Manitowoc Police Department
2017 Annual Report

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City Data

Population City of Manitowoc
33,572

Population of Manitowoc County
81,076

Type of Government
Mayor/Council

Incorporated as a City
March 12, 1870

Area of Manitowoc
Square Miles – nearly 19 square miles of land
Streets – 188.16 miles with approximately 900 intersections
Living Units – over 15,200
Commercial Buildings – over 900

Police Department Data

Manitowoc Police Department Established
1876 – 3 man department

Police and Fire Commission Formed
1901

Staff
64 Sworn Personnel; 10 Civilians; Interns/Seasonal(s)

910 Jay Street
Moved to its current location on July 11, 1992

Budget
7.7 million dollars

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Vision

We will adapt and evolve as a professional organization while reducing crime and providing critical and protective services for everyone. We will accomplish our vision through optimizing strong community partnerships, strategic planning, continuous training and the most effective use of our available resources.

Mission

We are committed to providing excellent police service and an unrelenting pursuit of justice, while maintaining order and securing a safe environment for everyone.

Values - I.C.U.C - EXCELLENCE

- INTEGRITY - We believe in always having the highest moral standards while doing the right thing, the right way, for the right reasons.
- COURAGE - We possess the courage to do what is right to confront danger, intimidation and uncertainty, and when necessary, forsake our own well-being in defense of others.
- UNITY - We believe in cohesive teamwork in our department for the betterment of our community.
- COMPASSION - We treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of their background or circumstances.
- EXCELLENCE - We believe in consistently surpassing ordinary standards in the performance of our duty.
Alderperson Mike Howe – District 1
Alderperson Scott McMeans – District 2
Alderperson Jeremiah Novak – District 3
Alderperson James Brey – District 4
Alderperson Lee Kummer – District 5
Alderperson Eric Sitkiewitz – District 6
Alderperson Todd Lotz – District 7
Alderperson Dave Soeldner – District 8
Alderperson Steven Czekala – District 9
Alderperson Rhienna Gabriel – District 10

Police and 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:

Thomas Bare, Michael Wellner, Matt Sauer, Jill Hennessey and Theodore Zigmunt

Mary Schilder – End of term March 2017

Public Safety Committee Members

Alderperson Michael Howe, Committee Chair
Alderperson Dave Soeldner, Committee Vice-Chair
Alderperson Steve Czekala
Alderperson Jeremiah Novak
Alderperson Todd Lotz

Alderman Able – End of term April 2017
Alderman Kummer – End of term April 2017
Alderman Sladky – End of term April 2017
In 2017 the Manitowoc Police Department stayed busy hiring new officers, expanding the women’s locker room to accommodate an increase in sworn female officers, and adding new equipment to help keep the public safe. Also, with the retirement of K9 Ully the department welcomed another new K9. Additionally in 2017, the police department’s proactive enforcement philosophy resulted in the lowest total number of Part 1 Crimes in five years and the lowest amount of traffic accidents in the last three years.

As a result of several retirements in 2017, the police department hired seven officers. While three of these officers were from the local area, three others were from the Green Bay area and one from the Eau Claire area.

The Manitowoc Police Department became the only agency in the east-central region of Wisconsin to use a drone with a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera. In addition, Officer Rick Ladwig became a licensed remote pilot and received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Transportation to be able to pilot the drone during nighttime hours.

After exceeding the lockerroom capacity compared to the number of sworn female officers on the department, the police department remodeled the women’s locker room. This resulted in an additional seven double lockers to be added to the original eight from when the police station was first built in 1991.

On May 1st, 2017 the department welcomed their newest addition to the K9 Unit, Neko. Neko is a 2 year old sable German Shepherd. He has been assigned to K9 Handler Jason Koenig and together they patrol on the nightshift.

Despite handling more calls for service and writing the highest number of reports in five years, officers were able to use their patrol time to record the most amounts of written warnings and traffic citations in 2017 compared to each of the previous four years. Additionally in 2017 the department recorded more adult and juvenile criminal charges compared to each of the previous four years.

While arrests and proactive enforcement efforts rose in 2017, Part 1 Crimes and traffic crashes were the lowest in years. This is a result of hard work and dedication on behalf of the entire police department staff. Part 1 Crimes were down 5% from 2016 and 8% compared to 2015. Traffic accidents saw an 8% decrease from 2016 and were at a three year low. Part 1 Crimes are considered the most serious offenses and include: criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny theft, and motor vehicle theft.

The Manitowoc Police Department continues to strive each and every day to provide the kind of service that our community deserves. We are committed to providing excellent police service and an unrelenting pursuit of justice, while maintaining order and securing a safe environment for everyone. Our Facebook page continues to add followers and is used like never before to share valuable information, give tips, and solve crime. Engaging the community to improve quality of life and safety remains a priority for the Manitowoc Police Department.
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 give the public greater access to gain firsthand knowledge about the Manitowoc Police Department. In 2016, we also added a K9 Facebook page and an Explorers Facebook page.

The 2017 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
Chief of Police
2017 Media Releases

Drug Arrest

Shortly before noon on February 22nd, 2017, Manitowoc Police were sent to the area of S. 10th and Green Streets for suspicious drug activity. A citizen had called dispatch and stated that two males were loitering in that area and it appeared they were using drugs as the citizen observed one of the men inject a needle from a syringe into his arm.

