential crisis, each school had a plan to keep the students of our community safe.

With all of the diversity of today’s youth, we have responded to a total of 878 calls for service throughout MPSD. The call of disorderly actions seems to be the most frequent call for service we respond to. Not all calls result in a citation or arrest. Having SRO’s in the schools provide the students with consistency. The students understand what expectations we have for them as a community member and as a student. On occasions, these students just need a little “coaching” to get them back on track. Other students have displayed actions that can’t be addressed any other way than through the court system. In any event, our youth are being held accountable either through restorative justice or the judicial system. All in all, the students of our community are well mannered, well educated, and traveling down the road for success.

All of the educational staff have been great to work with and we are excited to have the chance to continue to work with these highly motivated individuals. We are grateful for the opportunity that the Manitowoc Police Department and the Manitowoc Public School District has provided through this assignment.
Special Enforcement

The Manitowoc Police Department will join hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin in cracking down on drunken driving during the annual “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign from Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, 2014.

Efforts to combat drunken driving in Wisconsin through effective enforcement and education are showing positive results. In the past 10 years, fatalities from alcohol-related crashes dropped from 348 in 2003 to 185 in 2013, which is a 47 percent reduction. Injuries from alcohol-related crashes dropped from 6,445 in 2003 to 2,660 in 2013, which is a 59 percent reduction, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

“Although we’re making progress in preventing drunken driving, too many people are still being killed or injured because of the irresponsible decision to drive while impaired,” says Capt. Jason Freiboth. “Drunken driving is entirely preventable. You can designate a sober driver or find an alternative way home. The serious consequences of a drunken driving arrest include major embarrassment, expensive penalties, installation of an ignition interlock device, and possibly jail time.”

To help prevent drunken driving, the Zero In Wisconsin traffic safety initiative has a free “Drive Sober” mobile app, which includes updated features to help you get home safely. The Drive Sober app can be downloaded by visiting zeroinwisconsin.gov.
Chaplain Program | 2014

Lt. Steve Eckley
Current Position – Lieutenant – Patrol – 1st Shift
Years of Service – 20 Years

The Manitowoc Chaplain Program is a partnership between the Manitowoc Police Department, the Manitowoc Fire Department, the Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office, and the Manitowoc County Coroner’s Office. The Chaplain Program’s genesis was in 2009 and it was formally rolled out on August 1st, 2010.

The Mission of the Manitowoc Chaplain Program is to work cooperatively with the Manitowoc Police Department, the Manitowoc Fire Department, the Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office, and the Manitowoc County Coroner’s Office in order to enhance their individual agency’s Missions by giving timely support through spiritual comfort, hope, and wisdom.

The Chaplains are available as a resource to our community members in their time of need. During times of crisis, the Chaplain/Clergy Team is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, to aid our citizens or just to provide a Ministry of Presence.

The area clergy members who volunteered to participate as Chaplains in 2014 were: Pastor Roger Harrison of the Open Bible Baptist Church, Pastor Tom Pankow of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pastor Dick Runge of the First Reformed United Church of Christ Church, Pastor Matthew Sauer of the First Presbyterian Church, and Pastor Curt Vanderstelt of Hope Church.

The Chaplain Program had nine written goals and objectives for 2014. We were successful in achieving six of those goals, but there is still much work to be done to improve the Chaplain Program. We are striving to make it a bigger part of the culture of the agencies that are involved in the program.

The members of the Chaplain Program met five times during 2014. A Chaplain was called out on seventeen (17) different occasions in 2014. Those 17 consisted of 5 death related incidents, 1 suicide, 1 pastoral request, 9 situations where the Chaplain Program was offered and 1 civic event. The total number of callouts since the start of the Chaplain Program is forty eight (48). Those callouts broken down per year are: 2010 – 7, 2011 – 10, 2012 – 4, 2013 – 10, 2014 – 17.

In March of 2014, Chaplain Harrison attended an International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) regional training conference in Janesville, WI. He found the training to very good and he shared many of the main topics with the rest of the Chaplains. We are using those topics for training sessions at our CP meetings and in our Chaplain Chat articles in the Jay St. Blues. We hope to get more Chaplain training scheduled in 2015.

