



# From the Office of the Chief of Police



On behalf of the professional women and men of the Kaukauna Police Department, I am very pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report. This report will highlight just a portion of the great things our officers and staff have done for the community in 2022. Included in this report, you will find many statistics, reports and descriptions of what our department does throughout the year.

The City of Kaukauna continues to be popular for both residential and business development. Growth creates both challenges and opportunities for the department. We continue to see an increase in calls for service, and we are always looking for more efficient ways to better serve our community.

Building a strong, effective relationship built on mutual respect and trust remains a top priority for the Kaukauna Police Department. The department staff participates in our efforts to build trust through community and problem oriented policing. We continued to hold our department open house which allowed us to have positive interactions with the community. We also continued to participate in the "Lights of Christmas" Program, which benefits less fortunate citizens in our community. Officers also participated in several school presentations, Trunk or Treat, Family Fun Night at school, and were able to chat with community members during many community events.

In addition to our community partnerships, we are fortunate to have a public safety partner in the Kaukauna Fire and EMS Department. Whether responding to an overdose, administering Nalozone, assisting EMS with a sick person, or investigating a car crash, the collaboration between public safety agencies is crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of people experiencing a crisis.

Policing our city is everyone's responsibility, so we urge the citizens of Kaukauna to stay vigilant because you are the eyes and ears of the community. Be proactive about your own personal safety, look out for your neighbor, and be aware of what's going on in your community. Informed, alert citizens play a critical role in keeping our community safe, so "If You See Something, Say Something."

Since my appointment as Chief, nearly 4 years ago, I have witnessed the level of hard work and professionalism our staff exhibits on a daily basis. We are stronger because of the dedication displayed by the people of this department. Thanks to their hard work, I am confident our city is in a safe place to live, play and work.

Jamie Graff Chief of Police

# 2022 Annual Report

# Kaukauna Police Department

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## <u>Mayor</u> Anthony Penterman

## <u>President</u> John Moore

## Council Members

(1) PART TIME

First Aldermanic District
Jennie Eggleston
Marty Decoster

Second Aldermanic District
John Moore
Kelli Antoine
Third Aldermanic District
Mary Jo Kilgas
Brian Schell

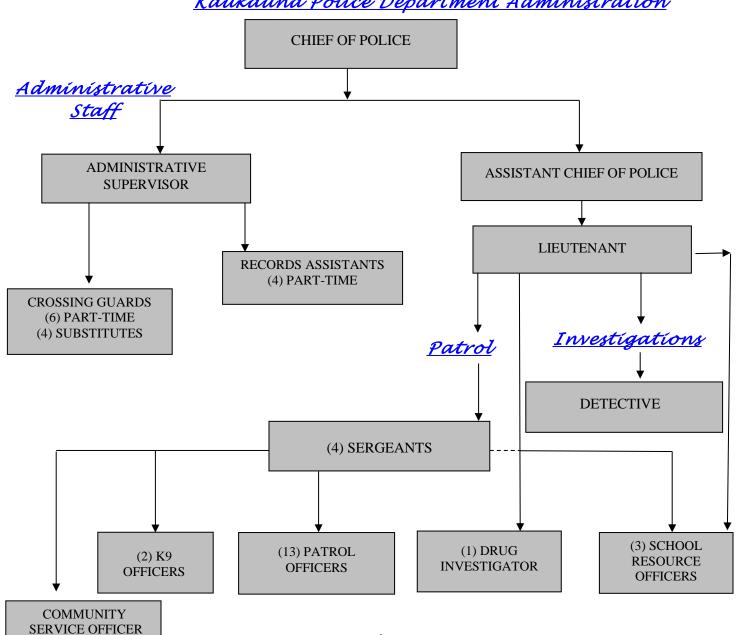
Fourth Aldermanic District

Mike Coenen Pennie Thiele

#### Police and Fire Commission

Chairman, John Verkuilen Carla Zacharias Beth Jasiak Paul Van Berkel Shannon Young

# Kaukauna Police Department Administration



# 2022 Kaukauna Police Department Roster

Chief of Police	Jamie J. Graff	Year hire 1997
Assistant Chief of Police	Bradley J. Sanderfoot	1999
Lieutenant Investigator	Thomas J. Bartolazzi	1996
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Detective	Kory J. Krueger	2000
Sergeants	Rex H. Swanson	1997
	Robert T. Momberg	1998
	Thomas L. Raether	2000
	Jason G. Treichel	2002
Officer	Michael W. Frank	1998
Officer	Charles P. Vosters	2005
School Resource Officer	Tyler J. Romenesko	2006
Officer	Jeffrey S. Bowen	2007
School Resource Officer	Adam J. Vander Hyden	2008
Officer	Patrick J. O'Kane	2010
K9 Officer	Lucas A. Meyer	2011
Officer	Brian P. Schaefer	2013
Officer	Timothy J. Lau	2013
School Resource Officer	Matthew J. Kohl	2015
K9 Officer	Stephanie A. Maas	2015
Officer	Ryan P. Geenen	2016
Officer	Thayen V. Thao	2016
Officer	David A. Knepfel (resigned)	2017
Officer	Andrew N. Pelot	2017
Officer	Natasha R. Shanle	2018
Officer	Michael T. Lambie	2019
Officer	James A. Brandt	2019
Officer	Caleb W. Lyons	2022
Community Service Officer	Jordan G. Batchelor (resigned)	2019
	Ryan Wieting (resigned)	2022
Administrative Services Supervisor	Inge M. Murphy	2019
Records Assistants	Tammie L. Borin	2011
	Melody L. Lankey	2016
	Tammie J. Domek	2017
	Brenda VandenHeuvel	2018
School Crossing Guards	Lisa A.Sawlsville	2012
	Dennis Bruhn	2019
	Diane Mashuda	2019
	Vicky Vandenberg	2019
	Marie Soffa	2020
	Richard Puhl	2021
School Crossing Guard Subs	Kathy Breitzman	2022
	Juli Hoffman	2021
	Mike Schmidt	2022
	Jalissa Snyder	2022
	Vicki Wagner (resigned)	2022



