

Town of Trenton

DRAFT OF UNOFFICIAL Minutes from the Town of Trenton Annual Meeting of Electors

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6:30 PM

Location: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Elected and Appointed Officials Present:

Town Board Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Town Board Supervisors Ed Doerr and Barbara Davies, Administrator Cindy Komro, Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer, Director of Public Works Charles Schmidt, Police Chief Andrew Mammen, Police Officer Steve Swiertz (all are Town residents except for Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer, Police Chief Andrew Mammen, and Police Officer Steve Swiertz).

Other Town Residents Present:

Tammy Albrecht	Judith Alexander	Robert Banaszak	Robert Baran	Joan Baumgartner
Linda Baumgartner	David Berth	Gloria Berth	David Berth Jr	Alvin Brinkman
Adam Brown	Angela Brown	Brian Buckmann	Don Buckmann	Brian Bunzel
Inga Bunzel	Dan Burgard	Deborah Burgard	Heather Carrier	Lee Carter
Norbert Carter	Paul DeChant	Susan DeChant	David Denow	Diane Denow
Cory DeRuyter	Heidi Dohmen	John Dohmen	Eugenio Dominguez	Marie Dominguez
Barbara Eckert	Ed Eckert	James Eurich	Alfred Falk	Barbara Falk
Jane Falk	John Falk	Robert Falk	Sarah Falkowski	Sharon Filar
Tom Filar	Sarah Follett	Paul Forgach	Vickie Forgach	Deborah Fugenschuh
Marcus Gee	Jessica Gesicki	Ken Giese	Jon Glass	Lori Glass
Joseph Gonnering	Dean Groth	Evan Groth	Greg Groth	Joel Groth
Kris Groth	Pat Groth	Scott Groth	Hunter Grulke	Roland Gutknecht
Greg Haas	Korie Hall	Jeff Halverson	Daniel Haug	Dirk Hausmann
Terry Hausmann	Mark Haznaw	Douglas Hein	Brandon Heinzl	Bill Herbel
Deborah Herther	Jerad Herther	Eric Hetebrueg	March Hinchey	Kari Holland
Steve Holland	Jim Ivanoski	Jed Jablonski	Elizabeth James-Lipscomb	Sam Jansen
Val Jansen	Daniel Jensema	Robert Jordan	Jaden Kahn	Cindy Kawiecki
Mike Kawiecki	Emily Kearns	Lee Kidney	Jim Knutson	Tyler Koch
Jay Koenitzer	Michael Komro	Kaye Kovacs	Tom Kovacs	Gary Krafcheck
Judi Krafcheck	Gary Lauters	Kathy Lauters	Joseph Lee	Gary Leipold
Kristi Leipold	Steve Lloyd	Ryan Lucka	Diane Mayer	Jack Mayer
Carol Meagher	Fred Meyer	Mary Nelesen	Thomas Nelesen	Alan Oppermann
Gwen Pasbrig	Jon Pasbrig	Kim Peters	Paige Presley	Gavin Priegel
Billie Rathke	Bryan Rathke	Jordan Rathke	Sam Rathke	Kari Reckner
Richard Reeck	Robert Reischel	Mike Ripple	Bob Roden	Cindy Roden
Rick Roden	Lynette Ronchetto	Robert Ronchetto	Pat Ryan	Tom Saleska
Rebecca Salomon	Mark Schaefer	Mark Schaefer	David Scherr	Katrina Schmidt
Alan Schoenbeck	Sue Schoenbeck	Bob Schroeder	Gail Schroeder	Lois Schroeder
Craig Seidel	Robin Seidel	Philip Sipusic	Claire Slagle	Michael Slagle
George Spaeth	Daniel Stangl	Erin Stangl	Frank Stangl	Amy Stark
Randy Stark	Jim Stefaniak	Greg Steinmetz	Jeff Stockhausen	Deborah Stone
George Stone	Julie Sueoka	Luke Terlinden	Carissa Tesch	Kevin Tesch
Ellen Trummer	John Trummer	Paul Tuchscherer	Mark Uhlig	Mikayla Uhlig
Rudy Vorwerk	Kristen Waller	Eric Weckwerth	Dave Weigand	Mary Weigand
Craig Weinand	Mitchell Weir	Jeff Wiedmeyer	Kim Wilhelm	Richard Wilhelm
Patricia Wilhelme	Glenn Williams	Joseph Wirkus	Andrea Wolff	Travis Wollner
John Yarmark	Linda Yarmark	Sheila Zeckmeister	Darryl Zellmer	Kelly Zellmer

Total qualified electors of the Town present at the beginning of the Annual Meeting: 190

1. Call to Order:

Mike Lipscomb called the annual town meeting of electors to order at 6:43 p.m. Lipscomb explained that the qualified electors present are responsible for the business taking place at the Annual Meeting, by presenting and voting on the motions. Elected officials are present to hear reports, answer questions, and help facilitate the meeting.

2. Verification of Public Notice:

Lipscomb verified that the annual meeting notice was properly posted on the town hall bulletin Board and the town official website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mike Lipscomb asked those in attendance to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Presentation:
Mike Lipscomb presented the agenda.
5. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting:
Bob Reischel moved, and Lee Kidney seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.
6. Approve Minutes of November 7, 2023 Special Town Meeting:
Lee Kidney moved, and Jane Falk seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2023 Special Town Meeting. Motion carried.
7. Set Time and Date for 2025 Annual Town Meeting:
Cindy Komro explained that Wisconsin Statutes require the annual town meeting to take place on the third Tuesday in April, unless the town residents choose an alternate date. Mike Komro moved, and Deborah Fugenschuh seconded to set the 2025 annual town meeting to April 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.
8. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Budget Report:
Cindy Komro presented the Town's 2023 Budget and Financial Report. Joan Baumgartner asked about the expenses in "Recreation" and Komro indicated that it includes costs of maintaining the town parks. Komro further commented that all the reports presented tonight are on the town website.
9. Set Compensation for Elected Town Officials, 2025-2027 Term of Office:
Cindy Komro moved to set the compensation for the elected town officials for the 2025-2027 term to \$12,500 for the Chair and \$7,500 for the Supervisors (just over 10% adjustment). Komro explained the duties of the town supervisors and explained that the increase would amount to a total effect on the 2025 budget of about \$3,000 and reviewed the historical adjustments. Bob Reischel recommended that the increase in compensation for the elected supervisors be held to the inflation rate. Marie Dominguez asked where the money would come from to cover the increase in salaries. Komro responded that the town Board recently increased several fees including zoning actions, police fines, and alcohol beverage licenses. Town Chairman Mike Lipscomb commented that he meets with the staff regularly to review the budget and analyze spending. A resident Bob Reischel moved, and Brian Bunzel seconded to amend the motion to increase compensation for the elected officials by 5%. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Dan Burgard moved, and Lee Kidney seconded to set the compensation for the elected town officials for the 2025-2027 term to \$12,500 for the Chair and \$7,500 for the Supervisors. Discussion followed. Joy Schroeder commented that she does not feel that the town supervisors are listening to the residents enough to justify a 10% salary increase. Motion carried.
10. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Building Report:
Building Inspector Walt Grotelueschen was unable to attend the meeting. Mike Lipscomb presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Town Building Report.
11. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Zoning Report
Town Administrator Cindy Komro presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Town Zoning Report.
12. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Equipment, Roads, Snowplowing Report:
Public Works Director Charlie Schmidt presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Public Works report, including equipment, roads, and snowplowing activities.
13. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Refuse & Recycling Report:
Cindy Komro presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Town Refuse & Recycling Report.
14. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Police Department Report:
Police Chief Andrew Mammen presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Town Police Department Report.
15. Fiscal Year 2023 Town Emergency Government Report:
Mike Lipscomb presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Town Emergency Government Report.
16. Fiscal Year 2023 Fire Department Report:
Fire Chief Mark Chesak presented the Fiscal year 2023 Newburg Fire Department Report, including Town of Trenton calls. Chesak announced the dates of the Fireman's annual picnic (May 31 – June 2). George Spaeth asked about the maintenance of a hydrant near Wallace Lake. Chesak responded that he is unsure who maintains it but speculates that it is the Town of Farmington. Deb Fugenschuh thanked the Fire Department for the speedy response when she was injured late in 2023.

17. Fiscal Year 2023 Washington County Sheriff's Department Report:

The Washington County Sheriff's Department was not represented at the meeting.

18. Fiscal Year 2023 Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Report:

Cindy Komro presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Mid-Moraine Municipal Court (MMMC) Report.