The Chaplain Program has accomplished much in its five years of existence, but there is still much more to accomplish in regards to the CP! We plan on achieving some of those goals in 2015.
Manitowoc Police Department’s Community Service Worker(s) are responsible for a variety of tasks in support of law enforcement activities and serving as liaison between the police department and the community. Some of their duties include the following:

- Assist with miscellaneous departmental duties such as running errands, delivering the mail, conducting group tours of the department.
- Parking enforcement by issuing parking tickets, warnings and related reports.
- Picks up stray dogs and cats and takes them to designated animal shelters or pound facilities. Does follow up investigations on unlicensed dogs and cats.
- Picks up abandoned or recovered property.
- Fills in as school crossing guard as required.
- Keeps police department vehicle fleet clean and in orderly condition.
- Coordinating work for the police interns.

The regulation of vehicle parking, including daily monitoring and enforcement in municipal parking lots and timed on-street parking zones, and during street sweeping efforts, and winter ban and snow emergency periods consumes much of a CSW’s time. The department uses the Clancy Systems International parking system to manage its parking enforcement efforts. This program uses technological innovations such as smart phone applications, mobile ticket printing devices and web-based management to increase efficiencies and improve customer service.

![2014 Monthly Parking Violations Chart]
The recovery, storage, and return of lost, stolen, or abandoned property is an essential service the department provides to the Community. Found property often includes items such as bicycles, electronics, telephones, wallets and purses, jewelry, keys, and currency. Property whose ownership cannot be determined immediately is held for ninety days. If after ninety days, the property is not claimed by the rightful owner, it is held to be auctioned off at the yearly City of Manitowoc auction.

The police department responds to animal at large complaints, along with biting/attacking animal, animal neglect and abuse, abandoned or injured animal, nuisance animal and other miscellaneous animal complaints. The department takes at-large pets to the Lakeshore Humane Society’s Animal Shelter if the animal’s owner cannot be determined and/or cannot be located at the time of the call. The animal is held at the shelter until the owner reclaims the pet, with follow-up by the CSW or Officer, to include the issuance of a written warning or citation as appropriate. All dogs and cats kept in the City of Manitowoc must be vaccinated against the Rabies Virus and be licensed through the city if kept within its limits. Yearly licenses can be purchased in the Treasury Department at Manitowoc City Hall.

The department will provide live-animal traps to residents in an attempt to capture stray or feral animals that may pose a health hazard or have become a nuisance to the community. Recovered injured or captured wild or game animals are turned over to Wildlife of Wisconsin (WOW) or other rehabilitation organization.
The City of Manitowoc’s Adult School Crossing Guard Program was started in 1953 with the establishment of City Ordinance 10.27. That Ordinance was designed to complement the Wisconsin State Statute 349. 215. That statute gives municipalities the ability and right to establish an Adult School Crossing Guard Program. The goal of the MTPD’s Adult School Crossing Guard Program is the protection of the young people of our community as they are crossing the roadways in the vicinity of their school.

The Crossing Guard Program currently monitors nine different corners for sixteen different crossing periods each day. The corners that are covered are:

- Monroe School: S. 14th In Front of School Twice a Day
- Madison School: N. 8th and St. Clair Street Twice a Day
- Jefferson School: S. 14th & Division Street Twice a Day
- Jackson/St Francis: N. 15th & Waldo Blvd Twice a Day
- Jackson School: N. 18th & Fairmont Once a Day
- Jackson School: N. 18th & Menasha Ave Twice a Day
- Jackson School: N. 18th & Waldo Blvd Twice a Day
- Stangel School: E. Cedar Ave & Iris Dr Once a Day
- Franklin School: S. 35th & Dale Street Twice a Day

The dedicated people who were employed as Adult School Crossing Guards at the end of 2014 include: Jeanie Miller, Joanne Szydel, Leanna Leonowicz, Rebecca Woodman, Bob Becker, Ray Morgan, Laurie Hoppe, Ann Krueger and Leo Szydel.

Bob Hablewitz and Kathleen Hogan left the Program in June of 2014 after working as a Crossing Guard for seven years and one year respectively.