The Assistant Chief of Police works closely with the Chief of Police in the management of the Kaukauna Police Department. The Chief and his staff are responsible for the direction and management of 43 employees, including 26 sworn officers, 2 K9 Units and one Community Service Officer. The Chief and Assistant Chief work closely with the city officials to ensure the safety of our residents. The Assistant Chief works directly with daily operations including scheduling, planning, organizing, staffing and budgetary issues.

Police is to provide training to all of the officers in the department to give them the skills they need to help the public in a professional manner. Every officer attends annual and bi-annual trainings that include: legal update, firearms, defense and arrest tactics (DAAT), CPR and emergency vehicle operations and control (EVOC). Most of these annual trainings we are able to conduct in-house, which means we need to keep several of our officers as certified instructors. Our department currently has three DAAT/Firearms instructors, four EVOC instructors, and one vehicle contacts instructor. Beyond the annual and bi-annual training, this past year we were able to train some officers in mental health and wellness, human trafficking and high-risk vehicle stops. This past year we were also able to obtain a Cellebrite computer which is used for the forensic download of cellphones. We currently have two officers that are certified to

extract data from cellphones using this computer. The Kaukauna Police Department also continued to train officers in Conflict Communications Training, which is a training

that enhances the conflict and cross-cultural communication skills.

In 2023, the Kaukauna Police Department will continue to strive for excellence, and we resolve to make an even more significant and positive impact in our community. In 2022, we responded to over 13,000 calls for service. In every one of those calls, we recognize an opportunity exists to have a positive impact in the lives of people in our community. Your trust and support of local law enforcement is vitally important to our success as a police department. We will work diligently every day to earn your trust and support by carrying out our work with integrity, accountability, professionalism and respect.

**Brad Sanderfoot** Assistant Chief of Police

# Investigations

The Lieutenant Investigator is also a member of the management team within the department and assists the Chief and Assistant Chief on day-to-day operations of the police department. The Lieutenant Investigator oversees, assists and manages all the investigations in the department, patrol officers in day-to-day cases that require additional investigations, three School Resource Officers and the MEG Unit Officer, which is an officer that is assigned to the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group that focuses on drug enforcement.

The Kaukauna Police Department once again had a busy year in 2022. In addition to continually



Thomas Bartolazzi Lieutenant

working on past homicides to insure justice for the victims, drug overdose death investigations continue to increase utilizing a lot of our resources and much of our time to complete. As technology continues to improve, internet crimes increase and become more technical. In 2022, we have seen a continued rise in credit card frauds, identity thefts, phone scams, computer scams, scrap metal thefts and internet crimes against children. These crimes can create challenges to law enforcement as they can often result in suspects that are out of the state or country. Receiving the approval to add a second detective to our investigation team in 2023 will help to alleviate some of the caseload.

Our current focus is on increasing training to keep up with the ever evolving technology and crimes associated with it and to continue improving our accountability to the victims.

The Detective position was created in June 2015. The Detective investigates crimes, conducts follow-up on more serious and time-consuming cases, and works closely with other investigators in surrounding agencies on major incidents. The Detective is able to interview witnesses and interrogate suspects, or collect evidence that may have not been able to be collected when an incident occurred. The Detective also works with patrol officers and is able to assist them with any ongoing cases they may have, such as drafting search warrants and subpoenas or follow-up interviews. With the Detective conducting follow-up for major cases, this allows the patrol officers to spend more time on the road and be available to handle the day-to-day calls.



Kory Krueger Detective

The Detective works on a wide variety of cases including but not limited to identity theft, embezzlements, burglaries, thefts, frauds, domestic abuse, homicides, suspicious deaths, drug overdoses, stalking, sexual assaults, internet crimes and vehicle accidents. The Detective has the availability to spend more time on serious cases and more time conducting follow-up, which in turn can lead to a higher close out rate on major cases.















































































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#### AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

My fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

#### I WILL.

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Keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger; scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

#### I WILL,

Never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

## I RECOGNIZE.

The badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession......law enforcement.

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# **School Resource Officers**



SRO Adam Vander Hyden Kaukauna High School 766-6113 ext. 5303



SRO Matthew Kohl River View Middle School 766-6111 ext. 4188



SRO Tyler Romenesko Elementary Schools 766-6134 ext. 3180

School Resource Officers (SROs) work in cooperation with the schools in a proactive manner to deal with youth concerns before they become youth problems. Beyond the family, the school is the primary institution that has the opportunity to affect the ideas and activities of our children. Police working in partnership with the schools provides the opportunity to implement programs aimed primarily at prevention of delinquent behavior through education, communication, and understanding among the school, youth, police, and the community. Statistics show that reaching children in this age group can lead to lowering juvenile delinquency by giving them the skills needed to make positive decisions.