19. Fiscal Year 2023 Washington County Board Report:

County Supervisor Tony Thoma was unable to attend the meeting.

20. Any Matter that May Come Before the Annual Meeting:

Mike Lipscomb explained that early in 2023 a large family-run farm approached the town and requested permission to expand their existing farm to accommodate 1,500 dairy cattle. Following this request, the town engaged in extensive conversations with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and legal counsel, to assist the town in complying with the stringent state requirements regarding expanding livestock operations. As the community learned about the request, inaccurate information was spread. Specifically, a claim that 10,000 cows were moving into Trenton caused much fear and alarm in the ensuing months. As the farmer's zoning map amendment petition proceeded, a petition was circulated, urging the town Board to deny the application. Lipscomb commented that he personally reviewed the petition and every signature, and he assured the town residents that the town Board shares the same values for the Town of Trenton. Since the zoning map amendment application was submitted, the farmer combined the parcels within the petition in a way that renders the application moot. The parcels at issue will remain in the Exclusive Agricultural District. The town Board will be moving forward with a review of the town's agricultural zoning districts and the related rules and regulations, to make the long-term plan for the town's farmland. Lipscomb made clear that he respects the rural heritage and future of town farming, and he will uphold his commitment to serve the best interests of the town and all residents. As part of the process, he has invited experts in the field of regulation and oversight of Wisconsin farming laws to educate both the Board and the Plan Commission. He further asked the town residents for patience and faith during the process. The Town of Trenton Comprehensive Plan:2050 was established 15 years ago to guide the town into the future. The Comprehensive Plan was carefully constructed from input from the public, the Board, and the Plan Commission, and includes specific mapping for farming and development. The town will continue to operate in accordance with this plan and Lipscomb assured the residents that large factory farms will not be populating and moving into Trenton. No single group's interest will be placed above the greater well-being of the town. As a long-standing resident of the Town, Lipscomb said he is dedicated to the relentless pursuit of the preservation and continued success of the Town of Trenton. Lipscomb commented that the Board is collaborating with 22 other municipalities in the County and will continue to spend hours looking into roads, fire and safety, zoning and elections. He urged everyone to believe that this isn't a competition, or an "us versus them" discussion. Everyone should have a voice, and no one should feel intimidated or threatened. Lipscomb gave specific examples of the Board's transparency and receptiveness of public input during the past year, including countless meetings with residents, DATCP representative Tim Jackson, DNR representatives, County representatives, legal counsel, as well as visits to the farm at issue to learn about current farming practices. Lipscomb continues to visit town residents to learn their perspectives and to share the Board's perspective. The Board also continues to research the topic and has been very open to receiving feedback and suggestions of where to find new information. Lipscomb went on to talk about the truck traffic on town and County roads. He has ensured that the Town Police Department is aware of the issues of speeding, especially with respect to the manure hauling traffic. He also commented that much of the manure hauling traffic originates from farms outside of Trenton. Recently, he met with the Washington County Highway Department to talk about options for limiting the effects of the traffic on Highway Y residents, such as a turn lane into the Orchard Knoll subdivision. Lipscomb addressed the two resolutions that will be presented by the Friends of Trenton group, encouraging the town Board to create study commissions for two separate but related purposes. He asked the residents to not support the resolutions because he doesn't feel that management by committee is efficient. He believes that the town Board does not need a committee to help it do what the Board is already doing. He suggests that the residents allow the Board to do their jobs and have some faith in the process.

Marie Dominguez commented that the town meeting minutes are sparse and do not include sufficient information. As an example, when the Board is approving a resolution, the text of the resolution is not included in the minutes on the website. Lipscomb thanked Dominguez for her feedback and assured her that this will be reviewed.

Joan Baumgartner explained that she is on the Plan Commission and asked for clarification on the AE Agricultural Enterprise Zoning District. Town Administrator Cindy Komro explained that the State of Wisconsin requires the town to have a zoning district that allows for unlimited Animal Units, and the AE Zoning District satisfies that requirement. There are no applications currently on file asking for a zoning map amendment to AE Zoning. The Plan Commission has begun the process of reviewing all town zoning ordinances related to agricultural zoning. Komro intends to distribute a questionnaire to the Plan Commission members to get feedback on the types of rules they are interested in seeing in the agricultural zoning ordinances.

Emily Kearns thanked the Board for taking the time to listen to the residents and the Friends of Trenton group. Kearns appreciates that the Board has realized that changes are needed in the agricultural zoning district. She further encouraged town residents to do their own research. The Roden Farm does have a permit application on file with the DNR and anyone can view all the information related to that application.

Sarah Follett agreed with 50% of what Chairman Lipscomb said. Follett presented two referendums to the town residents (attached to the end of these minutes). One encourages the town Board to appoint a small panel of residents and one Town Supervisor to discuss creating an Operations Ordinance, designed to protect the town from the effects of large-scale farming, such as water safety, fire safety, air pollution, carcass disposal and traffic issues. Follett is interested in a more transparent dialogue between residents and officials, with the intention to design the plans required by a farmer to explain how they will manage these factors. The second resolution encourages the Town Board to put a moratorium on Biodigesters and set up a commission to study the effects of biogas on the environment.

Cindy Komro explained that the resolutions presented are advisory in nature. The town residents can vote to encourage the Town Board to follow these recommendations. The resolution on the Operations Ordinance will be referred to as "Resolution 1" and the resolution regarding Biodigesters will be referred to as "Resolution 2." Regardless of the outcome, it is likely that the Town Board will discuss them at their next meeting in May.

John Falk, a farmer in the Town of Trenton, commented that there are six farms in the entire town. The number of cows in the town hasn't changed in 50 years, but the number of farms has changed so that there are more cows on each farm. Falk continued to say that the days of 40-cow farms are gone because there are fewer farmers. He also reminded residents that farmers are needed to provide the food that we all find in the grocery stores. He further pointed out that everyone seems to be focused on manure disposal, when the other issue is the land needed to provide feed for the animals. The land is limited for both feed production and manure spreading, and the town cannot support 10,000 cows because the land is not available.

Diane Mayer, 7030 N Poplar Rd, believes that Chairman Lipscomb and Administrator Komro hesitate to give quick answers to questions because they want to do further research and give informed and accurate information. She doesn't believe that there will be a lot of CAFOs moving into the town. Mayer further commented that the survey that was distributed seems to be focused on spreading fear rather than presenting real facts. She rents her land to a farmer and is proud of the working relationship they have. In addition, she encouraged everyone to visit the Roden Farm, as they are educators, not just farmers.

Mike Lipscomb mentioned that State Representative Rick Gundrum will be visiting the Town of Trenton on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Lipscomb also explained that the survey that was recently distributed was not sponsored by the town.

Joy Schroeder explained her fears of water pollution, air pollution, loss of property value, damage to town roads and mistreatment of animals. She believes that residents working together with the town officials would be a positive thing.

Doug Hein, 5536 Whispering Pines, grew up on a farm and is very familiar with farming operations all over the State of Wisconsin. He commented that Trenton is very fortunate with the quality of farm operations in the town. Hein explained that the picture on the "No CAFOs" sign demonstrates an archaic method of spreading manure, and that the current method of spreading manure is similar to the way small farms used to spread manure. He also reminded everyone that in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, the cows were locked up in stalls all winter and he believes that the current housing of animals is much improved. In addition, the cows on pasture during that time were walking through the creeks

and near the Milwaukee River, with their manure running directly into the waterways. Nowadays, the state has supported farmers to assist them in putting systems and manure pits in place to avoid the snow melt and manure runoff into the creeks and rivers. Hein is particularly impressed with the Roden Farm, as he shared an anecdote of a visit to the farm when there were about 500 head of cattle in the barn, and when he returned home, his wife was unaware of his visit to a farm because she did not experience any odor on his clothing. Hein finds little credibility in the Friends of Trenton group's mission because they have not visited the Roden Farm. He is suspicious of their intent and does not necessarily believe they intend to support a balanced committee for their discussions.

Rudy Vorwerk, 748 Wallace Lake Rd, agreed with the minimal odor at the Roden Farm. He believes that farmers are interested in protecting the water because they drink the water, their kids drink the water, their cows drink the water and they have a vested interest in protecting their wells too.

Supervisor Barbara Davies asked the residents for their support of the Town Board, whom they elected to represent the town.

Inga Bunzel commented that the farm across the street from her house has significant odor and she wants to protect her land and air from the effects of manure.