If the Crossing Guards are not available to cover a crossing period, we use an Intern, a Community Service Worker, or a Police Officer.
Capt. Jason Freiboth  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 2nd Shift  
Years of Service – 17 Years  

The Manitowoc Police Department Gang Task Force is comprised of several patrol officers from 2nd and 3rd shift, School Resource Officers (SRO), and a detective. The goals of the Gang Task Force are to identify suspected gang members, document their activity, investigate graffiti complaints, and educate others on local gang trends.

For the fifth consecutive year, the overall gang activity has declined in the City of Manitowoc. Similar to last year, we did experience some graffiti complaints and a couple calls involving alleged gang members. The most notable act of graffiti occurred along the blue rail leading out to the Northside pier. The overabundance of graffiti was so egregious that the city closed public access to the pier for several days until the graffiti was removed. Six juveniles from Manitowoc were eventually arrested for causing the unnecessary damage. A couple weeks following these arrests, another male party was in Manitowoc visiting his grandparents. The suspect began to write on a sign in the blue rail area, which was witnessed by a citizen. This citizen immediately called police and the suspect was also arrested.

Even though the gang activity continues to decline, the Manitowoc Police Department Gang Task Force continues to hold routine meetings with other law enforcement agencies, Probation and Parole, Department of Human Services, and school officials. The purpose is to share information about individuals that we all have contact with in the hopes of gaining a clearer picture of the overall gang activity in the City of Manitowoc.
The Community Service Internship Program at the Manitowoc Police Dept. provides an enriching experience for area students, while providing valuable services to the department and the community as a whole. The Department offers two types of internships to students. Unpaid internships are offered to university/college and high school students completing an internship for credit or as a requirement for graduation. These students usually work on special project in the area of Crime Prevention and are supervised by the Crime Prevention Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, although they may be called upon to assist with projects in other areas of the department as well. Paid internships are offered to individuals currently enrolled in colleges, universities, and technical colleges. These students assist the department’s Community Service Worker in their daily duties including parking enforcement, crossing guard duty in school zones and at special events, vehicle maintenance, animal complaints, general errands, and other work assigned by department Shift Commanders and area managers. This portion of the program is coordinated by Capt. Jason Freiboth and Lt. Karl Puestow, with direct supervision of the interns by the department’s Community Service Worker.

The Community Service Internship Program is meant to give students an opportunity to observe the day to day operations of a law enforcement agency and obtain a clear understanding of the demands of a career in the law enforcement field. The Manitowoc Police Dept. works closely with the staff at area high schools, technical colleges, and four-year colleges/universities to seek out students interested in internships at the department. Students are required to complete an application and interview, with a short orientation and training period before they begin work at the department if selected to participate. Students may be required to write a paper about their internship experience upon completion of the internship period. The department periodically updates the schools on the students’ progress and completes an evaluation on the students’ behavior and overall performance in order to assist area schools and the department in gauging the success of the program.

In 2014, Mackenzie Powers and Colton Zimmer completed unpaid internships at the Manitowoc Police Department for academic credit, while paid internships were begun or completed by Kayla Rocklewitz, Ben Grunenwald, Thomas Nate, Christopher Brey, Katie Ratajczak, and Dylan Hammel (pictures included below). All of these students continued on with their education, completed their high school, college, or university programs of study, joined the US Military, or obtained positions in law enforcement or corrections.

Lt. Karl C. Puestow  
Manitowoc Police Department
In 2014, the Manitowoc Police Department continued patrol operations with 2 K-9 teams. Officer Weber and his partner K-9 and Officer Koenig with partner K-9 Ulrich “Ully”.

Both teams continued training with local K-9 teams and K-9 teams throughout the state. Locally, efforts continued working on multiple K-9 team deployments on calls to help cover more ground in a shorter period of time. In May, Canadian dog trainer, Tony Palotta, held a training seminar at the fair grounds and Sheriff’s Dept. The seminar focused on K-9 obedience and control.

One of the highlights of the year by K-9 Ully was a successful track of a female patient whom ingested a large dose of medication and wanted to end her life. The weather was poor with temperatures around 0 degrees with high winds. The female did not want to be found and was hiding near a construction site. She was found by K-9 Ully and she was given the necessary medical treatment for her worsening condition. Time was not on our side since immediately medical attention was needed when she was located.