When officers rolled up on scene, the two men became nervous, began stuffing items into their pockets and then began to run from the area. Officers chased the men a short distance and were able to capture both. One of the men had no illegal items on his person and he was eventually released with no charges. The other subject is 28 year old Eric L. Schmidt from Whitelaw. Schmidt had 11 grams of heroin and 0.3 grams of crystal meth in his possession, along with a scale and other items of drug paraphernalia.

He had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from a prior incident. He is also being charged with two felony charges of Possession with Intent to Deliver for both heroin and crystal meth. He faces enhancements on these charges because the incident occurred within 1000 feet of Lincoln High School and Red Arrow Park. He is also charged with misdemeanor bail jumping, a state charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. He is being held at the Manitowoc County Jail. The 11 grams of heroin has a street value of approximately $3,000.00. The 0.3 grams of crystal meth has a street value of approximately $60.00
Gun Found on School Grounds

On March 14th, the Wilson Junior High School Resource Officer received two tips from students that there was a gun in the school. Using the information from the tips, .22 caliber ammunition was found in a student's backpack.

Following additional investigation, a loaded .22 caliber revolver was recovered from a second student's backpack without incident. Two Wilson Junior High School students were taken into custody. The Manitowoc Police Department and the Manitowoc Public School district are working cooperatively and the investigation is ongoing. The Manitowoc Public School District will follow the guidelines set forth in School Board Policy 5610, Suspension and Expulsion.

The safety of all students and staff is very important. The Manitowoc Public School District and Manitowoc Police Department will do all it can to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Auto Accident

On April 11, 2017 shortly before 4:00 p.m., Manitowoc Police Officers and members of the Manitowoc Fire Department were sent to a report of a multi vehicle accident with multiple injured pedestrians in the 2300 block of Western Ave. The accident occurred outside the main entrance to Holy Family Memorial Hospital. The driver, a 71-year-old Manitowoc man, had lost control of his vehicle, backed into another vehicle, and struck a 97–year-old Valders woman, a 64-year-old St. Nazianz woman, and an 82-year-old Manitowoc man. The driver then tried to pull forward, lost control of the vehicle, striking another vehicle in the employee parking lot to the North of Meadow Lane. The 97-year-old Valders woman suffered serious injuries. The 64-year-old St. Nazianz woman and the 82-year-old Manitowoc man were treated for minor injuries. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the accident. The Wisconsin State Patrol assisted with reconstruction of the accident.

Pit Bull Attack

On Monday 05-08-17 at 4:41 p.m. the Manitowoc Police Department was dispatched to the 1600 block of Thomas Court for the complaint of a pit bull aggressively attacking a Labrador retriever.

Prior to the attack, a neighbor observed the pit bull running loose and enter his neighbor’s yard. Shortly after, he heard a whining and yelping noise and discovered the pit bull had the neighbor’s lab pinned to the ground.

The dog’s owner was yelling at the pit bull but it continued to attack the lab. The dog’s owner and the neighbor attempted to free the lab by hitting the pit bull with a small wooden bat in the back of the head. After repeated attempts failed to stop the attacking pit bull, the pit bull was shot one time in an attempt to stop the attack. The pit bull ran off but returned and attacked the lab a second time by biting it underneath its jaw. The pit bull was then shot a second time and ran off where it was captured by the owner’s friends.

Recent police department records indicate that this pit bull aggressively attacked another dog in the City of Two Rivers and had run loose in the City of Manitowoc. The pit bull was transported to Lakeshore Animal Shelter.
The owner of the pit bull was cited for attacking animal and the police department will recommend the dog be removed from the city.

**Armed Robbery**

On May 14, 2017 at 5:57 p.m., Officers were called to the 3400 block of Calumet Ave. for a report of a subject who robbed the Dollar Tree store at gunpoint. A white male suspect entered the store, displayed a handgun, and demanded money. The suspect left with an undetermined amount of money and several non-activated Visa Gift Cards. The suspect then fled in a vehicle from the scene. The suspect is described as a white male, in his late 50’s, 6’2” – 6’5”, muscular build, short blondish brown hair, clean cut, and wearing dark clothing. The suspect left in a 4 door Dodge Charger (or similar vehicle), charcoal or silver in color, with a rear spoiler and possibly missing a front license plate, last seen southbound from the area.

**Naked Man Resisting Arrest**

On July 14, 2017 at approximately 9:30 p.m., Manitowoc Police Officers were called to the area of S. 25th St. and Hamilton St. for a report of a male suspect standing in the middle of the street yelling that he had a knife and that he was going to “gut” someone.

Upon officers’ arrival, they located a naked 33-year-old Manitowoc man standing in the middle of the intersection. When the first responding officers asked him what he was doing, he responded that he wasn’t doing anything wrong and that it wasn’t against the law to walk around with no clothes on. The responding Officer did not find any weapons on the suspect, however a folding knife was found, along with the man’s pants, on a nearby porch that was later determined to be at the man’s residence.