Jay Koenitzer believes that the issue the town is currently facing is completely different and more important than anything the town has ever dealt with and is concerned that it has divided the town residents. He is hopeful that the right people are in place to make good decisions, but he is also cautious because he knows that in 2011 some residents' wells were contaminated and he wants assurance that if that were to happen again, someone would be held accountable. Koenitzer is interested in fair treatment of all residents. He concluded with his concern about increased truck traffic on the roads.

Rick Roden, the dairy farmer who is the subject of this discussion, welcomed everyone to visit the farm to learn how they manage the cows and milking facility. Roden explained that ten years ago the State of Wisconsin had double the 5,700 dairy farms that exist today. Regarding a biodigester, a farm would need a minimum of 2,000 cows and our farm can handle up to 1,500 someday. Roden went on to explain that an Animal Unit is equal to 1,000 pounds; a mature cow is equivalent to 1.4 animal units and a baby calf is 0.3 animal units. Their parlor can milk a maximum of 1,500 cows; therefore, having 1,500 cows (multiplied by 1.4), a couple baby calves, and a couple spring heifers would equate to 1,500 animal units that could potentially be on the farm someday. Roden explained that the manure storage facility must be able to accommodate six months' worth of manure produced by 2,500 animal units because manure cannot be spread during certain times (February, March, whenever the ground is frozen or snow-covered). The farm must be able to accommodate that much storage before the DNR permit would be granted, based on the potential animal units proposed in the application. In answer to moving manure from one farm site to another, Roden explained that the storage facility at Hwy Y was nearing capacity so some manure was transported to another storage facility until proper spreading could be accomplished. Roden continued to explain that the manure trucks use as many County roads as possible to limit damage to town roads, his drivers are trained to maintain the speed limits, and law enforcement is available to take care of violations.

Eric Weckwerth explained that he grew up working on farms and he appreciates farmers. He acknowledged that one of the issues that society is facing is that farms cannot operate on a small set anymore because they won't survive if they don't grow. He further agreed that he doesn't like the smell either but that is part of the process and if the farms didn't exist, the State of Wisconsin would lose a lot of what it has in this respect. Weckwerth is skeptical of the DNR and government in general and he appreciates the community input regarding protecting the environment. He compliments Friends of Trenton for bringing awareness, the Town officials for their efforts in designing a balanced solution and the farmers who, he believes, value the soil, the air and their animals. Weckwerth believes that farmers and other residents have common concerns and rather than focusing on emotions, he hopes that open communication is vital. He concluded by praising the hard work that farmers are required to do in their occupation.

Marie Dominguez expressed curiosity about the Board's hesitation to form a commission made up of people with different opinions who would do additional research, share ideas and participate in open communication. She wonders why we would be afraid of a non-binding committee that would make recommendations to the town Board.

Mike Lipscomb commented that the Board is not afraid; rather, he explained that the Board is already doing this by asking opinions from organizations and individuals and creating a committee would be redundant.

Brian Bunzel moved, and Tammy Albrecht seconded to approve Resolution 1. Cindy Komro recited the final words of the resolution: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Trenton residents advise that the Township Board authorizes a panel of township residents and one Township Supervisor to create an Operations Ordinance Study Commission and present their findings and recommendations to the Township Board with one year from this date." Discussion followed regarding the method of choosing the members of the committee. Former Chairman Joe Gonnering commented that the members are appointed by the Chairman. Votes were submitted on paper to verify town elector status and counted by the Town Administrator. Voting in favor: 42. Opposed: 104. Abstained: 3. Not voted: 3.

Sarah Follett moved, and Marcus Gee seconded, to approve Resolution 2. Cindy Komro recited the final words of the resolution: "BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Trenton residents advise that the Township Board will pass a moratorium on new industrial biogas facilities and establish a Biogas/Biodigester Study Committee (BBSC) to study, review, consider, and determine if new ordinances or amendments to existing ordinances are required to protect the public health or safety, environment, public infrastructure, or property values of the Town of Trenton; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The BBSC shall be comprised of a panel of township residents and one Township Supervisor; and, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The BBSC will present their findings and recommendations to the Township Board within one year from the date the industrial biogas facility moratorium was passed." Votes were submitted on paper to verify town elector status and counted by the Town Administrator. Voting in favor: 42. Opposed: 103. Abstained: 3. Not voted: 3.

21. Announcements:

The Spring Town Crier should be sent to print this week.

Please inform Cindy Komro of any issues with the website.

State Representative Rick Gundrum will be visiting the Town on Tuesday, April 23 at 9:30 p.m. to hear the town's wishes for the State Government. Town residents are welcome to join the conversation.

The draft of the annual meeting minutes will be posted on the website.

22. Adjournment:

Mike Komro moved and Lee Kidney seconded to adjourn the Annual meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy A. Komro

Town Administrator

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI on April 22, 2024. Cindy A. Komro, Town Administrator.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Town Residents at the 2025 Town Annual Meeting of Electors.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095
November 11, 2024, 6:30 PM.

Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Town Administrator/Deputy Clerk Cindy Komro (all are Town electors), Clerk Heather Krueger.
Other Town electors present were George Spaeth, Cindy Roden, Bob Roden, Dennis Kay, Tony Thoma, Lee Kidney, and Ray Werhand.
Excused: Ed Doerr

Chairman Lipscomb called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Lipscomb read the Notice of Public Hearing called to consider the Proposed 2025 Budget for the Town of Trenton.

Administrator Clerk Cindy Komro reviewed the proposed budget. The base Town levy limited by the State of Wisconsin is \$1,003,809.

Lipscomb asked for any questions or comments. Dennis Kay asked about the Public Safety budget line item. Lipscomb explained that public safety includes Fire/EMS contract with Newburg Fire Department, and represents a 10% increase (\$21,350) over the 2024 contract amount. Also included in public safety is the Town of Trenton Police Department costs. Discussion followed regarding options to cover the Fire/EMS charges going forward, which are expected to increase substantially from year to year. Komro explained the following options for Board consideration: 1) asking the Town residents to allow an increase in the town levy, 2) reducing the town levy and adding the Fire/EMS costs to each property as a special charge on the property tax bills, and 3) changing nothing so that the Fire/EMS costs are included in the yearly budget. In 2025, the Fire/EMS costs total \$234,863, about 23% of the base town levy.

Lipscomb closed the Public Budget Hearing at 6:50 PM.

Chairman Lipscomb called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Approval of Resolution 2024.11.01, Adopting 2024 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2025.

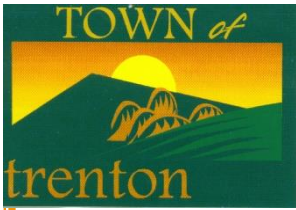
It was moved by elector Ray Werhand and seconded by elector Dennis Kay to approve Resolution 2024.11.01 adopting the base town tax for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) for \$1,003,809. This base tax levy is net of 2025 personal property aid and does not include adjustments for debt service. The total tax levy, including adjustments for debt service, is \$1,312,307.00. Motion passed 10-0.

Chairman Mike Lipscomb closed the Special Town Meeting of Electors at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Heather Krueger, Town Clerk

These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2024, Town Board Meeting and were posted on the Town of Trenton's official website on December 10, 2024. Cindy Komro, Town Administrator.



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FY2024 Town Financial Report

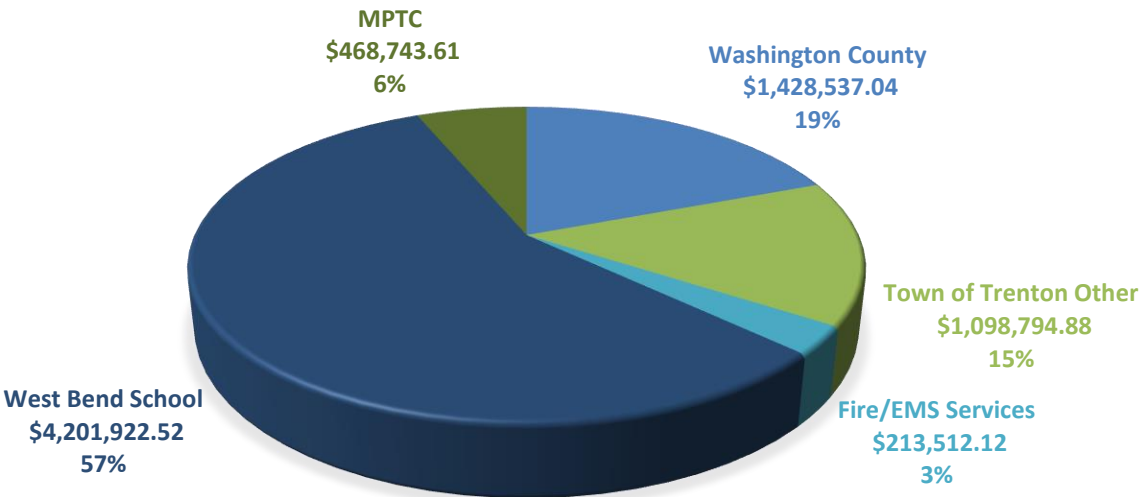
2024 Budget items to note (Financial Report available online)