One of the highlights of the year by K-9 Aik was a metro drug assist where several pounds of marijuana and $32,180 were seized.

With the K-9 teams aging and replacements nearing in the future, a fundraising goal of $100,000 was made. Officers participated in multiple fundraising events including Green Bay Packer Game concessions, a dunk tank, K-9 Police Chase fun run, and a brat fry. Along with Officers visiting local businesses, the K-9 Unit has raised over $65,000 towards that goal. The fundraising efforts continue with new ideas for 2015.

In 2014, the K-9 teams seized over 35,000 grams of Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, 47 pieces of drug paraphernalia, and cash. The K-9 units also located and apprehended 23 suspects. K-9 Aik and K-9 Ully have been requested for mutual aid 47 times.
Manitowoc K9’s In Action!!

MANITOWOC K-9
Motorcycle Patrol 2014

Lt. Mark Schroeder
Current Position – Lieutenant – Patrol – 2nd Shift
Years of Service – 15 Years

The Manitowoc Police Department Motor Unit consists of 6 Motor Officers and 1 Motor Unit Supervisor. The Motor Unit is a 2009, Harley Davidson Road King police package. The unit was purchased in 2013, with funds secured through a seizure from criminal activity. The purpose of the unit is to patrol areas of the city were a patrol squad cannot access, traffic enforcement, ceremonial activities and positive interaction with members of the community.

The members of the unit must complete an 8 day instruction course before using the motor unit on patrol. This training is often referred to as one of the toughest police schools in existence. The unit operators are trained in high speed cornering and braking, as well as slow speed maneuvering. The motor units are routinely used in crowded situations and the unit operators must have full control of the 850lb cycle at all times. This control comes from repeated drills and the use of learned techniques. Each Motor Officer is truly “one with the motor unit” after successfully completing the training.

The 2014 motor unit riding season was somewhat uneventful. While the unit was used on dayshift and second shift patrol quiet extensively, the overall unit shrunk, due to retirements. It was planned that, Officer Bessler, would complete the basic motor officer training in May. This class was canceled, and Officer Bessler will be scheduled for the training in 2015, if the class the class is offered.

Motor Officer Ladwig was also able to retro fit HD2 with an unused laptop, and TRACS printer, so the motor unit is now TRACS and mobile compatible, which gives the motor unit some of the same technological advantages as a patrol car.
Currently there are four Manitowoc Police Department SWAT Officers assigned to the SWAT team. The SWAT team regular training consists of 8 hours per month. We trained a total of 112 hours as a team in 2014. This training included room clearing (deliberate and dynamic), firearms, field movement, use of night vision, active shooter response, shield use, smoke deployment, NFDD deployment (flash bang), and chemical agents. We trained with Brown Co. SWAT in the use of their multijurisdictional Bear Cat armored vehicle and with Manitowoc Fire Department in the use of our multijurisdictional Mobile Command Vehicle. We also trained with Point Beach Nuclear Plant Emergency Response Team. The Crisis Negotiations Team completed 19 hours of training. This training consisted of joint training with SOS Operators, scenarios of negotiations utilizing their equipment, mutual aid equipment, and guest speakers.

The SWAT team continues to explore the ability of obtaining an armored vehicle. The SWAT team has identified numerous uses for an armored vehicle including officer safety and community safety related issues such as school shootings. SWAT team leaders have discussed the purchase of an armored vehicle with MTSO administration and expressed the immediate need for this invaluable piece of equipment. MTSO administration has supported the need for an armored vehicle and has identified potential funding sources to purchase an armored vehicle in the near future.

In 2014 the Manitowoc County SWAT team responded to six full team requests for assistance. Metro Drug requested the Swat Team for three high risk drug related search warrants, two search warrants in the City of Manitowoc and one in the City of Two Rivers. The City of Two Rivers requested the Swat Team on two occasions for a barricade stabbing suspect and an armed/suicidal subject. The Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office requested the Swat team once for an armed and suicidal subject. There were sixteen requests for assistance by the partial team. Metro Drug made fifteen requests for high risk drug related search warrants and one was made by the Manitowoc Police Department. All calls for assistance resulted in positive outcomes. Requests were made by the Metro Drug Unit and were all related to drug search warrants. No one received reportable injuries during calls for service.