Officers on scene were informed that the suspect had an active warrant out of the City of Two Rivers. The officers attempted to escort the suspect to a squad when he resisted officers’ attempts to have him sit in the backseat. During the struggle, the suspect had his hands in front of his body and was kicking at officers. An officer deployed an Electronic Control Device (Taser) but it had no effect on the suspect. The suspect continued to resist when another Taser deployment was attempted. During that deployment, the suspect had somehow grabbed a lighter. One of the Taser probes struck the lighter, puncturing the lighter, thus starting a fire that was in the suspect’s facial hair and chest hair. Officers attempted to put out the flames, but the suspect resisted their attempts to extinguish the flames. The suspect was eventually tased a third time, this time it took effect on the suspect. Upon EMS arrival, the suspect continued to resist and EMS ended up sedating the suspect, after clearing it with a local Emergency Room Doctor. The suspect was then transported to a local hospital and treated for his wounds.

The suspect was arrested for Felony Resisting/Battery to Police Officer, Disorderly Conduct, and Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.
Roll Over Accident on Michigan Ave.

On July 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., Officers were called to the 2900 block of Michigan Ave. for a single vehicle, roll-over accident. Upon arrival, officers located a blue Acura on its roof with two occupants still inside the vehicle. The driver, a 17-year-old Manitowoc teen, and his passenger, a 17-year-old Manitowoc teen, were found suspended upside down by their seatbelts. The driver was able to crawl out of the vehicle, but the passenger had to be assisted by Manitowoc Fire Department personnel through the use of the Jaws of Life. The driver was uninjured and the passenger suffered minor cuts and scrapes. The driver admitted to speeding on Michigan Ave., where he lost control of his vehicle on a curve, causing it to go sideways and rolling several times.

The driver was cited for Reckless Driving Causing Injury and released. Police do not believe that alcohol or drugs were a factor in the accident.

Threats to Lincoln High School

On October 16, 2017 at 1455 hrs., Lincoln High School’s School Resource Officer received information about a threat to the school that was written on a bathroom stall. The threat was vague in nature, however indicated the threat would occur on October 17, 2017. With the assistance of Manitowoc Police Detectives and Manitowoc Public School staff, an investigation ensued and a possible suspect was determined. That suspect was brought in for questioning and ultimately confessed to writing the threat. It is believed that the student acted alone and no other suspects are being sought. The student was arrested on a charge of Making Terroristic Threats.

The Manitowoc Police Department takes threats of violence towards our schools and children seriously, will tirelessly investigate those threats, and pursue charges to the fullest extent of the law.

Attempted Homicide on the Southside

On Wednesday, October 18th, 2017, at 8:41 p.m., Manitowoc Police Department officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of Franklin Street, for a report of male that had put a gun to a females head. Officers later learned that a local 18 year old Manitowoc County resident had placed a gun to a juveniles head and pulled the trigger. After the gun did not discharge a struggle began, and the juvenile victim was able to get away, with the assistance of another juvenile. The suspect then fled the scene in a vehicle, by pointing the gun at the juvenile that assisted the juvenile victim and ordering them to drive. The suspect was later located at his residence and after brief negotiations with the Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office Special Operations Squad, he was taken into custody without incident. Two loaded handguns were recovered by Manitowoc County Sheriff’s Office Deputies. The suspect was held at the Manitowoc County Jail on charges of attempted 2nd degree intentional homicide, 2 counts of false imprisonment, 2 counts of 1st degree recklessly endangering safety, physical abuse of a child and disorderly conduct with a weapon.
Officer Sosnosky and Officer DeValk was invited to Jefferson Elementary School to participate in “Kindness Rocks Class.”


Deputy Chief Barbier gave a presentation to city employees at City Hall.

Chief Reimer visited JDC during Public Safety Telecommunicator’s Week

Assistant Chief Luchterhand received the “Wisconsin DRE Lifetime Achievement Award, where he was honored for his accomplishments.

Officer McGinty, Officer Nebel, Chief Reimer, Deputy Chief Barbier, Officer Ploederl, Officer Koenig and K9 Neko, Officer Nolan, Lt. Schroeder, Capt. Freiboth and Officer Barnes marched in the Memorial Day Parade.

Officer Culligan accepted stuff animal donations from our local Probation/Parole Office

Santa paid a visit to the PD! He wished Officer Hyler, Lt. Puestow and Officer Denk a Merry Christmas!

Officers Schultz, Schmidt, Clark and Grant worked the annual Stuff The Squad event at Copp’s Food Center
As we approach the final stretch of the 2017-2018 school year, we realize 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 the children in our community 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. During the school year, SRO’s are responsible for working collaboratively with MPSD Administration and staff in order to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. Officer Laabs and Officer Krock are also responsible for teaching D.A.R.E. in our community’s elementary schools. The D.A.R.E. program aims to provide our youth with the tools necessary to make safe and responsible decisions in life.

With all of the diversity of today’s youth, we have responded to a total of 200 calls for service throughout MPSD during the current 2017-2018 school year. 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 in any other way than through the court system. In any event, our youth are being held accountable either through restorative justice or the judicial system. All in all, the students of our community are well mannered, well educated, and traveling down the road for success.

