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, Matt Sauer, 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.
In 2015 there were several new faces around the Manitowoc Police Department. We filled six different patrol officer positions at the Manitowoc Police Department. We also hired a new administrative assistant and we had several interns rotate in and out of the department. Our Community Service Worker (CSW) was also new to the position and he put in his first full year as the CSW in 2015. The number of hours police officers logged on the streets of Manitowoc were low due to the number of retirements creating manpower shortages that hampered our efforts to hire and train replacements fast enough to cover all the absences caused by retirements and medical leave. When you add the normal forms of paid time off the remaining employees earned, it is easy to see why we struggled to fill our patrol rosters in 2013, 2014, and again in 2015.

Chief Tony Dick was the most notable retirement at the end of 2015 (January 8, 2016 to be exact). He was hired by Chief Leroy Strauss as the Police Cadet for the Manitowoc Police Department in August of 1982. He held that position until he was promoted to Patrolman on November 7, 1983. As a patrolman he was assigned to second shift, which ran from 4:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

In July of 1989, Dick became a Police School Liaison Officer (P.S.L.O.). As a PSLO he worked with children from preschool age through ninth grade. He spent most of his time working with students at Washington Junior High School and Wilson Junior High School. He also taught Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) classes to the students of the Manitowoc Area Catholic School System.

In December of 1992, Dick was promoted to the position of Detective and was assigned to the Metro Drug Unit. After leaving Metro, he was assigned to work general investigations as a detective working second shift, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. In 2003 he went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and graduated with the 213th session.

In January of 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant of Detectives. Later that same year he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Administration and Support. As a Deputy Chief he was responsible for the Detective Bureau as well as the training, clerical, and community policing functions. In 2006, he accepted the new role of Deputy Chief of Patrol and took over the patrol division.

In 2007 Dick was named Acting-Interim Chief of Police. While Acting-Interim Chief, he was responsible for the restructuring of the police department. His new structure clarified lines of authority and responsibility, and enabled the department to become more efficient and cost effective. On November 11, 2008, Oscar “Tony” Dick was recognized for his efforts when he was named Chief of Police.

In 2015 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 2015 your police department also employed 10 support staff along with 12 part time crossing guards.

There was a structure change in 2015. The Lieutenant of Crime Prevention position was eliminated and replaced with a Deputy Chief of Police position. The old Deputy Chief position was changed to an Assistant Chief of Police. This allowed for a clear distinction of the command. It kept the Chief of Police in charge, with the Assistant Chief second in command and the Deputy Chief third in command.

There were also several promotions in 2015. Captain Nick Reimer was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. Training Lieutenant Rob Barbier was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police. Lt. Craig Jansen was promoted to third shift Captain of Patrol. Officer Bob Arps and SRO Jeremy Kronforst were promoted to third shift lieutenant of patrol and second shift lieutenant of patrol.

In addition, Officer Nick Place was named Manitowoc Police Department’s third ever K9 Handler. He went to Anniston, Alabama to train with the new K9, “Major” for 6 weeks. Officer Place and K9 Major replaced Officer Weber and Aik after the retirement of Aik. Aik dedicated 5 years of service to the department and retired as a result of a degenerative disk in his back in October of 2015.

Officer Paul Krock and Officer Miranda Check started tours of duty as School Resource Officers in 2015. Officer Krock replaced SRO Jeremy Kronforst at Wilson JHS as a result of Lt. Kronforst’s promotion. Officer Check replaced SRO Delsman at Lincoln HS, as Officer Delsman ended his term as SRO.

The members of the police department rose to the many challenges they faced in 2015 and they have continued to provide a high level of professional service to our community and its citizens. During 2015 there were 33,492 calls for service received by the county dispatchers assigned to the City of Manitowoc work station. These calls for service generated over 19,457 police incident reports. The remaining officers continued to investigate all forms of crime which left little time for self-initiated contacts with the public.

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 Twitter Accounts gives the public greater access to gain firsthand knowledge about the Manitowoc Police Department.
The 2015 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,
Nick Reimer

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Capt. Larry Zimney
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 1st Shift
Years of Service – 27 Years

In 2015, the first shift was comprised of 12 patrol officers for most of the year working the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the start of 2015, the command staff consisted of Capt. Larry Zimney, Lt. Karl Puestow, and Lt. Steve Eckley. After 25 total years in the Law Enforcement profession, Lt. Eckley retired in late May. His actual last day of work, however was in mid-February. His kind, calm demeanor is greatly missed, and we wish him all the best in his retirement. Lt. Puestow and I, Capt. Zimney, worked as the shift supervisors from mid-February until late June, when Lt. Matt Wallander joined us as the second Lieutenant on the shift. His outgoing personality, advanced knowledge of technological equipment and solid work ethic was a welcome addition to our shift.

Many other significant changes also occurred on the day shift in 2015. After the retirement of Officer Steve Thomm in October of 2014, Officer John Bennett joined the day shift on January 1st, 2015. He is a welcomed addition to the patrol ranks and comes with a wealth of knowledge from his years as a School Resource Officer and second shift officer. He is also extremely active as a DARE officer and he has continued to teach numerous DARE classes to the youth of our community while being assigned to the day shift.

Many new officers also joined the Manitowoc Police Department in 2015, which kept the three Field Training Officers on the day shift quite busy. A total of seven probationary officers came through the Field Training Program in 2015, and were trained by Field Training Officers Rob Weyer, Bob Sosnosky and Brett Ver Velde. These officers should be commended for their commitment to ensure the professional standards of our newly hired officers are maintained.

In mid-September, Officer Paul Behrendt was promoted to the Training Lieutenant position, which was vacated when Lt. Barbier was promoted to Deputy Chief. Lt. Behrendt has been involved with the departments training program as an assistant for many years. He begins his new position with many years of experience in training officers and he was a natural fit for this position. Lt. Berendt’s departure from the day shift patrol has left us with only 11 patrol officers since September.