Newark Drive Grant Received	\$974,086
Zoning/Excavation Permits & Fees	\$ 13,352
Police Revenue	\$ 10,204
Interest Income	\$ 36,434
Fire/EMS Services	\$213,512
Highway Equipment Outlay	\$ 18,849
Road Improvement Outlay	\$914,189

2025 Budget items to note:

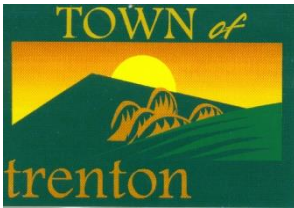
- Significant road work planned

2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY DISTRIBUTION:



2024/23 Receipts Comparison

	Jan24 - Dec24	Jan23 - Dec23	Difference	% Change
Deferred Tax Collections (includes all levies, garbage fees, MFL, refunds, ag use penalties, lottery credit)	\$ 6,115,529.74	\$ 5,944,369.01	\$ 171,160.73	2.9%
Personal Property Taxes	\$ 1,746.19	\$ 2,777.54	\$ (1,031.35)	-37.1%
Bartender/Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,248.16	\$ 635.62	\$ 612.54	96.4%
Assessment Letters	\$ 2,180.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 820.00	60.3%
BUILDING PERMITS (culvert, driveway, electrical, erosion, HVAC, excavation, fire, park, plumbing, state seal & other)	\$ 87,470.77	\$ 50,949.97	\$ 36,520.80	71.7%
Franchise Fees	\$ 38,143.73	\$ 38,569.31	\$ (425.58)	-1.1%
DOG LICENSES	\$ 4,533.00	\$ 4,686.50	\$ (153.50)	-3.3%
Garbage Fees (includes Garbage Prior Years Collected)	\$ 13,832.82	\$ 3,890.07	\$ 9,942.75	255.6%
Grant Elections	\$ 254,264.10	\$ 110,095.19	\$ 144,168.91	130.9%
LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program)	\$ 974,086.44	\$ 88,065.67	\$ 886,020.77	1006.1%
Total Police Revenue	\$ 10,379.69	\$ 7,035.20	\$ 3,344.49	47.5%
State Transportation Grant	\$ 182,330.46	\$ 181,428.24	\$ 902.22	0.5%
Zoning Related Income & Concept Review	\$ 13,859.85	\$ 8,440.00	\$ 5,419.85	64.2%
Insurance Recoveries	\$ 620.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (380.00)	-38.0%
DPW Reimbursements	\$ 2,380.80	\$ 812.15	\$ 1,568.65	193.1%
Donations	\$ 1,662.00	\$ 1,165.01	\$ 496.99	42.7%
Interest (charged & collected, not bank acct interest)	\$ 286.13	\$ 345.80	\$ (59.67)	-17.3%
Misc Revenue	\$ 14,648.66	\$ 18,689.37	\$ (4,040.71)	-21.6%
TOTAL	\$ 7,719,202.54	\$ 6,464,314.65	\$ 1,254,887.89	19.4%



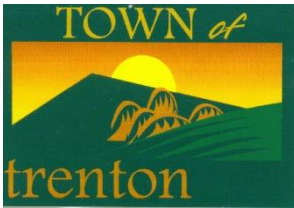
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FY2024 Building Report

Permits Issued:

New Home	27	\$10,287,301 Total Valuation	\$381,011 Average
New Occupancy	19		
Garage	4		
Accessory Structure	13		
Chicken Coop	1		
Remodel	9		
Basement Finish	6		
Roof	27		
Siding	6		
Deck	7		
Fence	5		
Addition	8		
Electric	102		
Plumbing	75		
HVAC	82		
Pool	1		
Driveway/Culvert	19		
Windows	0		
Raze	1		
Commercial	0		
Agricultural	3		



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2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

FY2024 Administrator Report

Town Administrator Cindy Komro

Zoning and Other Permits Issued:

New Homes	27
Additions	3
Accessory Structures	17
Agricultural Structure	2
Chicken Keeping	1
Chicken Coop	1
Decks	2
Fence	5
Swimming Pools	1
Solar	2
Excavation	39

2024 Significant Plan Commission Actions:

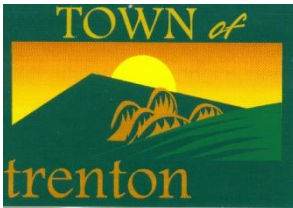
Comprehensive Plan Amendments	3
Zoning Map Amendments	4
Land Divisions/Certified Survey Maps	4
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments	2
Conditional Use Permits	0

2025 Zoning Work:

- Local Zoning now available on County GIS mapping application
- Zoning Hub portal for residents in process
- Various Zoning actions in process

Other:

- Non-Zoning Ordinance Amendments: 3
- Became Wisconsin Electronic Waste Drop-Off Location



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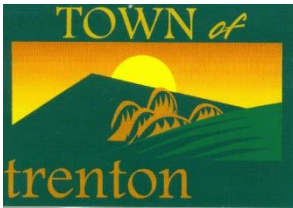
FY2024 Town Clerk Elections Report

2024 Election Statistics:

- Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote April 2, 2024
 - 3,437 Registered Voters
 - 265 Absentee Voters
 - 985 In-Person Voters
 - 1,250 (36.4%) Participation
- Partisan Primary Election August 13, 2024
 - 3,412 Registered Voters
 - 319 Absentee Voters
 - 1,091 In-Person Voters
 - 1,410 (41.3%) Participation
- General Election November 5, 2024
 - 3,580 Registered Voters
 - 2,377 Absentee Voters
 - 1,004 In-Person Voters
 - 3,381 (94.4%) Participation

2025 Elections:

- Spring Primary Election February 18, 2025
 - 3,644 Registered Voters
 - 122 Absentee Voters
 - 312 In-Person Voters
 - 434 (11.9%) Participation
- Spring Election April 1, 2025
 - 3,627 Registered Voters
 - 1,118 Absentee Voters
 - 1,311 In-Person Voters
 - 2,429 (67.0%) Participation
- No Fall Elections in Odd-Numbered Year



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FY2024 Public Works Report

Equipment Condition

- 4 snowplows, good condition (3), poor condition (1)
- 1 loader, good condition
- 1 boom truck, good condition
- 1 patrol truck, good condition
- 1 chipper, good condition

Road Work Completed

- Road repair (surface lift)
 - N Church Rd (Wallace Lake Rd to Newark Dr)
 - Sandy Acre Rd (North and East)
 - Maple Rd (Paradise Dr to Jacqueline Dr)
 - Creek Rd (Trenton Rd to West Bend city limits)
- Road repair (Pulverize/Asphalt/Overlay/Gravel)
 - St. Augustine Rd (Wausaukee Rd to Hwy Y)
 - Wallace Lake Rd (Mayflower Rd to Barton town limits)
 - Cedar Sauk Rd (Town portion)
- Chipsealing
 - Congress Dr (Gravel Dr to Newburg village limits)
 - Summit Cir (Newark Dr to end)
 - Paradise Dr (S Oak Rd to S Church Rd)
- Crackfilling
 - Congress Dr (Gravel Dr to Newburg village limits)
 - Cascade Dr (Paradise Rd to end)
 - Summit Cir (Newark Dr to end)
 - Paradise Dr (S Oak Rd to S Church Rd)

Road Maintenance Report

- Snowplowing
 - 16 Snow events during 2024-2025 season
 - 11 Snow events during 2023-2024 season
 - 400 tons Salt used
 - 2 full-time, part-time employees

Other Items of Note

- New/repaired drain on shop floor
- Prepared Shady Lane with tree cutting for the 2025 road work

2025 Public Works Plans

Equipment

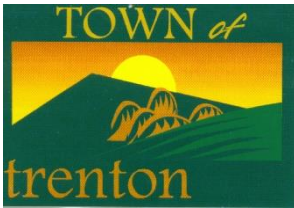
- New 2023 Ford F450 purchased
- Selling current Ford F450