## School Resource Officers provide:

- Serves as liaison between juveniles and/or their parents, service organizations, school personnel, and the community.
- Work with school administrators and the District Office of Kaukauna Schools on developing policies and procedures to keep schools safe.
- ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) instructors. SROs work closely with the school and local businesses in training to prepare individuals in the event of an active shooter emergency.
- Give classroom and other instructions and presentations.
- Teach children about crime, leadership, and citizenship.
- Teach children about drug prevention, internet safety, and sexting.
- Provide training for KASD Staff in areas of drug preventions, crime prevention, and school safety.
- Are a friend, counselor, and listener to youth with personal issues, or to those who want to share stories of their life.
- Work closely with families, students, and school staff to assist with accessing mental health services.
- Investigate crimes where juveniles are either victims or perpetrators and enforce applicable laws.
- Conduct sensitive crime investigations involving both adults and juveniles.
- Work closely with Child Protection Services, Social Services, Juvenile Intake, and the District Attorney's Office.
- Share information with school administrators about the conduct of students in the community.
- Provide training to other police officers on the special needs and concerns of youth.
- Serve on a variety of committees and task forces working to improve services available for iuveniles.
- Early intervention to keep small problems from becoming large ones. This diverts students from the juvenile justice system when appropriate.
- Participate in Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Investigations.

# **2022 Kaukauna Police Department K9 Rocko Report**



## 62-Total Deployments 22-Arrests

- 40- for Kaukauna PD
- 22- for a different jurisdiction (4 other jurisdictions)
- 11- Appleton PD
- 6- Outagamie County SO
- 4- Fox Valley Metro PD
- 1- Grand Chute PD

#### **59- Narcotics Detection Deployments**

- 29.7g marijuana
- 4.2g methamphetamine
- .3g heroin

50-traffic stop vehicle sniffs

9-other (parked car sniffs, building sniffs, cash sniffs)

#### **3- Patrol Deployments**

- 2-tactical/perimeter deployments
- 1-building search

## Other items attributed to Rocko

- 1 illegally possessed handgun
- 1.3g fentanyl
- 8 illegally possessed prescription pills

## **MOST IMPORTANTLY: STARDOM REPORT**

8 public speaking/ community appearances

# OUR PUPPIES OUTSIDE THE OFFICE....



Bodo outside cooling off with his fancy bowtie and Kong.





Rocko absolutely loves his time in the pool. It doesn't matter if it's summer or winter – this indoor pool provides Rocko with so much fun he doesn't even realize he's getting a workout at the same time.





## Rocko enjoying the great outdoors







Bodo is all set to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with his festive necktie.

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# K9 Bodo



## **STARDOM REPORT - 4 Public Speaking/Community Appearances**

## 53 - Total Deployments

## 29 - Arrests

- 16 for Kaukauna PD
- 37 for a different jurisdiction (8 other jurisdictions)
  - 16- Appleton PD
  - 10- Outagamie County SO
  - 3- Fox Valley Metro PD
  - 2- LWAM
  - 2- Fox Crossing PD
  - 2- Menasha PD
  - 1- Grand Chute PD
  - 1- Calumet County SO

## **51- Narcotics Detection Deployments**

- 61.79g Marijuana
- 147.2g Methamphetamine
- 4.8g Heroin
- 0.89g Cocaine

48-traffic stop vehicle sniffs

3-other (parked car sniffs, building sniffs, cash sniffs)

# 2 - Patrol Deployments

2-building searches

## Other items attributed to K9 Bodo

- 3.382g Fentanyl
- 60 Drug paraphernalia items
- 120 illegally possessed prescription pills

# Community Service Officer





The Kaukauna Police Department has one part-time Community Service Officer (CSO) serving the community through a variety of duties.

- Vacation house checks are provided for city residents who are away from home. The CSO will go and check for any suspicious activity while a resident is on vacation. If you would like a house check done on your home while you are on vacation, please stop by the police department to fill out the appropriate paperwork.
- We also provide vehicle lockout service to our residents. The CSO will perform this service when on duty to keep the officers free for other calls and emergencies.
- The CSO also helps with traffic control at accidents, parades, and other special events.
   They may even fill in for a crossing guard every so often.
- The Community Service Officer also reports any junk vehicles found in the city. Junk vehicles cannot only have a disorderly appearance in the city but can be a health and safety issue.
- The CSO picks up stray animals in the city and brings them back to the police station. They are kept 24 hours for someone to claim. If not claimed, the CSO transports them to the Fox Valley Humane Association.



Animal Calls	368	
Animal Bites	29	
Animals Transported to Fox	23	
Valley Humane Association		
Vacation House Checks	60	
Vehicle Lockouts	150	

# Crossing Guards







Lisa Sawlsville



Vicky Vandenberg



Diane Mashuda



Dennis Bruhn



Rick Puhl



Juli Hartzheim



Kathy Breitzman



Mike Schmidt



Jalissa Snyder

The City of Kaukauna School Crossing Guard Program provides uniformed adult supervision at six school intersections where the majority of the students cross within the city. The crossing guards assist students, bikers and pedestrians when they are crossing the intersections to and from their classes. This service is provided between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 A.M., and from 2:45 through 4:00 P.M.

During three weeks in June, some of the Crossing Guards are involved in the Safety Town Program that is designed to teach safety habits to the children who are entering school. It has evolved into a comprehensive program covering everything from crossing the street, to playground behavior, littering, avoiding poisons, stranger danger, call 911 and fire prevention. Police Officers and Firemen also participate as quest speakers.