The last very welcomed addition to the dayshift in 2015 was the hiring of Community Service Worker (CSW) Danny Harms. He began his duties on January 1st after previously being employed with the custodial staff at City Hall. CSW Harms came into his CSW position knowing very little about the day to day operations of the Manitowoc Police Department. His extremely hard work ethic, along with his abilities to learn quickly and develop positive working relationships with anyone, have allowed him to excel at his duties and he has proven to be a great fit and asset to the Manitowoc Police Department and the citizens of Manitowoc. He has already trained and worked with numerous part–time interns who are looking to get into the law enforcement field.

The year 2015 was a very busy one for the Manitowoc Police Department on all shifts. Calls for service increased significantly from the norms in years past. The officers of the day shift continued to work hard for the citizens of the community on a daily basis while enforcing the laws fairly, and consistently
looking for ways to solve crime and other issues within our community. The officers on all shifts truly appreciate the citizens that take the time to express their gratitude for the services they provide, and the officers know that the silent majority of citizens appreciate their police force in these times where law enforcement are often portrayed in the media as villains.

Capt. Jason Freiboth
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 2nd Shift
Years of Service – 18 Years

Second shift at the Manitowoc Police Department currently consists of three supervisors and twelve patrol officers. The command staff consists of Captain Jason Freiboth, Lt. Mark Schroeder, and Lt. Jeremy Kronforst. The patrol officers include Kathryn Walters, Jason Delsman, Justin Massart, Brad Hayner, John Musial, Kurk Bessler, Nick Place, Travis VanKauwenberg, Amanda DeValk, Nathan Barnes, Ron Ploederl and Steve Nolan. We also help supervise two part time community service workers. The second shift begins at 2:45p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.

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 community events: St Patrick’s Day parade, Cool City Car Parade, Color Guard at Bandits’ game, July 4th events, Sputnikfest, Lobsterfest, Holiday Parade. We also gave multiple tours of the police department to various groups and conducted citizen ride alongs.
This year our patrol division participated in three state funded traffic safety grants (Drive Sober, Click it or Ticket it and Booze and Belts). As a result of our participation, the department was selected to receive $4,000 to purchase traffic safety related equipment. The money will be used to purchase five more VieVu body cameras.

Our newest addition to our shift is K9 Major. He is a two year old Belgian Malinois that is dual trained in drug detection and tracking. Major is partnered with Officer Nick Place. Officer Place spent six weeks training in Alabama before returning to patrol the streets of Manitowoc.

Alcohol and drug related incidents continue to be an ongoing problem in our community. Our shift has seen an increase in the amount of drug overdoses and people incapacitated by drugs or alcohol. This caused an increase in the amount of theft and burglary complaints that we normally see.

Throughout the year, members of second shift had the enjoyable opportunity to volunteer to 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, bowling, and a competitive game of softball. Officer Bessler organized Shop with a Cop to assist select families that might need assistance during the busy holiday season.

We look forward to working cooperatively with the community to prevent crime, maintain order and provide a safe environment for everyone.
Capt. Craig Jansen  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 3rd Shift  
Years of Service – 12 Years

Starting roughly around mid-year in 2015, and continuing through the start of 2016, the Manitowoc Police Department’s third shift of patrol officers has gone through an unprecedented, “blink of an eye” change from a shift of mostly experienced officers to a shift full of brand new personnel. Even the leadership of the shift has had significant changes. Of course, you don’t go through rapid changes like this without personnel shortages, and despite a mad scramble to bring in new officers, third shift had to fill countless overtime shifts throughout the year, the likes of which hasn’t been seen in many years, if ever.

Beginning with the shift leadership, third shift Captain Nick Reimer left the shift in early 2015 when he was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, and then ultimately he went on to become the new Chief of Police. The Chief of Police promoted Lieutenant Craig Jansen to Captain as his replacement. The Chief of Police promoted third shift Patrol Officer Robert Arps to Lieutenant to replace Captain Jansen, and to lead alongside Lieutenant Corie Pusel, who has been serving as a third shift Lieutenant since the end of 2012.

During 2015, third shift Officers Scott Keil and Kyle Massa left to pursue careers outside law enforcement. Officer Paul Krock left third shift to serve as the School Resource Officer for Wilson Jr. High. Officer Jason Erickson left third shift to serve as a narcotics investigator with the METRO Drug Unit, and Officer Robert Block is ready to move to first shift to fill a vacancy there. To fill all those shoes, third shift brought in brand new Officers Alex Turek, Fielder Clark, Kim Albright, Kyle Novack, and Ryan Van Dyn Hoven. Also especially noteworthy in 2015, although bittersweet, was the department’s first ever K9, Aik, retired in October after five years of outstanding service, while handled by Officer Jeremy Weber.

Regarding some of the goings on with third shift personnel, Captain Jansen graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College in June of 2015, which was a joint venture between the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Public Manager Program and the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Lieutenant Pusel is currently attending the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, slated for graduation in March of 2016.

Third shift lost several of its training officers in some of the previously mentioned personnel moves, therefore Officers Jason Denk and Rebecca Schuettpelz attended Field Training Officer School in early fall of 2015, and they have already been doing a very fine job at training some of the new officers. With Officer Jeremy Weber’s K9 partner retiring, he is now ready to take on the new responsibility of field training new officers, and he too is waiting to attend Field Training Officer School.
Captain Jansen organized the Manitowoc Police Department’s first ever Police Explorer Program in the spring of 2015, and after a successful first year, the program has now increased in size to a total of twenty-five Explorer Youth participating in the program going into 2016.

In addition to the Explorer Program, Captain Jansen took over as the new Police Chaplain Director after Lieutenant Steve Eckley retired, and he has now increased the number of participating chaplains to a total of eight, representing all of the major evangelical denominations in Manitowoc.

Lieutenant Robert Arps began transitioning into managing the OWI Task Force, which now includes additional responsibilities labeled HVEE, or High Visibility Education and Enforcement. This requires Lieutenant Arps to drastically increase time spent interacting with the media, participating in educational nights out with bar personnel and patrons, and constant broadcasting of OWI Task Force information through Facebook and Twitter. In addition, there is an increased focus on providing officers with all sorts of new tactical information to increase their safety while patrolling the streets.