During 2014 call outs, SWAT was required to use the following force options: NFDD – five, Hooligan Tool – three, Ram – six and the breaching shot gun – once.

Manitowoc Police Department SWAT Officers/SWAT Negotiators currently consists of the following personnel:

- Lt. Corie Pusel
- Officer Jeff Buck
- Officer Michaelyn Culligan
- Officer Jeremy Weber
- Officer Jason Erickson
- Officer Greg Aik

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Corie Pusel
Manitowoc Police Department
CONGRATULATIONS

With honesty and dedication
You pledged to protect and serve.
Using courage and compassion,
Your community you did preserve.

Our sincere gratitude for the assistance, guidance,
And outstanding leadership you’ve provided
To law enforcement for so many years.
You have set an example to be followed in the future
And cherished by those of us that were fortunate enough
To have experienced it for ourselves.

Words cannot properly express our gratitude for your
Contributions and the wisdom you brought to our daily lives.

May the blessings of good health, the joy of good friends,
A loving family, and the contentment of a job well done,
Fill your life with happiness!
Happy Retirement!!!!
Officer Ron Ploederl  
01-05-2014

Officer Kyle Massa  
01-06-2014

Officer Kayla Rocklewitz  
01-13-2014

Officer Sean Manion  
01-27-2014

Officer Steve Nolan  
12-01-2014

Christopher Brey  
12-15-2014

Community Service Worker
Danny Harms  
12-01-2014

Clerk Typist
Jennifer Swokowski  
07-21-2014

The Policeman's Prayer

Oh Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe. Watch over all policeman and law enforcement officers. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robberies, riot and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe by day and night.

We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them your unending strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men; grant them your almighty protection. Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.

Amen
Special Enforcement

The Manitowoc Police Department will join Booze and Belts traffic safety mobilization. To increase safety belt use and reduce drunken driving, The Manitowoc Police Department will mobilize for the statewide “Booze and Belts” campaign from Dec. 12 to 20, 2014.

“Deaths and injuries in traffic crashes are especially tragic for families this time of year, so our officers will be out in force during the Booze and Belts mobilization looking for unbuckled and impaired motorists,” said Captain Jason Freiboth. High-visibility law enforcement mobilizations, like Booze and Belts, are helping to save lives and reduce injuries. In the past 10 years, fatalities from alcohol-related crashes dropped from 348 in 2003 to 185 in 2013, which is a 47 percent reduction. Injuries from alcohol-related crashes dropped from 6,445 in 2003 to 2,660 in 2013, which is a 59 percent reduction. In addition, seat belt use in Wisconsin is at an all-time high with nearly 85 percent of drivers and passengers buckling up, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

“We’re making progress toward the goal of zero preventable traffic deaths in Wisconsin, but far too many people are still needlessly killed or injured in traffic crashes,” says Captain Freiboth. “We are striving for voluntary compliance with traffic laws, so we urge you to make the responsible decision to buckle up and drive sober.”
Fourteen executive management personnel from Wisconsin law enforcement agencies graduated from Fox Valley Technical College’s 17th Annual Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute, which included training resources from the college’s Public Safety Division and Supervisory Management program, in addition to FBI Academy trainers and support from the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety.

The program was established to address the professional growth needs of current and future leaders presently serving in criminal justice agencies. The students met at FVTC’s Criminal Justice Center in Appleton from March 2013 through January 2014, focusing on topics like management concepts, media relations, cultural diversity, leadership skills, personnel development, communication skills, community policing issues and various social and legal matters relating to policing.
The Manitowoc Police Department is proud to announce Patrol Officer Paul Behrendt as the recipient of the 2013 Noon Rotary Officer of the Year Award. The Noon Rotary Club held a banquet in his honor on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Manitowoc. Officer Behrendt was nominated by the first shift supervisors and Training Lieutenant Rob Barbier.