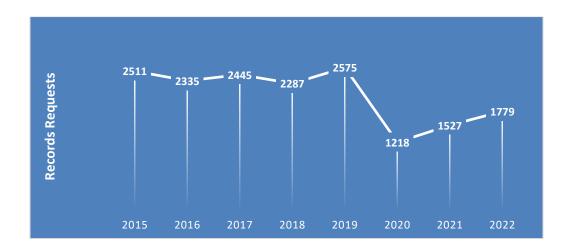
The crossing guards are a vital part of our children's safety. This is a position that our guards take great pride in, and we are always looking to add more crossing guards to our group. <u>If you are interested in joining this amazing group, please contact Inge Murphy at the Kaukauna Police Department, 920-766-6333.</u>

# Administrative Support

The Administrative staff is an integral part of the Kaukauna Police Department. Tammie, Melody, TJ and Brenda are the first contact our citizens have when they come into the police department. When a citizen comes into the police department, it can be to file a complaint, fill out a vacation check form, obtain an alcohol permit or pay a parking ticket, among other things. Unfortunately, there are times where we are the brunt of their frustrations for whatever concern they are having at the time. However, the majority of the time, people are friendly, kind and thankful for the service our officers and staff provide.

Inge Murphy oversees the office happenings as the Administrative Services Supervisor. She works closely with office staff to streamline processes and keep things running smoothly for the officers.

She also trains and works with the six full time crossing guards and four part time crossing guards. There are two meetings per year she coordinates with the crossing guards. Additionally, she addresses any issues our crossing guards are having on their respective corners. If you have an opportunity, stop and thank our crossing guards for a job well done. The Kaukauna Police Department is always looking to add Crossing Guards to our group; if you, or someone you know, might be interested in assisting as a Crossing Guard, please call Inge Murphy at 920-766-6333.



One of the biggest responsibilities of the Administrative Services Supervisor is to fulfill records requests from citizens, other agencies and insurance companies. Before a record can be released, it must be reviewed to make sure it can be released. There are various reasons a report is unable to be released. If a report is able to be released, it must then be decided if anything in the report should be redacted, such as juvenile names. This process can take some time depending upon the individuals involved, severity of the case, as well as other factors.

The records staff also performs background checks on all of the alcohol licensed premises and bartenders in the City of Kaukauna who serve or sell alcohol. We currently check 261 licensed bartenders, 44 licensed premises, including 20 bars/taverns/restaurants, 8 gas stations, 4 stores, 7 restaurants and 5 miscellaneous organizations (golf, athletic clubs, winery/meadery) that sell alcohol.

Evidence: "something (as testimony, writings, or objects) presented at a judicial or administrative proceeding for the purpose of establishing the truth or falsity of an alleged matter of fact"

#### **Overview of Evidence**

The evidence and property room of the City of Kaukauna Police Department is responsible for maintaining recovered property and evidence from crimes in the city. We work together with investigators, the District Attorney's Office, and the state and federal crime laboratories.

Five officers are trained as evidence technicians. Sgt. Momberg and Officers Vosters, Schaefer and Lau being the main evidence and property technicians, and Lt. Bartolazzi is the investigations supervisor but still has a role in evidence and can process scenes. The technicians are called out to examine, document, collect, and preserve evidence at various crime scenes including death scenes, sexual assaults, burglaries, thefts, and crash scenes. The evidence technicians also photograph, and record property collected at those scenes. We currently use a fully marked Dodge Durango as our main evidence vehicle to hold, and transport, most of our crime scene supplies. We must use additional vehicles to get other supplies when needed.

All the main technicians are members of the Wisconsin Association for Identification (WAI). Their mission is to provide educational seminars to members of the law enforcement community; to disseminate useful information related to all the disciplines of the forensic sciences; to provide local administration in the State of Wisconsin for the international professional certification programs of the International Association for Identification (IAI), and to encourage the highest ethical standards in the collection, preservation, and examination of evidence. Sgt. Momberg and Officer Schaefer are on an Evidence and Property Committee working with the WAI.

**Sgt Robert Momberg** 



Officer Charlie Vosters





Officer Brian Schaefer



Officer Tim Lau



## **Evidence and Property Room**

During **2022**, **914** items of evidence and property were collected and recorded in the property room, including about **320** drug related items. We take in, on a yearly basis, several

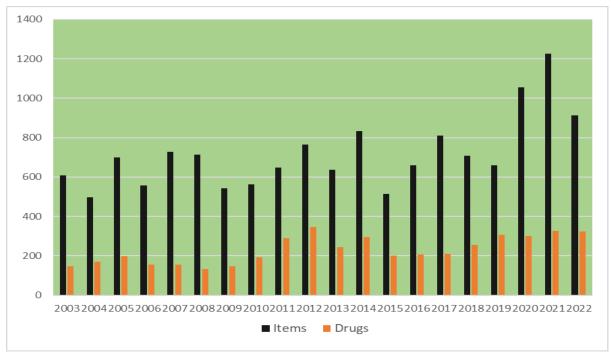
items of found personal property such as wallets, cell phones, tools, CDs, yard items, and several bikes. Many of the unclaimed bikes and property are donated or disposed of.

Laws require us to maintain custody of evidence for extended periods. This could be a few months, years, or even for the incarcerated individual's lifetime or sentence duration. Many of these laws are related specifically to items in which DNA





was collected or could be collected and analyzed. The picture on the top/right is the evidence packaging office and the lower/right is the weapons storage area. The picture on the left is general storage shelves, one of many.



\*\*\*The black columns in the chart depict the total number of items logged into the evidence room each year. The orange columns depict the number of drug items (drugs and drug paraphernalia) included in the total items logged for that year.