Lieutenant Corie Pusel continues his participation with the Manitowoc County Joint SWAT Team, and a separate annual report spells out some of the news and activities for that unit in 2015.

Third shift continues to be very busy, by third shift standards, as overall the Manitowoc Police Department continues to deal with a very bad narcotics abuse problem in the city, along with all of the additional crimes and problems stemming from the widespread narcotics abuse. Third shift officers handled over 6,000 incidents, and wrote well over 600 traffic citations, over 300 ordinance citations, and over 900 written warnings for violations of the traffic code or city ordinances. In addition, third shift officers continue to engage in the proactive patrol practice of searching for unlocked or unsecure business doors while everyone sleeps, in order to prevent burglaries and thefts from occurring. In 2015,
the officers located over 50 such unsecure doors. The officers also called in repairs to over 300 burned out street lights, which also serve to increase the safety of our citizens and their property.

We look forward to a good year in 2016, with hopefully more stability in our manpower issues, more proactive policing in partnership with our community to reduce crime and create a safer environment for all of our citizens, and the hopes and excitement that always come with new department leadership.
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.

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

The Manitowoc Police Department mobilized along with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket Safety Belt Enforcement campaign from May 18 to 31, 2015.

“Our officers are serious about safety belt enforcement. We see far too many drivers and passengers needlessly killed or injured because they were unbuckled in a crash,” says Captain Jason Freiboth. “During the Click It or Ticket mobilization and throughout the year, we will stringently enforce Wisconsin’s safety belt law. We’re not trying to write more tickets. Through enforcement and education, we’re striving to get people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle.”

Although the state’s safety belt use rate of 85 percent is the highest ever, more than half of the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes last year were not wearing safety belts. In addition, last year there were more than 55,000 convictions for failure to fasten a seat belt.

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 Police Department was able to write 51 traffic citations and 59 warnings during the Click It or Ticket Traffic grant. The Manitowoc Police Department became eligible for a drawing for $4,000 worth of traffic safety equipment.
Manitowoc Police Department
To crack down on drunken motorists during the ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ campaign

To combat drunken driving, the Manitowoc Police Department will join hundreds of other law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin participating in the annual “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” national campaign from Aug. 21 to Sept. 7, 2015 and Dec. 18 to Jan. 3, 2016.

“Although drunken driving is 100 percent preventable, on average someone is killed or injured in an alcohol-related crash in Wisconsin every three hours,” says Captain Jansen. “During the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown campaign, our officers will be out in force to arrest drunken drivers before they kill or injure themselves or an innocent victim.”

Rather than risk a drunken driving arrest or crash, the Manitowoc Police Department urges you to follow these common sense suggestions:

Choose a sober designated driver before you start drinking.

If you’re feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive.

Take mass transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.

The Zero In Wisconsin traffic safety program has a free “Drive Sober” mobile app that can be downloaded by visiting zeroinwisconsin.gov

Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on Safe Ride.

Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911.
Detective Bureau 2015

Det. Sgt. David C. Vorpahl
Current Position – Detective Sergeant
Years of Service – 26 Years

Currently the Manitowoc Police Department’s Detective Bureau consists of one Captain of Detectives, one Detective Sergeant, six full time Detectives (one of which is primarily assigned to the Metro Drug Unit), and two Officer/Investigators assigned to the 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 (DHS), Probation and Parole (P & P), F.B.I., State of Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), 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 past year, our department has once again tried to bring to the attention of the public the concerns that need to be addressed by our community as a whole. Unfortunately at the top of our list, is again controlling ILLEGAL DRUG USE and DISTRIBUTION in the city of Manitowoc. We feel that an informed public can take the necessary actions to create the community that they want to live in.

Drugs not only affect the user along with their families and friends, but it also affects the quality of life in our city. Users that are physically addicted to these hard drugs must obtain the drugs or they will become violently ill. Obviously, when addict’s money supply dries up, they steal. This is accomplished in a variety of ways by stealing from their family and friends, issuance of worthless checks, vehicle entries, frauds, retail thefts, burglaries, armed robberies, etc. In addition, our resources have become strained by not only investigating an increase in those types of calls, but also investigating the untimely
Detective Bureau 2015

deaths of persons overdosing. This is why during this past year; we have become more pro-active in our efforts to combat this problem. Here are some of the things we have done and continue to do:

- We have added an additional staff member to the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit.
- We were trained and are participating in a county wide initiative regarding the protection and investigation of Drug Endangered Children (DEC program).
- Our general crimes detectives (other than Metro Drug investigators) participate in a regularly scheduled specialized drug enforcement effort.
- We are actively participating in the community conversation about heroin and its effects (Heroin Summit).
- We continue to have a drug drop off box at our department.
- We continue to partner with the public and private schools to teach the D.A.R.E. program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).
- We continue to do a variety of public presentations on drug abuse and the consequences to the entire community.
- We continue to have membership and participate in the Healthiest Manitowoc County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.
- Most importantly, we continue to partner with the community and our other shared partners in an effort to reduce and/or eliminate this scourge on our society.

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 prevent crime and 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 later 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 2015 we received 118 Crime Stoppers and Quick 50 “tips” which helped lead to solving 50 cases and resulting in 66 total arrests. Crimes solved included a death investigation, sexual assault, burglaries, a gun theft, weapons violations, vandalism, vehicle entries, warrants, and drugs. Those are incredible results which really show the impact that citizens can make in our community. Keep those calls coming!

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!!
Det. Jennifer Pusel  
Current Position – Detective – Metro Drug  
Years of Service – 16 Years

The Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit is involved in numerous investigations involving the controlled purchases of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, prescription pills and marijuana. Some of these investigations require the Metro Drug Unit to assist agencies in other jurisdictions outside of Manitowoc County.

In 2015, the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit consisted of two investigators and one supervisor from the Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office, three detectives from the City of Manitowoc Police Department and one detective from the Two Rivers Police Department (on an “as needed” basis).

In 2015, the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit completed approximately 200 controlled purchases of drugs, executed approximately 20 search warrants, handled two conspiracy cases, assisted the Manitowoc County Jail with numerous drug related offenses and assisted outside law enforcement agencies in at least 10 investigations. Countless hours of surveillance on potential drug related targets were logged, with approximately 20 traffic stops being conducted post-surveillance that led to drugs being located and subjects being arrested for drug offenses.