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

During 2017, the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit continued to focus on mid to upper-level drug distribution groups and individuals. The Metro Drug Unit was staffed with (2) two, full-time Manitowoc Police Investigators, (3) three, full-time Manitowoc Sheriff Investigators and one, part-time Two Rivers Police Investigator. The Metro Drug Unit was further supported with a part-time Sheriff’s Office Analyst position. The Metro Drug Unit continues to receive support from additional staff, including Manitowoc Sheriff evidence room management and clerical staff.

In 2017, the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit experienced an increase in methamphetamine-related cases. For the first time, methamphetamine-related cases outnumbered heroin-related cases. The Task Force was successful in disrupting and dismantling numerous drug trafficking organizations (DTO) that resulted in several state and federal drug distribution charges. The Metro Drug Unit utilized the assistance of numerous state, federal and regional resources to assist in multiple cases. The methamphetamine Clandestine Lab Response Team was utilized several times for local, suspected methamphetamine lab related search warrants. This assistance was crucial in the execution of the search warrants to assure safety and appropriate lab cleanup procedures.

The Metro Drug Unit executed 31 search warrants in 2017. The Metro Drug Unit utilized the Manitowoc County Special Operations Squad on (12) twelve of these search warrants. This number of search warrants is an increase from 2016, but slightly below the number of search warrants executed in 2015. The potential increase in safety concerns involved in search warrants has resulted in the task force utilizing the Special Operations Squad more frequently. The dangers involved in methamphetamine use and manufacturing increase the potential for high risk situations.

In 2017, the Metro Drug Unit continues to provide oversight and coordination of the Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program. Manitowoc County currently has three, permanent drug drop-off locations at the Manitowoc Police, Two Rivers Police and Manitowoc Sheriff’s Office. In addition, the initiative continues to support outreach opportunities for drug collection events, including Earth Day and Crime Prevention Day. This drug disposal collection initiative resulted in a total of 1,780 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications being properly collected and disposed. All of the collected items are turned over to the Wisconsin Department of Justice Drug Take Back program for proper disposal at no cost to local government.

Numerous high-level drug distribution cases are being investigated and the task force will continue to develop and maintain drug intelligence to direct resources to the most significant community health and safety threat.

Chaplain Program

The MTPD Chaplains serve in a variety of ways, responding to calls whenever requested by officers, death scenes and death notifications. We currently have five primary, active chaplains:

- Matthew Sauer – First Presbyterian
- Roger Harrison – Open Bible Baptist
- Tom Pankow – Grace Lutheran
- Ruthann Ross – St. Francis of Assisi
- Curt Vanderstelt – Holy Family Hospital Chapel

Our local Crime Stoppers program had an instrumental part in the success of our investigations. 2017 we received 97 Crime Stoppers and Quick 50 “tips”, which helped lead to solving 25 cases and resulting in 30 total arrests. Those are incredible results which really show the impact that citizens can make in our community. Keep those calls coming!
**S.W.A.T Team...**

The overall purpose of a SWAT team is to deal with situations that standard patrol officers are not as well trained and equipped to handle. Deploying SWAT teams can save officers’, victims’ and even suspects’ lives. All SWAT officers are Police Officers and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

When the SWAT team is called out, a supportive group is called in with the SWAT team called the Crisis Negotiators Team (CNT). Although this is a supportive function of SWAT, negotiators play a very important role. The CNT’s are officers who are trained to talk to people who have taken hostages or want to hurt themselves. In most call-outs the CNT is deployed with the team and their training is just as complex as a SWAT team members. The SWAT team continues to update their specialized equipment needs. SWAT obtained twelve (12) ESP II communication systems for use with the Advantage 1000 gas mask. SWAT also purchased one breaching ram, new ballistic helmets, Rescue Tech rescue harnesses, two expandable ladders, two bus ladders and a new sniper rifle. The SWAT team is in need of a new and larger trailer due to added equipment. Due to recent resignations, there is a need to fill specialties including chemical agent instructor, ballistic shield instructor and firearms.

The SWAT team continued to train 8 hours per month. SWAT trained a total of 96 hours as a team. This training included room clearing (deliberate and dynamic), breaching (ram, hooligan, shotgun), hostage rescue, officer rescue & emergency aid, vehicle contacts, field movement, use of night vision and thermal imaging, Bearcat training (Tactics, shooting and breaching), active shooter response incorporating casualty collection points, shield use, smoke and chemical agent deployment, NFDD deployment and SKIDDS training. Firearm’s training was incorporated in several training sessions, and included both indoor and outdoor shooting exercises. Officer Place attended the “basic” SWAT operator course and Officer Weber attended “advanced” SWAT operator course.

In 2017 guest instructor Dik Waak (former LAPD SWAT) attended several trainings. Instructor Waak provided his insight, experience and instruction in several areas including room clearing, hostage rescue tactics, breaching, Bearcat tactics, bus tactics and movement. Dik Waak also provided the team with equipment including bus ladders, a gift card which will be used to purchase tactical equipment and has worked with local businesses to obtain tow straps and fabricate hooks for the Bearcat. In December 2017 the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) assisted in HRT training. The PBNP provided the use of MILES gear and participated as role players for scenarios. SWAT completed a chemical agent recertification in June 2017. Members of SWAT also participated in a casualty collection point active shooter drill at the Valders High School in November 2017.