Road Work Scheduled

- Road repair (surface lift)
 - Riverview Dr
 - St. Augustine Rd
- Road repair (Pulverize/Asphalt/Overlay/Gravel)
 - Shady Lane Rd
 - Terry Jak Dr
 - Enge Dr
 - S Indian Lore Rd
 - N Wallace Lake Dr
 - Lincoln Dr
 - Jay St (possibly)
- Chipsealing
 - Eastwood Trl
 - Decorah Rd (Cty Rd M to Hwy 33)
 - S Church Rd
 - Orchard Knoll Subdivision
- Crackfilling (to be completed by Washington County via Shared Services)
 - Eastwood Trl
 - Decorah Rd
 - S Church Rd

Road Maintenance Planned

- Ditching
 - May perform some on Newark Dr
 - May defer to 2026
- Weeding/Trimming
 - Shady Lane Rd
 - Hickory Rd
- Culverts
 - St Augustine Rd



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FY2024 Refuse & Recycling Report

Recycling Grant

- 351.54 tons Recycling in 2024
- Recycling Grant award in 2024: \$15,704.26

Town Recycling Yard Open

- Second Saturday of month 8:00 a.m.-noon
- Fourth Thursday of month 3:00-7:00 p.m. (March-October)
- Accepting:
 - Yard waste
 - Brush
 - Metal Goods
 - Batteries
 - Waste Oil
 - Electronics

Curbside Collection Contract

- Harter's continues to receive positive feedback
- Seasonal yard waste option during town recycling hours
- We will no longer host annual electronics recycling event (see below regarding E-Cycle Wisconsin)
- See reverse side for Recycling Guidelines

E-Cycle Wisconsin Official Provider

- Electronics recycling available on Town's regular recycling days

2024 Annual Report



Chief Andrew D. Mammen



Chief's Message:

On behalf of the Trenton Police Department, I want to personally thank you for your interest and support for our department. My goal with this report is to educate all those interested about the many things we do to help protect and serve our community.

The officers of the Trenton Police Department have a wide range of duties that support the mission, vision and values of the town. Our police department only hires the most professional, well-trained and well-organized law enforcement officers.

We pride ourselves in service, commitment and ethical policing. We will always strive to ensure that our roadways and community are as safe as possible. We accomplish this mission through education and enforcement.

Unlike other years, 2024 has been an extraordinary year for the Town of Trenton and the Police Department. On January 01, 2024, I began as a full-time chief for the department covering various hours and shifts and handling a battery of unique and town specific calls for service. Our experienced and knowledgeable officers continue to set the example for agencies our size.

We will continue to provide high-quality law enforcement services with a budget friendly mindset. I encourage all those with questions, whether elected, appointed, or other to contact me directly.

Chief Andrew D. Mammen

Meet Our Staff



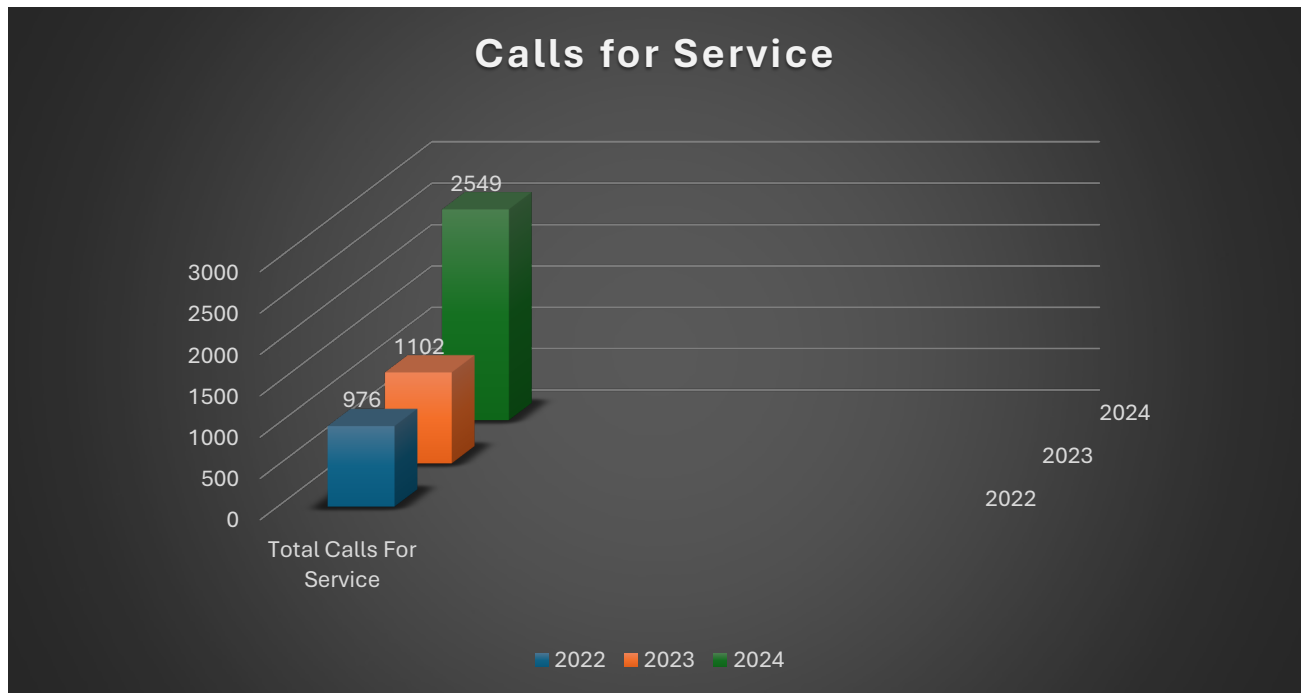
Captain Christopher Utecht

Chris served as a police officer from 2003-2021, retiring at the rank of Chief. After a short try at retirement, he returned to policing with the Town of Trenton in November 2023. He is a tenured Associate Professor at a community college in Illinois and holds a master's degree in Criminal Justice.



Officer Joseph Cashin

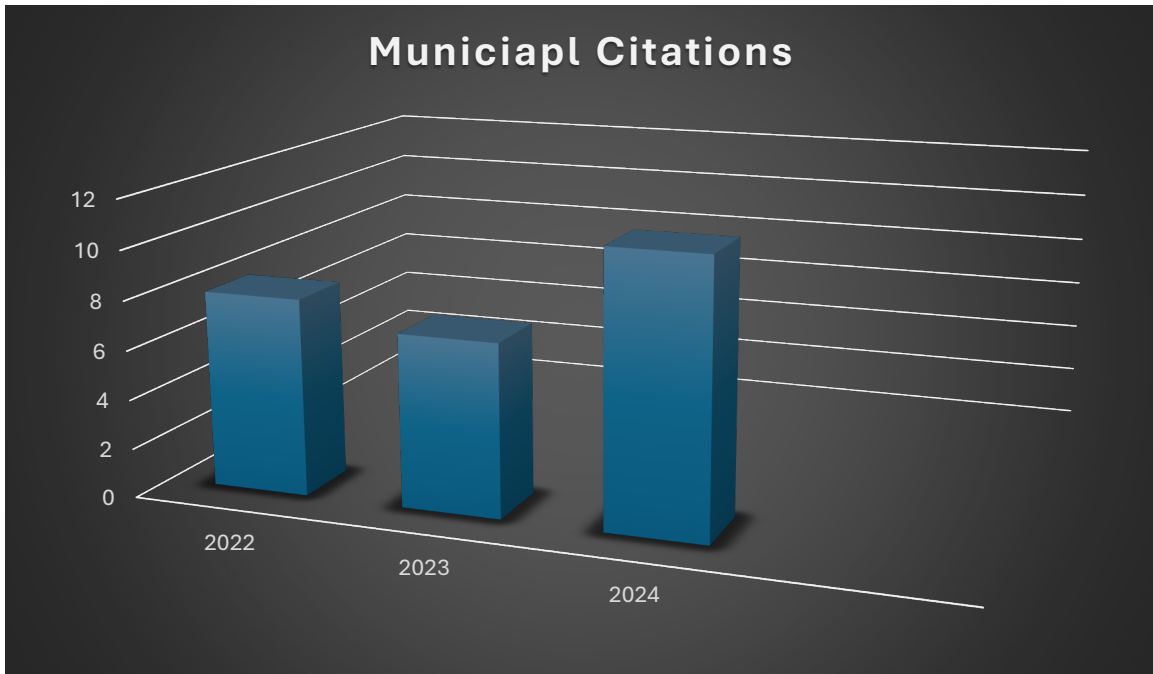
Joe is a 26-year veteran of law enforcement and started working with us in November of 2024. Joe recently retired from a local police department and is now working in the private sector. He has a master's degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice and has completed the Northwestern University Police School of Staff and Command. Joe has a 20-year-old son who was just sworn in as a police officer and is attending the police academy at MATC Milwaukee.