Nearly 600 intelligence computer entries were made in 2015 by Metro Drug investigators within the task force. The intelligence received by the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit was gathered or provided by numerous sources reference drug activity in Manitowoc County. The Metro Drug Unit receives intelligence from patrol officers, citizens (named and anonymous) and from reliable cooperating individuals working with Metro Drug investigators.
Throughout 2015 the Manitowoc Police Department recorded 1,337 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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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.

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Sgt. Bruce Jacobs
Current Position – Crime Prevention Sergeant
Years of Service – 27 Years

Crime Prevention is a very important part of any Law Enforcement agency. In 1829 Sir Richard Mayne, one of the founders of Scotland Yard, wrote: “The primary object of an efficient police is the prevention of crime: the next that of detection and punishment of offenders if crime is committed.

I have worked in the Crime Prevention field since 1992 when I started as an 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 community 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 2015.

One of my goals this year was to get “On Shift Crime Prevention Officers.” This allows me to have more of a role in educating officers on crime prevention techniques. The “on shift officers” bring back information to their shifts and talk about it so it’s fresh. It’s getting officers to be more than report takers, and having them understand they can play a role in preventing future crimes. It can be as simple as talking to the victim about something as simple as better lighting or locking the garage at night.

One of my goals for 2015 was to grow the Neighborhood Watch (NHW) program from 19 Block Captains to 50 Block Captains. We were able to grow to a total of 61 NHW Block Captains, which will continue to pay dividends for all our communities. 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 gone 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 thousands of scams a day between letters, text messages, emails, online 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 many of the scams are being done by terrorist from other countries. 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
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victims. I kept 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 we use is 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 neighborhood begins 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.
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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 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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ARREST

310

423

375

380

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 stores estimate very large percentages are not caught.
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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 continue to be a major problem in the United States and in Manitowoc 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 24th, 2015 there were 1150 people who attended. We
gave away 100 bike helmets and fingerprinted 180 children.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a nationwide program which is a community night
to stand against crime. The Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee
and TRAID 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 anti-crime
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 Searches 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 taught till 2015. 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.

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 teamed 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
- MPSD DISTRICT SAFETY TEAM
- INVESTIGATIONS
- WI CRIME ALERT
- ANIT DRUG COALITIONS
- SAFETY PATROL
- SAFETY PATROL PICNIC
- CRIME STOPPERS
- SRO MEETINGS
- INSERVICE TRAINING
- FILL IN SRO DUTIES
- AAA CONTACTS
- PEER SUPPORT MEMBER
- NUISANCE ORDINANCE
- PD TOURS
- SECURITY SURVEYS
- NUISANCE ORDINANCE
- PD TOURS

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

- SCAMS
- FINGERPRINTING
- SRO
- CRIME SCENE
- REALITY STORE
- SENIOR FAIR
- INTERNET PREDATORS
- STRANGER DANGER
- ALCOHOL
- SENIOR SAFETY
- WORK PLACE VIOLENCE
- GANGS
- SAFETY PATROL
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- 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 2015-2016 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 527 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 has 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.
The Manitowoc Police Department’s Community Service Worker(s) and police interns are responsible for a variety of tasks in support of law enforcement activities and serve as a liaison between the Department and the Community. Currently the department has one Community Service Worker, Danny Harms. Duties of a Community Service Worker (CSW) or police intern include:

- Assisting Officers, Supervisors, and Department Managers by running errands, delivering paperwork and mail, purchasing or repairing equipment and supplies, and conducting group tours of the Department.
- Parking enforcement through the monitoring of parking lots and zones, the issuance of warnings or tickets, the impounding and follow-up of disabled or abandoned vehicles towed, and the completion of necessary paperwork and reports.
- Capturing and transporting stray or feral animals to the Lakeshore Humane Society Animal Shelter, and the capture and transport of injured wildlife to area rehabilitation facilities.
- The investigation and follow-up of animal licensing and permit issues.
- The transport of abandoned or recovered property to the Department and placing property into evidence or storage for safe-keeping.
- Crossing Guard duties at area schools and special events when needed.
- The cleaning and light maintenance of the Department vehicle fleet, along with the coordination of heavier maintenance and repairs with the Department of Public Works.
- Supervision and coordination of work for paid interns in the Department’s Community Service Internship Program.

The Community Service Internship Program at the Manitowoc Police Department 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 Sergeant, 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(s) 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 Captain Jason Freiboth and Lieutenant Karl Puestow, with direct supervision of the interns by the Department’s Community Service Worker(s).

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 Department works closely with the staff at area high schools, technical colleges, and four-year colleges and 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 2015, Colton Zimmer and Alex Jirschele completed unpaid internships at the Manitowoc Police Department for academic credit, while paid internships were begun or completed by Jacob Eberhardt, Cooper Schmidt, Katrina Rumpff, Bruce Tuma, Katie Ratajczak, and Dylan Hammel. 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.
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.

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
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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 reclams 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.

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The City of Manitowoc has employed civilians as school crossing guards since February 1953. After 63 years of service, the practice continues and the City of Manitowoc is privileged to have 10 crossing guards. Some work one specific corner both morning and afternoon shifts while others work only one shift per day but then substitute as needed for others if they are ill or otherwise cannot make their own corner. One guard only works as a substitute when needed. These men and women are dedicated souls who, regardless the weather conditions stand at their corners and safely cross the children so that they may reach their destination. Their commitment to the children, the schools and the City cannot be understated. They are truly dedicated individuals. They enjoy their work and build relationships with the children throughout the school year. Many have stated through the years that these relationships with the children are what makes the job so worthwhile.