The Crisis Negotiations Team completed 24 hours of training. This training consisted of joint training with SWAT Operators, scenarios of negotiations

**Crossing Guards**

The Manitowoc Police Department employs ten adult guards. The crossing guards are responsible for safely crossing pedestrians at busy intersections near all the public elementary schools in the City of Manitowoc to ensure everyone arrives at school safely. The crossing guards also assist at several community events throughout the summer such as Subfest and 4th on the Shore.

The following adults worked as School Crossing Guards for the Manitowoc Police Department:
- Leanna Leonowicz
- Bob Becker
- Rebecca Woodman
- Savannah Mujkanovic
- Laurie Hoppe
- Leo Szydel
- Ray Morgan
- Deborah Farr
- Jeanette Miller
- Ann Krueger
S.W.A.T Team… (continued)

utilizing their equipment, and mutual aid equipment.

The full SWAT team responded to seven (7) requests for assistance. Two were for felony search warrants, one of which was in the City of Manitowoc and one in the County of Manitowoc. Five calls for service were for felony apprehensions, of which three calls were in the City of Two Rivers, one call in the City of Manitowoc and one call in the County of Manitowoc.

The partial SWAT responded to ten (10) requests for assistance. All ten requests were from the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit and were for high risk drug related warrants. Five were in the City of Manitowoc, four in the City of Two Rivers and one in the County Manitowoc. All calls for assistance resulted in positive outcomes, with no one (Operators, Negotiators, or Suspects) receiving any reportable injuries during any of our calls for service in 2017. SWAT Assistant Team Leader Captain Corie Pusel (10 years) and Lieutenant Jason Erickson (5 years) resigned their positions with the SWAT team in 2017 after taking new positions within the department. Their commitment and experience with the team will be missed.

SWAT Officers currently consists of:

- Officer Jeremy Weber
- Officer John Musial
- Officer Nick Place

Crisis Negotiators currently consist of:

- Lt. Michaelyn Culligan

Evidence Room Statistics

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Training Division

...Lt. Paul Behrendt

2017 marked another busy year for training at the Manitowoc Police Department. We started the year with our three day in-service during the months of January, February, and March. Topics included a department update from the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief, Legal Update, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence, PTSD-Suicide Prevention, Chaplain Program, and tactical use of force scenarios that required the officers to select the correct level of force, the options were dialog, TASER, and deadly force.

Our next training was a two hour firearms day conducted at our outdoor range during May and June. Topics included handgun malfunction drills, shooting skills course, movement drills (forward/backward/lateral), rifle review, carry positions and condition of the rifle along with malfunction drills, and rifle shooting skills course. The officers received new Glock 9mm that replaced our old Glock 40 cal. some of which were 15 years old. Some of the advantages of switching to 9mm are less felt recoil that improves accuracy, higher magazine capacity, and cheaper ammunition costs.

In October and November we had an 8 hour tactical training day that included our state mandated annual handgun qualification, along with various handgun and rifle drills. We also learned new ground fighting techniques during Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) training.

The year was also busy with the training of new officers; we hired seven officers that require four months of training each.
The Manitowoc Police Department (MTPD) is managed in accordance with departmental regulations and policies/procedures. The MTPD Records Division strives to maintain complete and accurate reporting practices in accordance to Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting. We process thousands of incident reports, accident reports, traffic and ordinance citations, along with field warnings and parking tickets. They also field numerous inquiries from the public, such as paying a citation, reporting an incident at the front counter, record checks or copies of accident reports.

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**Part 1 Crimes 5 Year Comparison**

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**Warnings and Citation Issuance**

**Criminal Charges**

**Accidents**
On March 31, 2017 K9 Ully officially retired from the MTPD after almost 6 years of dedicated service to the community. “Ully” short for Ulrich vom Steinig Tal, was born and trained in Campbellsport, WI. He and his handler, Officer Jason Koenig, started as a team for the Manitowoc Police Department in May of 2011. His duties are as a dual purpose K9 included tracking, drug and evidence detection and handler protection. Ully was fully funded from the generous donations from our community.

Throughout his career he has had numerous successful drug and evidence finds. Ully did 41 school sniffs. He also did 142 vehicle sniffs, finding 78 illegal items. 17 times he found illegal items while searching 27 building for drugs. He located 136 articles of drug paraphernalia, 646.4 grams of THC, 8.8 grams of Cocaine/Crack, 41.9 grams of Heroin, 18 grams of Methamphetamines, and 30 grams of Ecstasy. He has helped seize $6889 in U.S. Currency. In addition, he has located 18 articles of evidence, including 2 guns. One of the guns located was used in a Milwaukee homicide. Locating the gun helped get a conviction on the case.

Ully had 94 apprehensions by means of his tracking abilities, area searches and building searches. Twice Ully was nominated for Track of the Year through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association. His assistance was requested 99 times by outside agencies.

Ully continues to live with Officer Koenig, at which point Officer Koenig took ownership of Ully from the City of Manitowoc. Officer Koenig will continue to work on 3rd shift and will remain as a K9 Handler with his new partner “Neko”.