## **Evidence and Property Tracking**

Since about mid-year 2016, we have been utilizing the Crime Fighter BEAST

(Bar coded Evidence Analysis Statistics & Tracking) software from Porter Lee Corporation. Tracking and moving evidence and property is much easier now and takes a lot less time. A lot of time was spent inventorying evidence from the old system and either purging or entering it into the BEAST. It is still an ongoing process. BEAST utilizes barcodes to speed information transfer with a high level of data integrity and security. Conventional barcodes printed on labels identify individual items and allow for quick and simple handling and tracking.



# **Digital Evidence**



Most of our evidence collection consists of digital files. Many crimes, including retail thefts, burglaries and other property crimes involve the collecting of video files from home or business security systems. Computers and cell phones are collected on many investigations and information from those are also collected in a digital format. Frauds and other crimes may constitute the collection of bank and other

records, often provided in a digital format, rather than on paper. If we receive a CD or DVD or a flash drive, the contents are copied, and the disc or drive must be saved as well. In **2022**, we collected over **32,000** digital files to include photos, videos, audio files, and documents from about **820** incidents.

# **Drug Take Back**



In 2022, we hosted drug take back events in April and October. We collected over 418 lbs. of prescription and non-prescription medications at the events. We have a permanent drug drop box installed in the lobby of the police department available during office hours. In 2022, we collected about 200 lbs. of material from the drop box itself. For answers to your questions about drug take back, go to the website doseofrealitywi.gov or contact Sgt. Robert Momberg.





# **Digital Media**



In February of 2019, the City of Kaukauna gained a new investigative and evidentiary skill set for one of

their officers. The police department sent Officer Tim

Lau to a four-day training hosted in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The training consisted of becoming certified and familiarized with digital media forensic extractions and analytics for a wide variety of digital media like cell phones and tablets. This allows the Kaukauna Police Department to utilize forensic software to analyze digital media that is often found



during many investigations. This software has proven to be beneficial to the department investigators, and its usefulness will continue to grow in the digital world we now live in.

Since Officer Lau's training in early 2019, he has completed several dozen forensic extractions on devices. The cases include drug cases, sexual assault cases, child pornography investigations, and even battery cases. As with any search, we would need permission from the owner to perform one of these extractions, or we need to get a search warrant. Forty-seven investigations involved Officer Lau and his area of expertise:

2019 – 15 investigations

2020 – 9 investigations

2021 – 13 investigations

2022 – 10 investigations

After having to travel to another department and work on a shared Cellebrite workstation for a couple years, the police department obtained its own workstation (pictured above). This saves valuable time and resources.



We added a certified Cellebrite operator to the police department. In December 2022, Officer Lambie attended a five-day Cellebrite training in Chicago, Illinois. As with Officer Lau, the training consisted of becoming certified and familiarized with digital media forensic extractions and analytics for a wide variety of digital media like cell phones and tablets. Officer Lambie is a welcomed asset to the evidence team.

# **Evidence Photography**

Photography is a very important aspect of evidence. Supplementing police reports with photographs and video can answer questions that arise during and after incidents by creating an accurate representation of the scene as it was at the time of the incident, whether it was injuries to a victim, damage to property, or photos at a crash scene. Many defendants are quick to plea to criminal charges after they see photographs and other documentation of a scene. Photos of crash scenes can help officers in filling out reports and answering questions later. Documenting damage and injuries can aid insurance companies with proper claim processing, the auto industry in making safer automobiles, and the Department of Transportation in making roads safer.

Each squad car is equipped with a digital camera and a smart phone. Both can be used to take photographs at scenes. Officers can adjust settings as they see fit based on their scene and their knowledge of the camera. For serious cases, in which evidence technicians may be called, the more advanced digital SLR cameras would be used. We currently utilize Canon brand DSLRs to include the Rebel T3i and Rebel T6. Along with the camera bodies, the techs have the availability of external flashes and other lenses to record the evidence and crime scenes.



# Photographs from 2022





The pictures above were from a hit and run crash. This was the suspect vehicle.

The driver ran off.

# **More Photographs from 2022**





Pictures of blood and a bullet hole at a scene





Photos at a crash scene with an OWI 4th offense arrest





Photos at a rollover crash scene

# **Training in 2022**

On April 4-7, 2022, Officer Schaefer and Officer Vosters were able to attend the WAI conference at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Training at these events usually consist of case study presentations and breakout training sessions. One full day is an update for evidence and property managers to update them on changing laws and to share ideas on storage and guidelines regarding evidence.

## New in 2022 and the Future of Evidence

In 2022, the department obtained a Tru Narc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer.

This device allows officers to quickly identify suspected narcotics using what is called Raman spectroscopy which is basically a laser pointed at the substance. In many cases without removing the unknown substance from the packaging, making this a much safer alternative to previous methods. Previous methods involved the transfer of the potentially dangerous substance to a pouch with glass vials which needed to be broken by hand subjecting the user to broken glass. The results obtained from the Tru Narc are then uploaded to a software program where printable results can be obtained to forward on with the officer's report.



Other than stocking and the restocking of supplies, we did obtain a new and much larger security and fire safe for storing valuable items and currency.

We are still in the market for upgrading our digital SLR cameras and will continue to look. Global supply shortages of certain components are still causing issues with obtaining items like cameras and other electronics.





# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

#### Overview

Like many aspects of law enforcement, Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC) is always an evolving area. Many factors figure into this. Changing types of vehicles, changes to vehicle operation laws, legal issues, liability, as well as decision making.