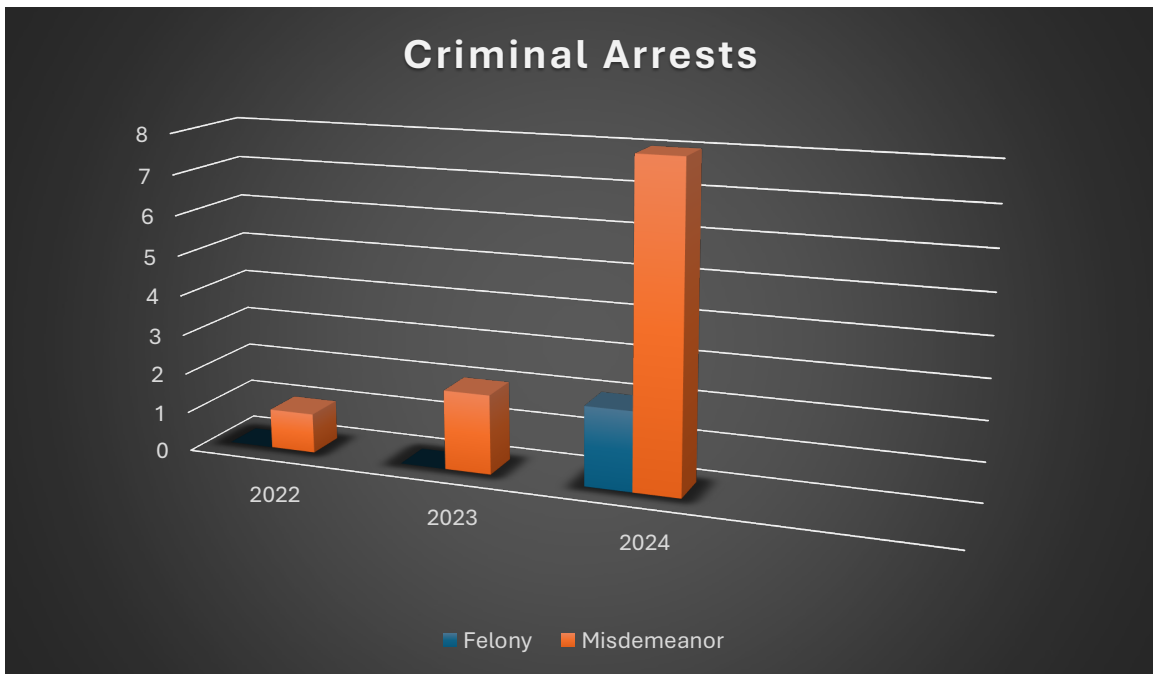
Since 2022, there has been a significant increase in calls for service from 976 in 2022 to 2549 in 2024. This represents an increase of 1573 calls for service or a 161.1% increase.



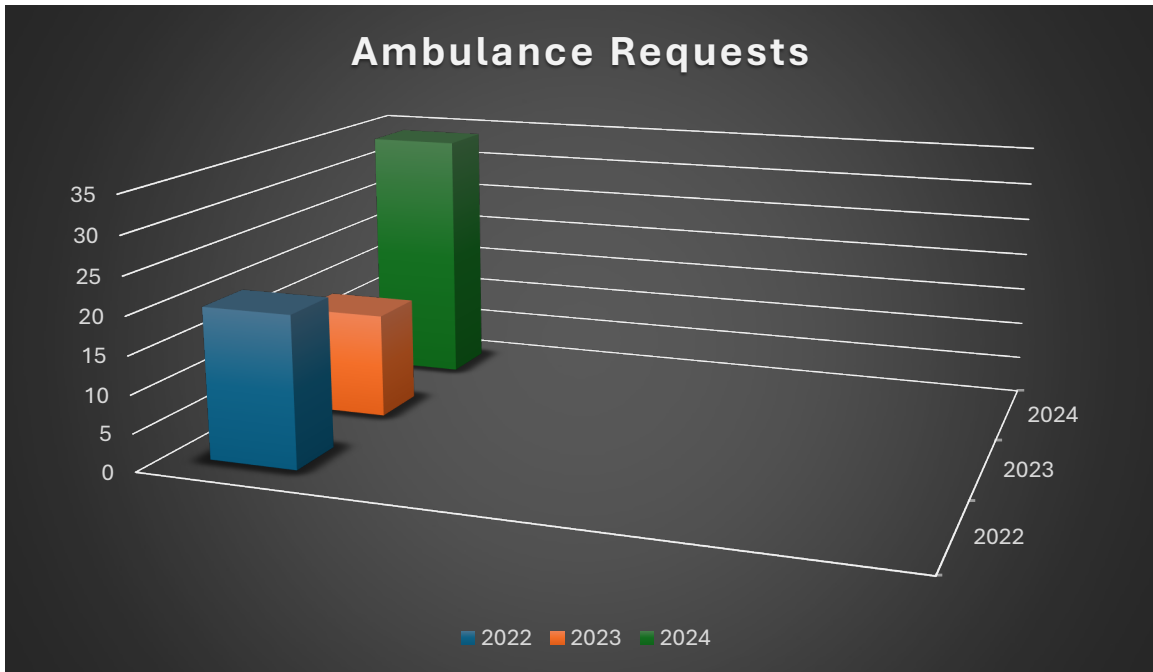
2024 shows an increase in the number of traffic crashes, traffic stops and traffic citations. This is due to the increase in coverage and enforcement.



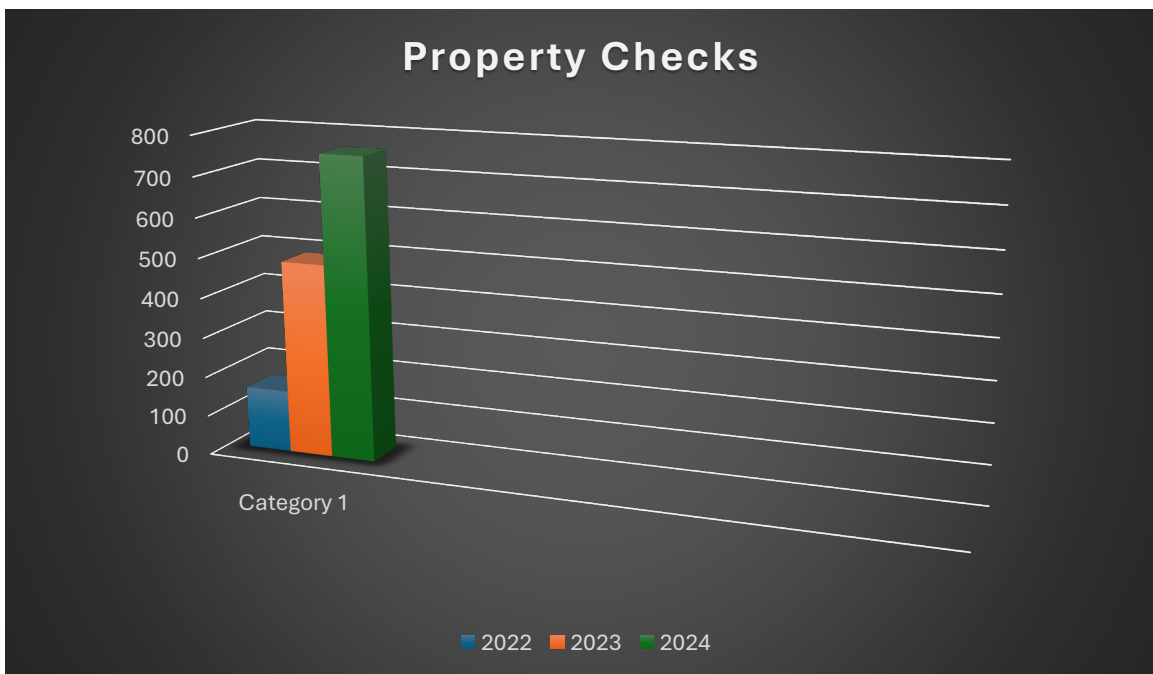
The above graph represents the number of municipal citations issued in a 3-year span between 2022-2024.



The above graph represents the number of criminal arrests. 2024 shows 2 felony arrests and 8 misdemeanor arrests. This is a sharp increase from both 2022 and 2023.