The crossing guards for the 2015 school year were:

Leanna Leonowicz  
~ 28 years of service

Rebecca Woodman  
~ 23 years of service

Jeanette Miller  
~ 6 years of service

Joanne Szydel  
~ 4 ½ years of service

Bob Becker  
~ 2 years of service

Leo Szydel  
~ 2 years of service

Ray Morgan  
~ 2 years of service

Kathy Hogan  
~ 1 year of service

Laurie Hoppe  
~ 1 year of service

Ann Krueger  
~ 1 year of service

We thank them for their service and dedication. Parents of school aged children, the schools and indeed our entire community is grateful for their service.
2015 marks a milestone for me and for our department. 2015 was the 10th anniversary of me serving the Manitowoc Police Department as the full time training coordinator and my 24th year on the department. The old saying goes, “how time flies when you’re having fun” and that certainly applies here. It truly seems like yesterday I was a “rookie” officer walking the halls of our old police station in 1991. So much has changed over the years and so much has stayed the same. Our officers operate out of a modern building now, drive all-wheel drive SUV squads, and are surrounded by the most modern electronics to document and record the events during their shifts. We have come a long way from that very old building located just across S. 9th Street, our very stripped down, rear-wheel drive squad cars lacking air conditioning or power windows (we were happy to have an AM radio). There were no computers, digital cameras or mini-voice recorders and the only way a motor vehicle accident, retail theft or disorderly conduct complaint was memorialized was by having an officer sit down at a desk with a manual typewriter and their squeeze tube of “white-out” (you can Google it) and get the facts of the case on to a piece of white paper.

Unfortunately another thing that hasn’t changed is the risk that police officers take every time they put their uniform on and report for duty. The best thing that we can do to combat these risks is provide realistic and relevant training to our officers and equip them with the most modern equipment possible. I am very proud to say that I have played a part in the modernizing of our tactical training and all of the related equipment. As technology continues to evolve, the citizens of Manitowoc can be assured that we will also upgrade and adjust our equipment and tactics in order to provide the highest level of service possible, while maintaining our goal of keeping our officers as safe as possible. It has been an honor to serve our department and community as the Training Coordinator and I look forward to more years of service as the Deputy Chief.

I proudly turn the reins of the training department over to a long-time friend, co-worker and fellow graduate of the Fox Valley Technical College Recruit Class of 1991, Lt. Paul Behrendt.

On September 14th, 2015 I was promoted to Lieutenant and took over for Deputy Chief Rob Barbier as the full time training coordinator. I have worked for the Manitowoc Police Department for 19 years and previous to that I was a Two Rivers Police Officer for 5 years. I look forward to working with Deputy Chief Barbier to constantly improve the training we offer to the employees of the Police Department.

For several years we have been training on how to respond to an active shooter event. In 2015, we started to work with the county volunteer fire departments to provide medical treatment to citizens.
injured during an active shooter event. The volunteer fire departments agreed to enter a secured casualty collection point to provide medical treatment to injured citizens. The City of Manitowoc Fire Department agreed to take it one step further and form rescue teams (two officers and two firemen) that will enter an active shooter event to locate and move injured subjects to the casualty collection point. In 2016, we will conduct joint training with the area fire departments on these life saving techniques.

I’m looking forward to the challenges my new position will bring and hope I can continue to improve the training we offer the employees of the Manitowoc Police Department.
Capt. Craig Jansen  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 3rd Shift  
Years of Service – 12 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.

Although our Manitowoc Police Chaplains were not heavily utilized throughout 2015 and early 2016, they did play a very key role providing vital support to various families and our own police department on several suicides in both Manitowoc County and City. They were also instrumental in defusing hostilities at the well-publicized Steven Avery protest at the Manitowoc County Courthouse, and they assisted greatly in Manitowoc’s first shooting homicide in fifteen years in early 2016.

The Manitowoc Police Department currently has eight active Chaplains including Matthew Sauer from First Presbyterian, Roger Harrison from Open Bible Baptist, Tom Pankow from Grace Lutheran, Curt Vanderstelt formerly from Hope Church now working with the City of Two Rivers Government, Dick Runge a retired Lutheran pastor, Brett Lachappelle from The Gathering Ministries, Bob Krejcie from Faith Evangelical Free, and Ruthann Ross from St. Francis of Assisi.
Capt. Craig Jansen
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 3rd Shift
Years of Service – 12 Years

The Manitowoc Police Department’s Explorer Program was generally a success while at the same time it is a work in progress as we learn all of the nuances of the Explorer Program. The Explorers assisted the police department in various K9 fundraisers and city wide events in 2015, however, plans are in place to drastically increase their involvement and become a more visible presence at even more city events in 2016.

The Explorers had a blast receiving top notch training twice a month from Manitowoc’s finest officers in such things as traffic stops and high risk stops, traffic control, various tactical topics such as room clearing and active shooter training, crime scene handling and evidence processing, and much more. Many more interesting topics and hands on training sessions are planned for 2016, and we even hope to put their learning and training to the test in a regional Explorer competition against other Explorer Posts in 2016.

The current Explorer Committee includes Captain Craig Jansen as the Explorer Post Advisor, Sergeant Bruce Jacobs as the Committee Chair Person, and Officers Rob Weyer, Rick Ladwig, Kurk Bessler, and Lieutenant Arps as Associate Advisors.

The current crop of Manitowoc Police Explorers includes Aaron Huycke, Alex Grant, Andrew Kumbalek, Bailey Hetue, Brianna Brachmann, Christel Ericson, Clara Dramm, Collin Hawley, Daniel Sharpe, David Jansen, Derek Hansen, Ean Lagerstrom, Ella Hecker, Emily Bernhardt, Gabrael Raedel, Joshua Rathsack, Kieran Crowley-Oswald, Lauren Brewer, Melissa Weber, Norma Hernandez, Peyton Mayer, Samantha Franz, Shannon Koehler, Skylar Corbett and Zane Niemojuski.
Capt. Jason Freiboth  
Current Position – Captain – Patrol – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift  
Years of Service – 18 Years  


For the sixth 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 graffiti arrest we made this year was due to the observations of an astute security guard who observed a male subject acting suspiciously under the Revere Viaduct. Officers located the suspect who had orange and black marker on his hands. Officers then located a nearby bench honoring deceased Corporal Cain that had fresh orange and black marker on it. The suspect was interviewed and eventually charged with 45 cases of criminal damage to property that dated back to 2007. The damage caused by the suspect was estimated at $19,352.73. For years we were trying to identify the suspect who repeatedly wrote Fate 389 on other people’s property.