EVOC, specifically pursuit driving, has long been a very closely monitored area in law enforcement. Specific data of each pursuit is collected, documented and reviewed with great scrutiny. A pursuit can be defined as:



An active attempt by a law enforcement officer, on-duty in an authorized law enforcement vehicle to apprehend one or more occupants of a moving motor vehicle, provided the driver of such vehicle is aware of the attempt and is resisting apprehension by maintaining or increasing his or her speed or by ignoring the law enforcement officer's attempt to stop him or her.

The reason for the pursuit, liability concerns and general attitudes toward pursuits weigh heavily in the decision making process regarding when to pursue a suspected criminal. Many departments are going to very restrictive pursuit policies. This topic has been discussed nationwide for many years now, although no national consensus on the topic is in place. Every department follows their own policies and procedures, which can vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. We share a county-wide pursuit policy with other agencies in Outagamie County, but individual departments can make them more restrictive.

The most important aspect of emergency vehicle operations is officer and citizen safety. Vehicle crashes have become the number one cause of line-of-duty deaths for law enforcement officers across the country. This underscores the need for quality, recurring training. We constantly stress officer use of seat belts, headlamps, wearing of body armor and being aware of one's surroundings.

#### **Training**

In 2012, Officer Michael Frank and Sgt. Robert Momberg went to the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy near Tomah, WI for a week of training to become EVOC instructors. Emergency vehicle operation and control is a critical area for officers to train in. Not only to keep their skills sharp, but to also learn new driving and safety techniques.



Some of the skills taught were emergency driving, pursuit driving, decision-making, legal issues and even parking. Officers need to show proficiency in these skill areas every two years by participating in at least 4 hours of training as set by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This includes about 2 hours of classroom material and typically includes about 2 hours of hands-on training out on the driving range with all topics set by the Training and Standards Board.

# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

Officers Frank and Momberg are certified to conduct some of this training in the classroom as well as out on the EVOC track. With the construction of Fox Valley Technical College's Public Safety Training Center (PSTC), we now have a state of the art center to conduct our training. We train in several pursuit termination techniques including boxing in, channeling, road block techniques, and all squad cars are equipped with tire deflation devices (TDDs).

In 2022, we conducted the biennial 4-hour training in Septempher 2022 at the PSTC. Training focused on the use of techniques used to stop fleeing vehicles in addition to the use of our tire deflation devices and communications during pursuits. Officers participated in controlled pursuit scenarios while utilizing these techniques.



Officer Ryan Geenen became the department's third EVOC instructor. In February 2021, he completed the 4-day instructor development course and a 5-day EVOC instructor training course in May. He was one of the main instructors at our biennial training course in the fall of 2022.





Officer Thao became an EVOC instructor for the department as well. He completed the 4-day instructor development course in September 2021 and the 5-day EVOC instructor course in May 2022. Officer Thao, along with Officer Geenen, will take over as the main EVOC instructors.

#### **Documentation of Pursuits**

All pursuits engaged in by Kaukauna police officers must be reported and transmitted electronically to the Wisconsin State Patrol via the TraCS computer program (Traffic and Criminal Software). Certain statistics are gathered such as distance, speeds, locations, and all violations encountered. The State Patrol is required, by state statute, to submit an annual report to the state legislature summarizing statewide pursuits.



In 2022, there were seven (7) pursuits reported by the City of Kaukauna. One (1) of the pursuits ended in property damage, involving the suspect vehicle and city property. Five (5) of the pursuits ended with the driver being apprehended immediately at the end of the pursuit or shortly after. The two (2) other pursuits did not result in the suspect being apprehended or identified. The longest pursuit in 2022 was 4.1 miles and the shortest was .5 miles. No one was injured during any of the pursuits.

# Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control

The reasons drivers flee cover a wide range, from just not having a valid license, being intoxicated, having a warrant for their arrest, or even just not wanting to stop due to their own attitude. Again, the safety of everyone, including the occupants of the fleeing vehicle, is our main concern.

The table below seems to indicate a trend upward in the number of pursuits conducted over the last 6 years. This could be a result of a combination of numerous factors, but the bottom line is we are not seeing many injuries, or a lot of major damage, resulting from engaging in pursuits. Officers are making smart decisions, during a very stressful time, when involved in the pursuits. Most pursuits are voluntarily terminated by the officer.

Year	Pursuits	Total Distance (miles)
2022	7	14.5
2021	11	45.7
2020	10	46.7
2019	9	26.6
2018	5	3.5
2017	6	13.8
2016	7	13.1
2015	2	35.7
2014	6	17.8
2013	3	1.3
2012	5	5
2011	2	4.7
2010	3	8.7
2009	4	13.8
2008	1	2.2
2007	1	0.6
2006	4	22.4
2005	3	25.5
2004	4	5.8
2003	1	2
2002	2	42.6
2001	1	1
Totals	97	353

The longest pursuit since 2001 was 35.2 miles. The shortest pursuit was .1 miles. The average pursuit was about 3.7 miles.

# Victim Crisis Response (VCR) Program

VCR stands for Victim Crisis Response. The VCR Program is a resource available to local Fox Valley Law Enforcement agencies and victims. VCRs assist local law enforcement in various ways. Their main priority is to assist law enforcement at the scene of crimes and tragic events, whether it be domestic violence, suicide, burglary, auto-theft, child abuse or many other types of calls. VCRs can provide a buffer between law enforcement and victims/families at the scene, while law enforcement officers are performing investigative duties.

VCRs are volunteers who are willing to take time away from their families to help other people going through various types of crisis. They are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Many VCR requests are made in the middle of the night at the scene of various types of calls. VCRs go through a rigorous background check and training program before being allowed to respond to calls.