From 2022 to 2024 there was an increase to 34 ambulance calls from 20. This can also be explained by the added hours and full-time coverage.



As part of our mission, we have significantly increased our property checks. We feel it it's important to our community stakeholders that we are checking their businesses. Our growth shows 156 checks in 2022 to 759 in 2024, a 385.6% increase in activity.

Notable Incidents



In November of 2024 a concrete truck driver decided to make an illegal Y-turn on Paradise near Whispering Pines. The driver backed into the ditch, striking and uprooting a tree hitting a utility pole causing damage. The driver then fled the scene of the crash Officer Cashin located the driver and issued citations for the event. The company agreed to pay for the damaged tree which was located on Private property.



In the summer of 2024, a subject who was intoxicated on illicit drugs, who was recently released from jail, started a shed on fire and resisted police apprehension. He was successfully arrested without further incident. This subject was charged with Arson and three counts of Burglary to Dwelling. We are thankful no one was injured in this event and that we were able to capture this person in a short time frame.



In fall of 2024, Officers were dispatched to a large grass fire that was out of control on a windy day. Newburg Fire department responded and was able to eventually extinguish the flames before the reaching the neighboring buildings.



Incidents Summary List

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Reporting Period : 01/03/2024 - 12/30/2024

	Town of Trenton Police	Total
Abandoned Vehicle	1	1
Accident-Car Kill Deer	2	2
Accident-Traffic-Hit and Run	2	2
Accident-Traffic-PDO	8	8
Accident-Traffic-Vehicle in Ditch	7	7
Ambulance Request	34	34
Animal Complaint	12	12
Assist PD	9	9
Assistance-All Others	21	21
Civil Matter	5	5
Death Investigation	1	1
Disabled Vehicle	14	14
Disorderly Conduct	3	3
Drugs	3	3
E911 Abandoned/False Calls	5	5
Family Trouble	1	1
Fire-All Other	4	4
Fraudulent Activities	5	5
Harassment	4	4
Hazardous Conditions-Road Hazards	29	29
Identity Theft	2	2
Informational report	4	4
Larceny (Theft)	2	2
Littering	10	10
Mailbox Vandalism	1	1
Mental-Walkaway/Incapacited/Etc	2	2
Municipal Ordinance Investigation	1	1
Parking Violation	28	28
Property Check	1447	1447
School Bus Violation	2	2
School Grounds Visit	34	34
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Situation	11	11
Town Ordinance	10	10
Traffic Enforcement	45	45
Traffic Request	2	2
Traffic Stop	759	759
Trespassing/Prowler	2	2
Vandalism-Damage to Property	3	3



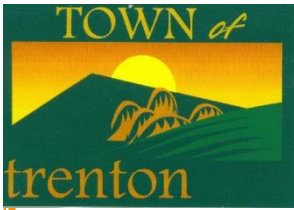
Incidents Summary List

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Reporting Period : 01/03/2024 - 12/30/2024

	Town of Trenton Police	Total
Vehicle Traffic	5	5
Welfare Check	9	9
Total	2549	2549

2024 Traffic Citations	
Speeding	246
No Insurance Proof	55
No Insurance	20
No Seat Belt	17
Fail to Stop at Stop Sign	14
Operate While Suspended - License	11
Operate Without a Valid License	8
Unregistered Vehicle	8
Fail to Keep Vehicle Under Control	6
No Child Safety Seat	4
Operate With Suspended Registration	4
Inattentive Driving	2
License Not on Person	2
Passenger Fail to Wear Seat Belt	1
Impedeing Traffic	1
Unsafe Lane Deviation	1
Reckless Driving	1
Passing in No Passing Zone	1
Display False Registration	1
Cracked Windshield	1
Operate Left of Center	1
Fail to Notify DMV of Address	1
Fail to Stop at Stop Line	1
Unsafe Passing on Right	1
Operate Motorcycle w/out Class M	1
2024 Municipal Citaitons	
Possess Marijuana	4
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	3
Junk Vehicel/Property	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
Total	420



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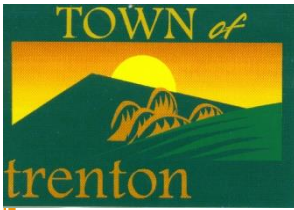
FY2024 Emergency Government Report

2024 Events:

- No reportable emergencies
- Hazardous chemical report filed for DPW salt storage

2025 Items to Note:

- Revised and Updated Emergency Response Plan
- Will be including Ozaukee Christian School Plan



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FY2024 Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Report

Organization:

- Organized pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes
- Comprised of 18 municipalities
- Administers collection of municipal fines and forfeitures

Financial:

- Town of Trenton receives income net of court costs
- 2024 receipts: \$9,773.69
- 2025 receipts to date: \$1,185.22



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Newburg Fire Department

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Newburg, WI 53060

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A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF BRAD KARNITZ

As of January 1st, 2025, I am honored to share, I am the 15th Fire Chief for the Newburg Fire Department. I have been an active member of the department since June 2006, previously serving as a Deputy Chief, Captain & Lieutenant. In addition to serving with the Newburg Fire Department, I was an active Firefighter at North Topsail Beach Fire/Rescue from 2009-2012. I was active with NTB Fire/Rescue while also performing my duties in the United States Marine Corp. I plan to use the skills I have acquired from NFD, NTB & the USMC to continue to grow and develop our department. I have also been a Village of Newburg resident my whole life, which is where I currently reside with my wife and our three children.

But first, I would like to thank retired Chief Mark Chesak for his 44 years of service within our department. Chief Chesak is still assisting us within the department but will leave a noticeable void on the operational side. I would also like to highlight another retirement from this past year. Former Chief and President, Paul Fahey. Paul was an active member for 30 years. He has shared a wealth of knowledge on the business of operations and within all aspects of the department.

2024 has been a busy year for the NFD with a total of 510 EMS and Fire calls. In addition to calls, we run weekly training, host our yearly picnic, and bingo sessions. We also have introduced a new fundraiser, Sportsmen's Bingo. We could not do this without our great members.

I am happy to share the NFD has a new milestone in EMS staffing. Our goal is to have staffing of 2 people Monday – Friday 6am-6pm at the station. So, we have expanded our openings to individuals that reside outside of our area to better serve our communities. We are always looking for people to join our family.

Lastly, I would like to thank all our members, staff and their families for all the dedication and support they give to this department and this community. We would not be as successful if it was not for all their hard work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at mail@newburgfirerescue.com, on Facebook, or by stopping down at the Department any Monday night. We always are happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,

Brad Karnitz

Fire Chief

Newburg Fire Department

2024 SUMMARY



The Newburg Fire Department purchased a new tender that replaced our 31-year-old tender. The new tender holds 3,000 gallons of water, along with a pump. The pump is unique because you can drive the tender, and spray water if needed. Our engines do not have that capability.

The annual Newburg Fireman's Picnic was yet again a success. We have our community members to thank for that success! Having a successful picnic allowed us to use those fundraising dollars to purchase new upgraded equipment. We look forward to another successful fundraiser with the 2025 Newburg Picnic scheduled to take place May 30th - June 1st.



Bingo is in its 10th year and still going strong. We get an enormous amount of help from our NFD auxiliary. Bingo is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, not including summer. We held our first ever Sportsmen's Bingo in November, the prize being a gift card to Fleet Farm, geared towards Hunting & Fishing.

2024 fire prevention was also a success. We visited and hosted local schools for fire prevention week, sharing important life-saving tips. We closed out fire prevention week by hosting an open house for the public to learn about home safety. The theme for 2024 was: Smoke Alarms, "Make Them Work for You!"