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.
In 2015, the Manitowoc Police Department continued patrol operations with multiple K-9 teams. In June, Officer Nick Place joined the unit with his partner, K-9 Major. He was added to make a smooth transition with the impending retirement of Officer Weber’s partner, K-9 Aik. K-9 Aik retired from police service after a wonderful 5 years of patrol. The transition went smooth and Officer Place was assigned to second shift. Officer Koenig and partner, K-9 Ully, remained on the night shift, focusing mainly on patrolling the hours of 10 pm to 6 am.

The MTPD K-9 teams continued training with local K-9 teams and K-9 teams throughout the state. Locally, efforts with working on multiple K-9 team deployments on calls to help cover more ground in a shorter period of time proved positive with a noticeable increase in apprehensions. With the help of Canadian Dog Trainer Tony Pallotta, our K-9 teams felt comfortable working together and focused on the goal at hand.

One of the highlights of the year by K-9 Ully was a successful track in January of a wanted male suspect which fled from a Two Rivers Police Department traffic stop. The male was suspected in distributing illegal drugs and had multiple felony warrants. K-9 Ully was able to track the male for 3.5 miles through multiple terrains in -20 degree wind chills. With the assistance of TRPD, MTPD, and a MTSO K-9 team, K-9 Ully apprehended the male without incident near Roncalli High School in the city of Manitowoc.

The Manitowoc K-9 fundraising effort was a huge success. The goal of $100,000 was reached and the total continues to grow. The K-9 teams held multiple fundraisers and added apparel sales to help boost the visibility and support of our teams. The fundraising efforts continue with new ideas for 2016.

In 2015, K-9 Ully assisted with the seizure of Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, drug paraphernalia, and cash. Through the five years K-9 Ully has been assigned to MTPD, he has aided in the location of over 70 persons. In addition, he has been requested to assist neighboring agencies 90 times. In addition, Officer Koenig and K-9 Ully gave 17 educational demonstrations to local groups and schools.
Officer Place has been a Police Officer for 14 years in the state of Wisconsin. He has served at the Manitowoc Police Department for the last 3 years. This is Officer Place’s first K9 assignment.

Canine Major is a two-year-old male Belgium Malinois that was born on 29 July 2013. This will be Canine Major’s first deployment to Manitowoc, WI.

Officer Place and Canine Major graduated from the 6 week AMK9 Dual Purpose Patrol/Narcotics Handler Course on 7 August 2015.

Officer Nick Place and Partner Major
Current Position – K9 Officer/Handler
Years of Service for Officer Place – 3 Years
Years of Service for Major – 0 Years

May 2015, I fulfilled a career goal of mine and I was selected to be the department's third K-9 handler. The Manitowoc Police Department received a gracious donation from the organization, K9s4Cops, and that organization paid for our new K9 and a six week handler course at AMK9 kennel in Anniston, Alabama. Shortly after I arrived at handler school I was paired up with a two-year-old male Belgian Malinois named Major. Belgian Malinois dogs are used a lot in the military and also by many law enforcement agencies, and the breed is well known for its energy, intelligence, and desire to work.

Like the department's two previous dogs, K9 Major is also a dual-purpose police dog, which means he is trained in tracking, apprehension, building and area searches, drug detection, and handler protection. We are certified in those areas through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). K-9 Major is the first Belgian Malinois police dog that has served in Manitowoc County.

K9 Major and I are assigned to work 2nd shift hours from 3 pm to 11 pm. K9 Major made an impact in 2015 once he hit the streets in mid-August. He had a total of 50 deployments during that time and he was credited with 15 arrests. Some highlights he had during 2015 was he located a stolen gun in a grassy area on the northeast side of the city, we tracked and apprehended a subject following a high speed pursuit through the city, and he alerted to a known drug dealer’s vehicle that contained 13 grams of methamphetamine along with paraphernalia indicating the man had intent to deliver methamphetamine.

K9 Major has been an excellent addition to our department and community! We plan on building on our success that we had in 2015 and continue to make a positive impact in our community. Please stop by and say hello to us at the various fundraisers planned in 2016 to support the Manitowoc PD K9 Fund.
K9 Aik Retires

Officer Jeremy Weber and Partner Aik
Current Position – K9 Officer/Handler
Years of Service – 9 Years

K9 Unit Aik Vom Kaiserhaus
Years of Service - 5 Years

On October 3rd, 2015 K9 Aik officially retired from the Manitowoc Police Department after over 5 years of dedicated service to our community. He and his handler, Officer Jeremy Weber, were the first ever K9 unit that served the Manitowoc Police Department.

“Aik”, short for Aik Vom Kaiserhaus, was born in Germany November 15th, 2007. He started at the Manitowoc Police Department in April of 2010 and he worked as a dual purpose K9, tracking both people and drugs.

Throughout his career he has had numerous successful drug finds and suspect apprehensions as a result of his tracking abilities. Aik located 57 articles of paraphernalia, 41,449.86 grams of THC, 226.8 grams of Hash, 14.5 grams of Cocaine, 7 grams of heroin, and 30.3 grams of Methamphetamine. In addition, he has located $32,630 in U.S. Currency.

He did 51 school sniffs. He also did 167 vehicle sniffs – finding illegal items 58 times. For a total of 13 times he found illegal items while searching 43 buildings for drugs. While searching 70 buildings for people, he located subjects 8 times. In addition, he located 36 people during his 80 opportunities to track for subjects.

Aik apprehended 42 suspects, 4 by physical means (bites) and was asked to assist outside law enforcement agencies 130 times. He was used 7 times to assist the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit and 1 time he was used by SWAT after being SKIDDS (SWAT K9 Interacting During Deployment School) trained.