Officer Place/K9 Major Statistics:
- 148 Deployments
- 48 arrests
- 1239.98 grams Marijuana
- 2.7 grams Cocaine HCl
- .5 grams Heroin
- 7.01 grams Methamphetamine
- 105 Drug Paraphernalia Finds
- 13 Demonstrations/Presentations

Officer Koenig/K9 Neko Statistics:
- 97 Deployments
- 8 Apprehensions/1 bite
- 55 arrests
- 195.2 Marijuana Bud
- 26.1 Marijuana Concentrate
- 0.7 grams Cocaine HCl
- 24.3 grams Methamphetamine
- 0.5 grams Amphetamine
- 34 Drug Paraphernalia Finds
- 1 Article Find
- 7 Demonstrations/Presentations
Neko is a young dog who likes to do normal puppy things such as chase toys, run in circles and earn the occasional treat for good behavior. But unlike most pups in Manitowoc, this guy is also learning to recognize bad guys and sniff out cocaine, heroin and other narcotics.

The 1 year old German Shepherd is the newest K9 officer for the Manitowoc Police Department. The department has two K9 officers, Neko and a four year old Belgian Malinois named Major.

Begun in 2010, the program runs largely through donations and grants. The pair work the graveyard shift about 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. when the dogs are most likely to be needed. Officer Koenig spends his downtime training Neko, starting with using special “fake” drugs to work on the pup’s sniffing skills. When Neko finds the “drugs” he is rewarded with a favorite toy. K9 officers routinely conduct vehicle sniffs during traffic stops and assist local schools and businesses with drug sniffs upon request. Neko came from a Pennsylvania kennel. When you have a young K9, he has very little training therefore we have to teach them obedience. We also work on barking, not biting. We go through lots and lots of reps to teach them not to bite. We want their bark to scare the bad guys into surrendering. Manitowoc K9’s are considered “dual purpose”, which means they can be used to locate people and evidence in addition to narcotics. This gives the department more flexibility in how it uses the K9s. The dogs are trained to track suspects, conducting building searches, sniff for evidence at crimes scenes and search areas for suspects or lost people.

To maintain the K9 Unit, the department has raised more than $100,000 since 2014. In 2015, the police partnered with The Lakeshore Community Foundation to create a K9 Preservation Fund, which required $100,000 in principal money before launch. The fund, similar to an endowment, helps ensure the long term stability of the program. The department uses interest from the fund when needed and also seeks to raise $6,000 a year to cover the rough annual costs of maintaining two K9 units.

Police dogs retire after about five to seven years, and a new unit raises costs by about $12,500 for the canine purchase and initial training. The department uses a combination of budget money and donations to purchase and outfit new K9 squads, which costs about $30,000 to $35,000 in complete changeover costs.

A police K9 keen sense of vision, smell and agility provides a service to our community unmatched by any human police officer.
Community Policing

Crime Prevention Sgt. Jacobs and Lt. Behrendt had lunch with some children at Southfield Townhouses.

Officer Nebel visited with a young girl at the YMCA.

Det. Kowalski worked with first graders at Jackson Elementary School on becoming official “word detectives.”

Several officers played a game of softball against the Mtwc. County Miracle League.

Officer Schmidt worked on handcuffing an individual.

Officer Clark visited the Sunday School kids at Open Bible Baptist Church.
Drone…

The City of Manitowoc Police Department is on the cutting edge of technology and has a new eye in the sky as it uses a drone to enhance law enforcement and public safety efforts.

This is a fantastic benefit to law enforcement when it comes to searching for lost people in hazardous terrain, low light conditions or heavily wooded areas. Think about how much cheaper it is to fly a drone for hours upon hours, crisscrossing a search grid as compared to flying a helicopter or plane for that same amount of time.

In June of 2017 the Manitowoc Police Department purchased a drone using forfeited funds from a fraud case. During 2017, the Manitowoc Police Department sUAS was deployed five times to assist on calls for service:

- Search two wooded areas for a missing driver from an accident in Manitowoc County
- Search of a wooded area for a missing 16 year old female in Plymouth, Wisconsin
- The drone was also used to search the lakefront for a missing adult and missing autistic child
- Assist the Plymouth Fire Department monitor hot spots at a fire scene. The camera system was able to identify dangerous areas that might have caused the firefighters to fall through the damaged floor.

As the program continues to develop, Officer Ladwig has done five demonstrations of the sUAS program in the community. Due to the tactical advantage that the drone provides to law enforcement, Officer Ladwig has also began training with the K9 and SWAT teams.
Drone...

The Manitowoc Police Department sUAS program has made some improvements and additions to our program. We have added several pieces of equipment to the sUAS program including a drop mechanism, search lighting, and a First Person View (FPV) camera to be used with the FLIR camera. The recent addition of Thermal Technology was made possible as a result of a grant from the West Foundation. This technology and the capabilities of this equipment being utilized for search and rescue efforts will definitely improve the success of searches. Searching for individuals by foot takes time, a lot of time that turn a situation from a rescue to a recovery. A drone can cover approximately 3 miles in each direction from the operator’s location. This makes search and rescue efforts quicker, leading to more lives being saved. This piece of equipment allows officers to see in areas where they otherwise wouldn’t be able to see. The photograph attached below shows how the FLIR Thermal Camera can see into an area and pick out the person where the human eye or regular camera cannot see. The below photo was not taken by the Manitowoc PD nor any of its cameras.