VCRs are requested by officers on scene who are able to provide emotional support, crisis intervention, immediate needs assessments, education on crisis, trauma, and grief, help make phone calls to family members, as well as helping victims plan for the future. VCRs are also available to assist with low-level follow up type of duties. Example: Calling citizens who have called in damage complaints which have been classified as inactive. VCRs will call these citizens and ask if they have any more information regarding their case.

The Fox Cities VCR Team is a 501c3, non-profit organization. They are funded by both the Wisconsin Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act (VOCA grant) and donations. Much of their ability to continue to do the work they do in the Fox Cities relies on donations from citizens, groups and businesses.

They have many free resources to offer victims through the Crime Victim Compensation application. Although Marsy's Law has made the VCR's job a bit more difficult, they have come together with partnering agencies to overcome the adversity and continue to help those victims in need. VCRs have become an invaluable resource for Fox Cities Law Enforcement. The program started over 20 years ago at the Appleton Police Department and has spread throughout the Fox Valley to include all departments in Outagamie County, as well as various Winnebago County agencies.

In 2022, there were 34 dedicated volunteers working in the VCR program who responded to 206 call-outs to assist those in need. There were hundreds of victims served within the communities, including citizens of Kaukauna.



Officer Stephanie Maas Kaukauna Police Department Liaison



# **Unified Tactics Training**

In 2022, we held four 8 hour training sessions, totaling 32 hours of training for our officers. Of the 32 hours, we held 12 hours of firearms training and 20 hours of Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) training. The 12 hours of firearms training included several hours of maintaining our annual certifications and qualifications for our handguns and rifles. The remaining time this past year was spent on refreshing the basic fundamentals of firearms training. Of the 12 hours of DAAT training, we specifically trained on the topics of TASER, Use of Force Decision Making Scenarios, and Tactical Response Training.

In 2022, our department transitioned from an older model of TASER Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs) to a brand-new model, the TASER 7. With this transition came a full 8 hour training session to allow our officers to familiarize themselves with the new equipment. One of the main changes from our old TASER X26P ECWs to the new TASER 7, is the addition of an Arc Warning button. This function allows officers to display an audible and visual warning signal to a suspect before any use of force is used. The implementation of the Arc Warning feature will allow our officers to deescalate a situation that previously could have resulted in a use of force.

As we have discussed in previous annual reports, our department continues to monitor the social issues that surround policing practices and training for law enforcement. Since 2020, we have made sure to continue to include de-escalation and communication into our training and scenario-based training days. We continued to make this a priority in our 2022 training schedule. By including scenarios that stress the importance of communication, we ensure that our officers are well balanced and won't be quick to resort to using force to solve conflicts. We have and continue to urge our officers to engage in communication, non-verbal communication, and to explore alternative options whenever possible as a way to de-escalate certain situations. We

incorporate these principles into all of our Defense and Arrest Tactics training sessions. We accomplish these types of training in scenario-based training, case review training, and open discussions of applicable incidents.

Kaukauna Police Department Unified Tactics Instructors are:

- Detective Kory Krueger
- School Resource Officer Matt Kohl
- Officer Lucas Meyer



Pictures show Kaukauna Police Department Officers during training sessions.



# Kaukauna Police Department Programs

#### Abatement Program

The Kaukauna Police Department assists landlords with eliminating problem tenants involved in disturbances, gang and drug activity.

## Bicycle Licensing

License bicycles for locating and returning bicycles to owner.

#### Bicycle Safety

Provide bicycle safety guidelines, teach bicycle laws, and promote bicycle helmet use, helmet giveaways and ice cream rewards for good bicycle obedience.

#### Business Security

Perform routine business checks looking for open doors, suspicious activity.

#### Crime Prevention

Give safety and crime prevention talks, provide and train individuals with information on detection and prevention of crime, and proper methods of reporting crime and what to look for.

## Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a Police Community program geared toward the fight against crime. It involves the public, media and the police working together.

## McGruff Program

The McGruff program has many different functions. We are currently using McGruff for discussion and appearances, along with educating children.

#### Police Lights of Christmas

The Lights of Christmas program provides support for people in need. Funds are raised throughout the year, and the monies are turned into gift cards for officers to disperse to people in need they come in contact with while on patrol.

## Safety Town

Teach children how to obey stop signs, traffic lights, crossing the streets and being safe. Also teach how to use 911 for emergencies.

#### School Resource Program

The School Resource Officers (SROs) work in cooperation with the schools, parents and police. Provide early intervention. Work with delinquent behavior, promote positive decision making, teach conflict resolution and responsibility. Give presentations, provide education and services available for juveniles.

#### Vacation House Checks

Provide house checks for residents on vacation.

## Vehicle Lock Outs

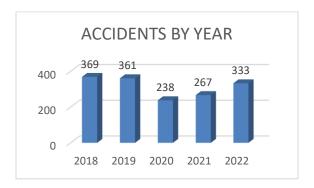
Provide vehicle lock out service to residents free of charge.

#### Victim Crisis Response

The Victim Crisis Response program (VCRs) is a resource available for Law Enforcement and victims to assist in tragic events. Volunteers assist any time of day or night wherever needed.

## **Statistics**

Accidents	333
<b>Accidents with Injuries</b>	<b>48</b>
Hit and Run Accidents	<b>56</b>
<b>Accidents in Round-About</b>	33



Our officers and school resource officers deal with juvenile calls on a daily basis all year long. The nature of these calls include: apprehension requests, battery, curfew, disorderly conduct, drugs, harassment, resisting, runaways, theft, truancy, trespassing and vaping, among many others.