Aik continues to live with Officer Weber after his retirement, at which point Officer Weber took over ownership of Aik from the City of Manitowoc. Officer Weber will continue to work as a patrol officer on 3rd shift.
Lt. Mark Schroeder  
Current Position – Lieutenant – Patrol – 2nd Shift  
Years of Service – 16 Years

The motor unit added a new member to its ranks with the successful completion of the Motor Officer Operators course by 2nd shift patrol Officer Kurk Bessler. Officer Bessler completed the 9 day course in early May, and began to utilize the motor unit on patrol shortly after.

The motor unit now consists of 8 certified unit operators, and 1 Harley Davidson Road King Police package motor unit.

The cycle was used mainly as a patrol unit during the 2015 operating season, when weather permitted, and was used during special events during the year.

The main focus for 2016 will be the replacement of the computer mounts and top box used to house the computer and TRACS system printer on the unit.
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 multi-jurisdictional Bear Cat armored vehicle and with Manitowoc Fire Department in the use of our multi-jurisdictional 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 2015 the Manitowoc County SWAT team responded to two (2) full team requests for assistance. One (1) was for an armed suicidal subject (w/other occupants in the residence) within the Village of St. Nazianz. The second was for a high risk drug related no-knock search warrant in the City of Two Rivers. Metro Drug requested the Swat Team for five (5) high risk drug related search warrants, one (1) search warrant was in the City of Manitowoc, three (3) in the City of Two Rivers, and one (1) in the Town of Two Rivers.

During 2015 call outs, SWAT was required to use the following force options: NFDD – three (3), Hooligan Tool – (1) and Ram – five (5).

Officer Jeff Buck resigned his position as an MTPD SWAT officer in June 2015 after serving on the team for six (6) years. K9 Aik retired from the SWAT team and MTPD in October 2015 after serving for five (5) years.

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

Lt. Corie Pusel        Officer Jeremy Weber        Officer Jason Erickson

Manitowoc Police Department SWAT Negotiators currently consist of the following personnel:

Officer Michaelyn Culligan
The 15th annual MPPA K9 police chase was held on October 10, 2015 at Silver Creek Park. It was an excellent fall day with clear skies and temperatures in the mid-50s. We had another excellent turnout with approximately 124 registrants, with approximately one third of those being dog walkers. This was the second year we had a 1.5 mile dog walk and this appears to be a popular addition. Despite other local and regional races taking place on this date, we were happy with the turnout we had and we are very thankful for the support!

The 4 mile run walk started and ended at the Silver Creek Park Field House. Runners and walkers ran to and from Silver Creek Park along Lakeshore Boulevard to Red Arrow Park and then back to Silver Creek Park. The top female runner was Emily Stanke, with a time of 31:48. The top male runner was Curt Brey, with a time of 25:36.

Proceeds from the race went to the City of Manitowoc K9 fund to support the Manitowoc Police Department K9’s, Ully and Major. We rose over $2000 from this year’s race, which went to offset the costs of the Manitowoc Police Department K9 fund such as: dog food, medical expenses, equipment purchases, and other miscellaneous expenses.

The 2016 MPPA K9 police chase is scheduled for October 8, 2016 at 9 AM. The race again will be held at Silver Creek Park. Please come out and join us to support the Manitowoc Police Department K9 unit!
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!!!!!
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
The Manitowoc Police Department implemented an Employee of the Quarter in 2015. This program gives recognition to an employee for their outstanding work. Employees are nominated by their supervisor(s) each month, which are reviewed by Administration. Each employee that is nominated throughout the quarter is placed in a drawing to see who receives the honor for the quarter.

First Quarter: Patricia Heidorf

Patricia Heidorf was selected as the First Quarter of Employee of the Quarter. As of March 31, 2015 Patti Heidorf, Account Clerk for the Treasury Department at City Hall, has collected $2,925 in K9 donations at the front counters of City Hall. Her efforts on this fundraiser have been phenomenal and have proven to be a great option for the K9 fundraiser and will be in turn a yearly venture.

All of Patti’s hard work, faithful contribution and commitment to our fundraiser were key in our success to date. Successful fundraising is all about building relationships with our community and supporters so that they continue to support our K9 Program, and any other police program/activity. We thank Patti for that community outreach. There is really no way to fully express our gratitude for her loyalty, dedication and commitment to this fundraiser, but it is greatly appreciated. Phenomenal job Patti!!!!

Second Quarter: Jeremy Weber

Officer Jeremy Weber has been selected as the Second Quarter Employee of the Quarter. He did an outstanding job of handling a suicidal subject complaint on May 17th, 2015.

It was reported to dispatch that a man had a gun and had just forced entry into his mother’s house a short time prior to the phone call. Officer Weber was able to locate the suspect in a vehicle a short time later. The man decided to flee from Officer Weber and Officer Weber gave chase. Once the chase entered Manitowoc County’s jurisdiction, the Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Department gave chase as well. Officer Weber did an excellent job of radio communication during the entire 12 mile pursuit, keeping officers updated and staying very calm. He called for the spike strips when the pursuit headed back in the direction of the City of Manitowoc.

Ultimately, the suspect decided to stop while in Manitowoc County’s jurisdiction. Officer Weber called out the location and relayed over the radio that the suspect had a gun to his head “under his chin” and that he was “moving it down”. He commanded the man to drop the gun and surrender and attempted to talk him out of committing suicide. The subject eventually did shoot himself and that is when Officer Weber again went into action by calling for EMS and Flight for Life. He worked a landing zone for the potential helicopter and advised that CPR was in progress. He continued to keep supervisors and others abreast of the situation by calling out radio updates including the “no shock” command that was given.
from the AED. Lastly, he gave an update on the fact that the ER doctor on duty pronounced the man dead, thus ending the need for a helicopter transport.

Although this event ended tragically for the suicidal subject, Officer Weber did a textbook job of radio communication and staying calm during an extremely stressful situation. Once the chase went into another jurisdiction, Officer Weber did not rely on the other jurisdiction’s radio communication. Rather, Officer Weber’s radio communication was the main source that allowed for his supervisors to keep well-informed of the situation. With interoperability with the sheriff’s department, a possible issue, it was Officer Weber’s radio communication that bridged any possible gaps.