Officer Ron Ploederl is also in the process of obtaining his pilot’s license to become the second operator for the sUAS program.
Community Service Worker Interns...

The Community Service Worker 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 interested in pursuing a career as a police officer. Unpaid internships are offered to university and high school students completing the internship for credit or as a requirement for graduation. Paid internships are offered to individuals currently enrolled at a university or technical college. Paid interns work on average, twelve hours per week.

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 our department. Students are required to complete an application and interview, with a short orientation and training period before they begin work at the department.

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. 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, Danny Harms. In 2017, the following students worked as Community Service Worker Interns for The Manitowoc Police Department - Matt Klein, Austin Schleis, Jackson Huycke, and Derek Hansen.
Comings, Goings, Promotions …

Comings…

Alex Wanish (Officer) 01-16-17
Neko (K9) 02-16-17
Robert Billen (Officer) 02-13-17
Matthew Klein (Intern) 03-06-17
Savannah Mujkanovic (Crossing Guard) 03-10-17
Nancy Kohlman (Support) 04-10-17
Austin Schleis (Intern) 05-22-17
Michael Kirchner (Officer) 05-22-17
Alex Grant (Officer) 06-05-17
Jackson Huycke (Intern) 06-12-17
Eric Schultz (Officer) 07-31-17
Jacob Gardner (Officer) 08-21-17
Kody Wipperfurth (Officer) 10-02-17
Derek Hansen (Intern) 12-13-17

Goings…

Patricia Heidorf
Administrative Assistant
02-22-10 to 01-31-17

Kathryn Walters
Patrol Officer
06-22-03 to 03-21-17

Larry Zimney
Captain – 1st Shift
01-04-88 to 06-02-17

Michael Trainor
Patrol Officer
01-03-84 to 07-07-17

Clerk Typist
Amber Noworatzy
Promoted to Administrative Asst.
02-01-17

Lt. Corie Pusel
Promoted to Captain
06-02-17

Officer Jason Erickson
Promoted to Lieutenant
07-01-2017

Off. Michaleyn Culligan
Promoted to Lieutenant
11-12-17

Lt. Matt Wallander
Promoted to Captain
11-12-17
Awards…

Noon Rotary Officer of the Year - 2017
Officer Jason Denk
We would like to congratulate Officer Jason Denk for being nominated and selected as the Manitowoc Police Department’s 2017 Noon Rotary Officer of the Year!

Officer Denk has been with our police department since July of 2007 working the midnight shift. In addition to his normal patrol duties, Officer Denk has been involved with our Field Training Program, Bike Patrol Program, TRACS Program, department’s monthly maintenance/cleaning of department’s rifles, assists our Detective Bureau and Metro Drug with the collection of evidence from electronics, and has even become our “Dear Dave” expert consistently updating officers/ supervisors on new case laws. In addition he and his wife, Jena, participated with the “Shop with a Cop” Program and has become a lead instructor with our Citizen’s Academy.

In the nomination letter written by his supervisors, Officer Denk was recognized for his command presence which has never been about flaunting his authority over others, but rather, earning the respect of the public by always being polite and professional to our citizens, with a truly service oriented spirit about him. Officer Denk is a “pro-active” officer who “makes things happen.” He is one of our most aggressive pursuers of wanted fugitives and has repeatedly found innovative and creative ways to discover new clues about where our local fugitives are hiding out!!

We would also like to recognize both Officer John Bennett and Detective Dave McCue who, based on their excellent performance over the past year, were also nominated for this distinguished award.

Congratulations to Officer Jason Denk and the other nominees.

Noon Rotary Citizen of the Year - 2017
Randy Callsen
The Manitowoc Police Department is proud to announce Randy Callsen as the 2017 Noon Rotary Citizen of the Year!!

On October 7, 2016 at 0226hrs Randy Callsen and several of his friends were walking home after a fun evening at one of Manitowoc’s local establishments. An unknown male approached their group and began following them home. He indicated that he had just gotten out of prison and was looking to meet some girls. Randy told him that he didn’t know of any girls for him. This subject continued to pester the group about needing to find a woman. The subject then told Randy that he just happened to be working on a house across the street from Randy’s and that he was staying in an RV Camper in the backyard.

As they approached their residence Randy observed a female walking SB on their street. Randy had an uneasy feeling that something just didn’t seem right so as his friends entered the house he stayed out on his front porch to keep an eye on things. Shortly thereafter he observed this subject who had recently been released from prison grab this female and pick her up and began walking towards the RV Camper. The female was kicking, hitting and yelling to be let go. Randy became concerned for her safety and welfare so he got one of his friends from inside the house and told him that they needed to go and help this female out. Randy and his friend quickly crossed the street and confronted the suspect about what was going on. Ultimately the suspect dropped the female and she was quickly brought to safety. Our officers arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. He was later charged with Kidnapping and 4th Degree Sexual Assault.
During the confrontation the female indicated that the suspect had begun inappropriately touching her and saying “Come On….just be with me” and “I’m taking you with me”. It was only because of the “gut feeling” and quick actions of Randy Callsen that we were able to make an arrest in this case and prevent an even more terrible crime from being committed.