In 2013, Officer Behrendt continued his exemplary work here at the Manitowoc Police Department. He always comes to work prepared to carry out his duties and he continues to perform these duties at a very high level. He takes pride in his appearance and the image he presents to the citizens of Manitowoc. Throughout his 17 year career at the Manitowoc Police Department, Officer Behrendt has exhibited the qualities that lay the foundation for success as a police officer. He stays organized, upbeat in his attitude and he uses his positive energy to work well with fellow officers, supervisors and the citizens he serves, treating everyone he comes in contact with respect. Officer Behrendt is actively involved in making the Manitowoc Police Department a premier law enforcement agency. He has been reliably involved with the tactical training on our department for 14 years. He is certified by the State of Wisconsin as unified tactical instructor and has been involved in defense and arrest tactics training since 2004 and firearms training since 1999. Officer Behrendt continues to be a great asset to the training department and Lt. Barbier. Officer Behrendt has taken on a more active role in assisting with the development of lesson plans for training. He is a highly trusted and motivated instructor who takes these responsibilities very serious and developing innovative, reality based lesson plans to train officers and make them safer and more effective as they carry out their daily duties. He has also volunteered to perform the maintenance duties of the Tasers for the department. His willingness to take on these responsibilities speaks highly of him and demonstrates the leadership qualities he possesses. Officer Behrendt has also demonstrated his commitment to the community by participating in the Police Department’s Citizens Academy for several years and has been an instructor for several aspects of this worthwhile program. Officer Behrendt has demonstrated he is a motivated and dependable officer who is willing to take on extra duties.

Carol Gulbrand, a service desk employee for Walmart is the recipient of the 2013 Noon Rotary Citizen of the Year award. Carol was nominated by Crime Prevention Sergeant Bruce Jacobs.

After getting literally hundreds of phone calls from people who lost thousands of dollars from scams, I decided that public presentations, radio spots and newspaper articles were not reaching nearly enough people. Carol started calling me before suspicious funds were sent or received. I stopped several times to thank her and noticed other employee’s starting to understand how big this problem is. They too started calling me before funds were sent. With Walmart’s success story, I was able to get other businesses and banks to understand the problem and together we are stopping more and more people from being scammed. On December 4, 2013 I began to keep track to these events. In 52 days, we were able to stop 24 people from being scammed and saved $46,045 from going into the hands of terrorists. I strongly feel Carol deserves credit for helping me convince others about the magnitude of the problem. This was not easy for Carol to tell a customer no as some get upset with her. Carol is a great asset to the company, being knowledgeable in Service Desk procedures and being an associate that can be relied upon. Carol has taken it upon herself to be a champion in preventing community loss through internet/lottery/family in
need/money Gram scams. She has saved customers 10’s of thousands of dollars through these potential scams. Carol asks customers the right questions when they come in to send money through our Money Gram services, determining whether the customer could be a potential victim in these types of scams. She takes the time to educate the customers on why she believes they are being scammed. This gives the customers a little more time to realize their potential loss if they continue with the transaction, in the end saving them hundreds if not thousands of dollars. Carol communicates any suspicious activities to her store Asset Protection Team and works closely with me in preventing future loss in the community. Walmart is very proud of Carol and what she has and is doing for the community. Saving them money, so they can live better.

**Eagles Award – Officer of the Year**

On Saturday, May 3, 2014 Eagles Club hosted an awards banquet for the recipient of the 2013 Eagles Club Officer of the Year Award is Detective Erik Kowalski. Detective Kowalski has served on the Manitowoc Police Department since July of 1996 and was promoted to Detective January 2009.

Detective Kowalski spends many hours of his personal time putting together the Manitowoc Professional Police Association show that benefits local youth sports and other charities. He is an active participant in our Citizen’s Academy and teaches D.A.R.E. Detective Kowalski is a graduate of the prestigious National Forensic Academy in Knoxville Tennessee and shares his knowledge through talks and information sessions. Such presentations have included speaking at the Manitowoc Public Library, to Valders High School students and to Two Rivers Police officers about forensic lights. Detective Kowalski also shares his expert knowledge with other law enforcement officers and agencies such as the Coroner’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office. He also has been a liaison with SARC (Sexual Assault Resource Center) and has helped raise funds to set up our Soft Interview room at the police department that is used to interview children. Detective Kowalski truly exemplifies our department values.

**2014 – Crime Prevention Award Winner – WOMT Radio**