**Third Quarter: Kayla Rocklewitz**

Officer Kayla Rocklewitz has been selected as the latest Officer of the Quarter. She is commended for a job well done regarding how she handled a burglary in progress on July 27th, 2015. She helped solve several garage burglaries on the north side of Manitowoc. Officer Rocklewitz took a call of a suspicious person in dark clothing that was going in and out of the alleys on N. 13th and N. 14th St. near New York Ave, where his car was parked. After seeing the subject’s shadow near some bushes, she turned her headlights off, made a U-turn, and was able to locate and detain the suspect before he could flee. Some power tools were located near the bushes where Officer Rocklewitz saw the suspect, and the suspect showed her more tools in the trunk of his vehicle. She searched the garages along the alleys and discovered a burglary. Saw dust from the garage floor was matched to the saw dust on the suspect’s shoes and recovered power tools. She properly photographed the crime scene, seized saw dust samples, and processed property. The suspect was arrested for burglary. Upon further questioning by the detective bureau the next day, the suspect confessed to other burglaries as well.

Thanks to her stealthy tactics, proper investigation, and crime processing, a burglar was put away.

**Fourth Quarter: Jerod Lecher Rocklewitz**

Detective Lecher was commended for how he handled a theft and wanted person incident on November 12, 2015. He helped not only arrest a wanted suspect, but also helped solve a theft that took place earlier in the year.

Detective Lecher knew that our department was looking for the suspect for quite some time. He took it upon himself to do “open source intelligence gathering” on the suspect and found out that he was attempting to sell an item. He posed as a potential buyer and made arrangements to meet at McDonalds to purchase this item. Jerod got a vehicle description, plate number, phone number, etc. He then had dayshift officers respond to McDonalds to take the suspect into custody. So as not to run his cover, he then contacted the suspect and spoke with him about why the cops were by his car and that he didn’t need that kind of heat.
Employee of the Quarter | 2015

This is a great example of you going above and beyond trying to help our department locate someone that we’ve been trying to find for weeks. Detective Lecher did this proactive enforcement without any prompting from a supervisor. He set up all the arrangements and only requested assistance in taking the suspect into custody.
Noon Rotary - Officer of the Year

The Manitowoc Police Department is proud to announce Patrol Officer Jason Erickson as the recipient of the 2015 Noon Rotary Officer of the Year Award. The Noon Rotary Club held a banquet in his honor on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Officer Erickson has been with our police department since March of 2009 working on the midnight shift. Officer Erickson serves patrol as a Field Training Officer (FTO), Drug Recognition Officer (DRE) and as a member of the Manitowoc County Special Operations Squad (SOS).

In his nomination, Officer Erickson was described as having an attitude that cannot be beaten. He has shown loyalty and forward thinking towards our department. He is said to have a firm but fair attitude when dealing with suspects and of being an officer that practices proactive policing. Officer Erickson is a “team player”...someone who is always willing to volunteer for calls and help out his fellow officers and supervisors any way that he can. His supervisors indicated that Officer Erickson is a model officer and a fine example for everyone to follow.

Noon Rotary – Citizen of the Year

The North 9th Street Neighborhood Watch Group was chosen as the 2014 Citizen of the Year because of their dedication, cohesiveness, and success in taking back their neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime and the fear of crime in their communities.

In March 2011, the neighborhood centered around the 600 block of North 9th St. faced a daunting challenge – how to keep its streets safe. At that time, neighbors began noticing an increase in suspicious people and cars, vandalism, and drug deals on the sidewalks and street corners. They knew a criminal element had moved in. The problems grew dramatically. Over a three year time span, the 9th Street neighborhood was witness to two SWAT raids, an arson that threatened surrounding homes, multiple thefts and home break-ins, domestic violence, street fights, and arrests.

The neighbors decided amongst themselves that they would not stand by and watch their neighborhood decline. Those most directly affected by the crimes contacted the Manitowoc Police Department, which was the beginning of the 9th Street Neighborhood Watch. By July of 2011, the group began meeting regularly with a focus on taking back the streets. Led by the Police Department’s Crime Prevention Officer, Sgt. Jacobs, the group coordinated its efforts with its Alderperson and County Board Representative, the District Attorney’s Office, the County Executive, the City Attorney, and the Mayor. The group also organized a summer picnic in effort to better know their neighbors and pull together as a community.
Faced with an organized and persistent opposition, the criminal elements abandoned the neighborhood. Ultimately, the North 9th Street Neighborhood Watch is testament to the fact that neighbors working together for a common cause can make a difference.

**Eagles Award – Officer of the Year**

The Manitowoc Police Department is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2014 Eagles Club Officer of the Year Award is Officer Jeremy Kronforst. Officer Kronforst has served on the Manitowoc Police Department since March of 2001 and was assigned to be a School Resource Officer (SRO) in August of 2014. Officer Kronforst spends many hours of his personal time volunteering at the Manitowoc Ice Center where he sharpens skates, takes video, sets up/takes down equipment, and helps out with skate rental. He is an active participant in the Manitowoc Police Department Citizen’s Academy and Explorer Program. Officer Kronforst developed a Junior Police Academy at Wilson Junior High School in which students learn about law enforcement through presentations and hands-on involvement.

Officer Kronforst developed procedures involving entry to the secured public school buildings. Thanks to these new procedures, officers of the Manitowoc Police Department are now able to gain quicker access into school buildings to handle calls for service.

During the holiday season of 2014, Officer Kronforst put up a large display of decorations at his city of Manitowoc home for all to enjoy. The decorations included lights, figures, and a display screen all of which were synced to music that citizens could listen to while tuned into the specific radio station. He put out a donation box, and all donations were donated to Shop with a Cop.

In past years, Officer Kronforst has volunteered his time to chaperone field trips and helped out with other projects for Girl Scouts. He has participated in numerous Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Law Enforcement charitable bowling tournaments in the past as well.

Officer Kronforst has also been very involved with the police department. He is a member of the bicycle patrol, which focuses on community oriented policing. He is a certified field training officer (FTO) and has successfully trained numerous newly hired officers. He also plays an extremely active role in trouble shooting and problem solving computer related issues at the police department. In addition, Officer Kronforst is a DARE officer and an Evidence Technician.