We would once again like to Congratulate Randy Callsen on his selfless actions during this incident!!! The Manitowoc Police Department and the victim of this crime will forever be indebted to you for your service to our community.

Eagles Club Police Officer of the Year - 2017  
Officer Alex Turek  
The Manitowoc Police Department is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2017 Eagles Club Officer of the Year Award is Officer Alex Turek. Officer Turek has served on the Manitowoc Police Department since January 2015 and has been assigned to the third shift patrol.

Officer Turek singlehandedly organized the first two “Stuff the Squad” charity events in the City of Manitowoc, which raised food donations for the communities disadvantaged.

Officer Turek also participated in the annual Shop With A Cop event. Participating police officers accompany select children at a local department store, where the children use money donated to them to buy Christmas gifts for other family members. He is also very active in the Manitowoc Police Department’s Explorer Program, which gives area youth a first-hand look at a possible career in law enforcement. Congratulations Officer Turek.
Employee of the Quarter(s)...

1st Quarter

The quick actions of all officers helped result in the subsequent capture and arrest of the suspect involved in this incident. In this particular case officers were dispatched to a burglary where the suspect was last seen running out the back door. Upon arrival, Officer Novack and Officer Albright located the suspect and took him into custody. This was part of a joint effort with other third shifters, all of whom played an important role in cleaning up two business burglaries.

More recently, Officer Novack received accolades from the Brown County Sheriff’s Office for uncovering an incident of identity theft, figuring out the suspect’s exact identity, and helping the Brown County Sheriff’s Office track the suspect down. Eventually, the suspect confessed his identity theft crimes to that agency. Officer Novack has also joined a small group of officers taking an active role in assisting the K9 officers with the training of their K9 partners. Officer Novack and the others serve as “suspect decoys” who lay down tracks for the K9’s to follow in order to gain valuable tracking experience.

2nd Quarter

In April Officer Massart investigated several vehicle entries in the area of the 1300 block of Oriole Drive. His alertness and inquisitive nature helped result in the subsequent capture of the suspect involved in this incident.

In this particular case the caller reported observing a male subject attempting to enter cars in the area. Officers circulated the area but were initially unable to locate anyone. Officer Massart took it upon himself to widen the search area and was eventually able to locate a male subject on the Mariner’s Trail near Memorial Drive and Magnolia Avenue. Through persistent questioning Officer Massart caught the suspect in provable lies and when confronted was able to get a confession from the suspect reference his involvement in these entries/thefts. Officer Massart was able to get cooperation from the suspect where he became willing to point out the vehicles he entered so contact could be made with the victims. Eventually, we were able to retrieve some of the stolen property which can be returned to the victims.

One of the Manitowoc Police Department’s main core values includes “Excellence” – believing in consistently surpassing ordinary standards in the performance of duties. Officer Massart’s recent actions are a shining example of what we’re looking for from our employees.

3rd Quarter

Congratulations to Officer Fielder Clark who was named the Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2017. Fielder helped identify and investigate a suspect who was involved in several burglaries in the Rankin Street area on August 16th. In this particular case, while responding to the scene, he was able to quickly identify a subject who was actually riding a bicycle southbound on S. 21st St. near Holy Family Memorial Medical Center who appeared to be “out of place”.

Rather than just driving past him on his way to Rankin Street he took the time to stop and identify the subject and question him about his whereabouts. Through further questioning Fielder was able to learn that this subject was coming from a residence in the 1800 block of Michigan Ave. Other officers checked that area and were able to
locate a bag containing items that linked the subject to items stolen from the residences on Rankin Street. In fact the bicycle the subject was currently operating was also found to be stolen from one of those residences.

As a result of Fielder taking the time to stop this subject and investigating his whereabouts we were able to solve several burglaries before some of the home owners were even aware that their residences had been burglarized. Plus we were able to hold someone accountable for victimizing our citizens!

The way Fielder conducted himself in this incident makes him a shining example of everything that we’re looking for from our employees. Congratulations once again!

4th Quarter

Congratulations to Officer Steve Nolan who was named the Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2017. Steve did a terrific job while assisting our detectives on a search warrant of a residence November 22, 2017. The suspects had been involved in several burglaries throughout our community. Steve had been assigned to search the entire second story of the residence. Upon completion he met up with Det. Pusel and Det. Lecher to discuss what was or wasn’t found with the searches.

Everyone was read to “wrap up” the search when Officer Nolan pointed out that he found a “pull string” for an access door to the attic area of the residence. Having forgotten about the chance of a potential attic being in the residence detectives asked him to point out the area he was talking about. Upon searching the attic area, they were able to locate 90% of the stolen property that they were looking for which had a total monetary value of approximately $5,000.00! Det. Pusel indicated that without Steve pointing out the attic access, they would have probably forgotten about the possibility of an attic being inside the residence and would not have located the stolen property.

One of our main “Core Values” at the Manitowoc Police Department is “Unity”- which means that we believe in cohesive teamwork in our department for the betterment of our community. Officer Nolan’s performance in this investigation is a perfect example of him easily achieving the core value. All of his efforts are truly appreciated in helping fulfill the mission of the Manitowoc Police Department.