In 2022, our officers dealt with **300 calls** involving juveniles in our city. This is comparable to 207 calls involving juveniles in 2021.

In 2021, there were 882 municipal citations issued by the Kaukauna Police Department. In 2022, our officers issued **904 municipal** citations.



# Traffic Citations Total Citations 998 Total Warnings 1,487 Total 2,485 RULES LAWS REGULATIONS

## **OWI/** Operating While Intoxicated 40

Criminal OWI's (2<sup>nd</sup> and greater offenses) 9

# Criminal Arrests Referred to District Attorney's Office

	<u>2021</u>	2022
Aggravated Assault/Battery	28	31
Bail Jumping	72	69
Burglary	12	7
Criminal Damage to Property	7	10
Disorderly Conduct	56	44
Domestic Abuse	22	32
Drugs/Paraphernalia	115	77
Fraud	11	11
Hit and Run	1	2
Operating After Revoked	72	38
OWI Criminal – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	10	9
Resisting/Obstructing an Officer	14	13
Sexual Assault	13	10
Strangulation	6	5
Theft	25	21
Weapons	3	5
Total Persons Criminally Charged	252	173
Charges Associated with Those Cases	484	402

## **Statistics**

Kaukauna Police Department has 26 full-time sworn officers.

Officers cover all areas of the city and are not assigned to a specific district. This provides all the officers familiarity with the entire city not just a specific range. Officers not only handle the traffic and accident calls on the road but also manage an array of incidents that come in daily, as are listed on the right. In addition, officers handle over 400 serious crimes that are referred to the District Attorney's Office.

The School Resource Officers handle calls that occur at the schools, and patrol may be called to juvenile calls that occur at home or in the city. Juvenile calls may include thefts, runaway, truancy, disturbances, smoking, drugs/alcohol, and damage to property.

Police need to be cross-trained to handle any situation at any given time. They also need to be able to switch from handling one diverse call after another.

Officers cover the following specialty areas:

- School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Crime Prevention
- DAAT Training
- Evidence Technicians
- Emergency Response Team (ERT/SWAT)
- MEG Unit (Drugs)
- K9 Unit
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Control (EVOC)
- Victim Crisis Response (VCR)

Police Calls for Service						
<b><u>2018</u></b> 10,973	<b>2019</b> 11,696	<b><u>2020</u></b> 11,212	<b>2021</b> 12,678	<b><u>2022</u></b> 13,317		

## **Incidents**

	<u>2021</u>	2022
ABANDONED VEHICLE	56	32
ACCIDENT	300	360
ALARM	136	137
ALCOHOL OFFENSE	10	7
ANIMAL CALLS	419	397
ARSON	0	0
ASSISTS	1508	1544
ASSAULTS	7	9
AUTO THEFT	10	11
BURGLARY	7	11
CIVIL PROCESS	19	17
CRIME PREVENTION	2450	2736
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	76	76
DISTURBANCES	304	287
DOMESTIC	40	25
DRUGS	124	111
FINGERPRINTING	52	0
FIRE CALLS	123	125
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	28	22
FRAUD	104	91
HARRASSMENT	109	63
HAZARD	169	144
JUVENILE INCIDENTS	207	304
LOCKOUT	150	152
LOST/FOUND	183	166
MEDICAL	961	1064
MISSING PERSON	11	9
OPEN DOOR	85	77
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	41	39
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	168	174
PARKING	430	261
RECKLESS DRIVING COMPLAINT	338	285
SEX OFFENSES	46	47
SUICIDE; ATTEMPT, THREAT,	48	35
COMIT SUSPICIOUS PERSON, VEHICLE, SITUATION	504	506
THEFT	159	138
TRAFFIC	1761	1994
TRAFFIC SAFETY	2	213
TRESPASS	25	22
TRUANCY	8	10
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	32	44
WANTED PERSON OR APPREHENSION	66	73
WEAPON	8	11
WELFARE CHECK	498	515
911 HANGUP/ASSIST	907	720
911 CALLS (Kaukauna Only)	2476	2406

## **Miles Patrolled**

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
198,070	215,108	226,484	254,287	232,220	211,884	170,411

# **Parking Tickets**

We continue to monitor the parking according to the City ordinance traffic code chapter 7.12. Most of our parking violations come from our winter parking restrictions from December through March in which:

"No Vehicle shall be parked or standing unattended on any public street of the City of Kaukauna between the hours of 2am and 6am"

We also have continued to monitor our business district where we have 15, 30 and 90 minute parking stalls, also with the no parking restriction from 2am to 6am.







	2019	2020	2021	2022
ISSUED	1285	735	506	525
PAID	1537	837	484	480
SUSPENDED	402	235	131	155

# Monies Collected by Police Department

Parking Tickets	\$12,310.00
Records Requests	\$1,097.00
Wisconsin Training & Standards, recertification	\$4,000.00
Alcohol Grants	\$5,154.37
Seatbelt Grants	\$8,620.15
Speed Grants	\$5,133.16
Drug Grants	\$3,540.06
K9 Donations	\$8,119.74
Reimbursements OWI Blood Draws	\$1,124.87
Warrants	\$7,269.60

*Total* \$56,368.95

(does not include citations)

# RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS



**Cyndell Sawall** 



**David Knepfel** 



Jordan Batchelor



Ryan Wieting







Our officers are fortunate to serve a community as beautiful as Kaukauna.







A community where the police are appreciated, and the police stop to appreciate the community while having a little fun along the way.







Thank you for a safe 2022.