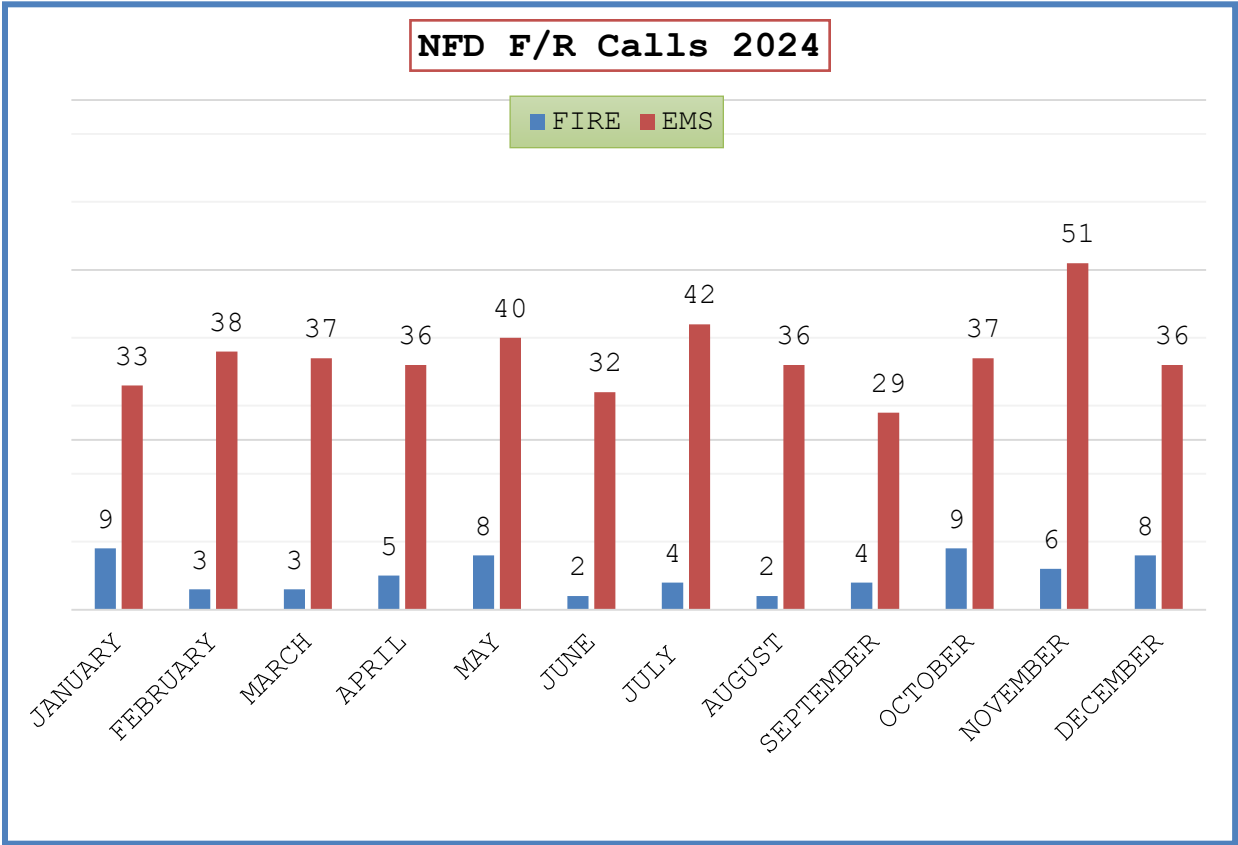
Late summer into early fall we started a recruitment drive. We reached out to the community through mail with a post card & used social media to expand our reach even further. Our recruitment efforts brought in 4 new members! We did a separate recruitment campaign focusing on our daytime, Monday-Friday, on premise staffing. Our trend for the last five years has shown our highest call volume time was from

6am-6pm Mon-Fri, a time when a lot of our volunteers are working and unavailable. Therefore, starting in January 2024 our EMS program allows for two EMS providers to be at the station from 6am-6pm.

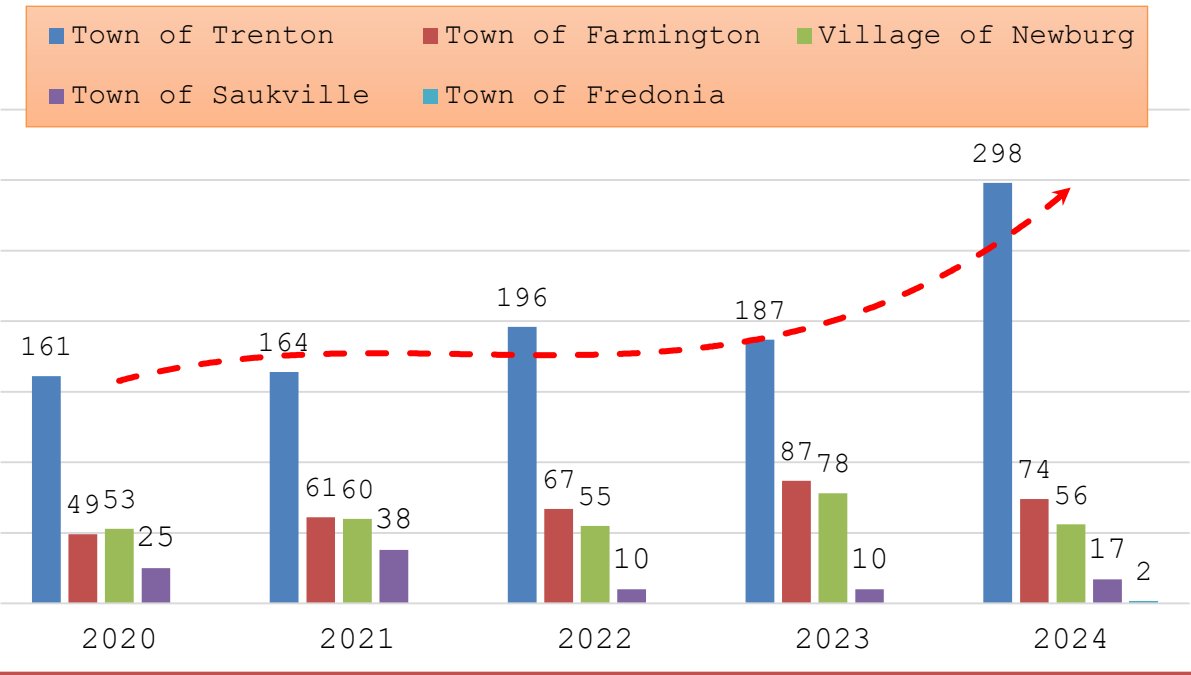
2024 was our busiest year with a total of 510 calls for service. These calls consisted of 447 rescue calls and 63 fire calls.

2024 MONTHLY CALLS

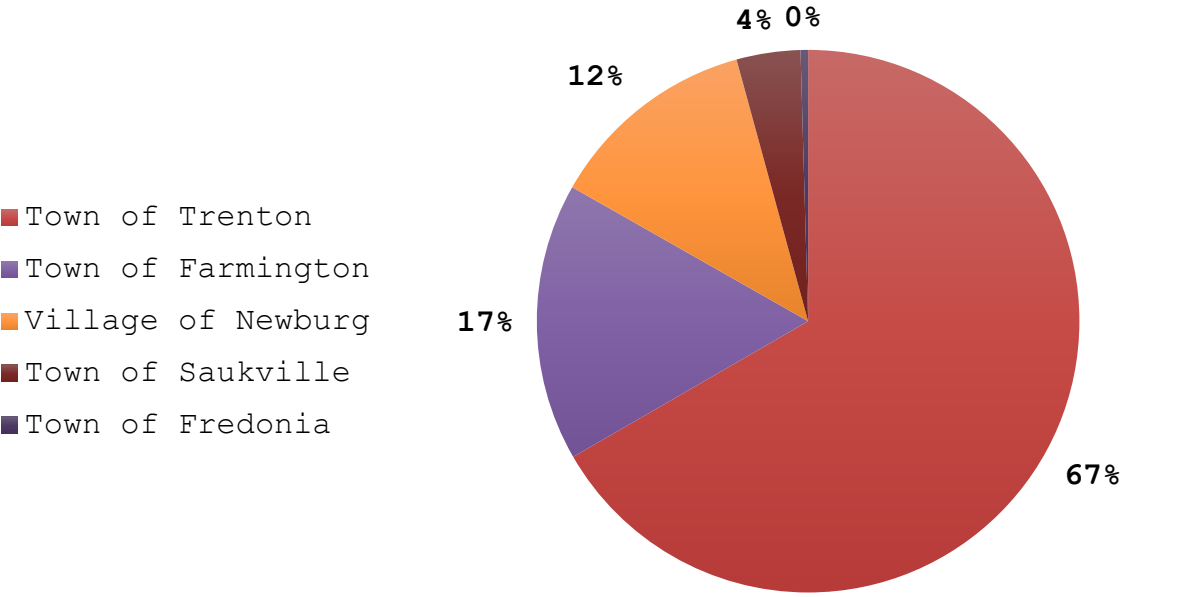
MONTH	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
JANUARY	9	33	42
FEBRUARY	3	38	41
MARCH	3	37	40
APRIL	5	36	41
MAY	8	40	48
JUNE	2	32	34
JULY	4	42	46
AUGUST	2	36	38
SEPTEMBER	4	29	33
OCTOBER	9	37	46
NOVEMBER	6	51	57
DECEMBER	8	36	44
TOTAL CALLS	63	447	510



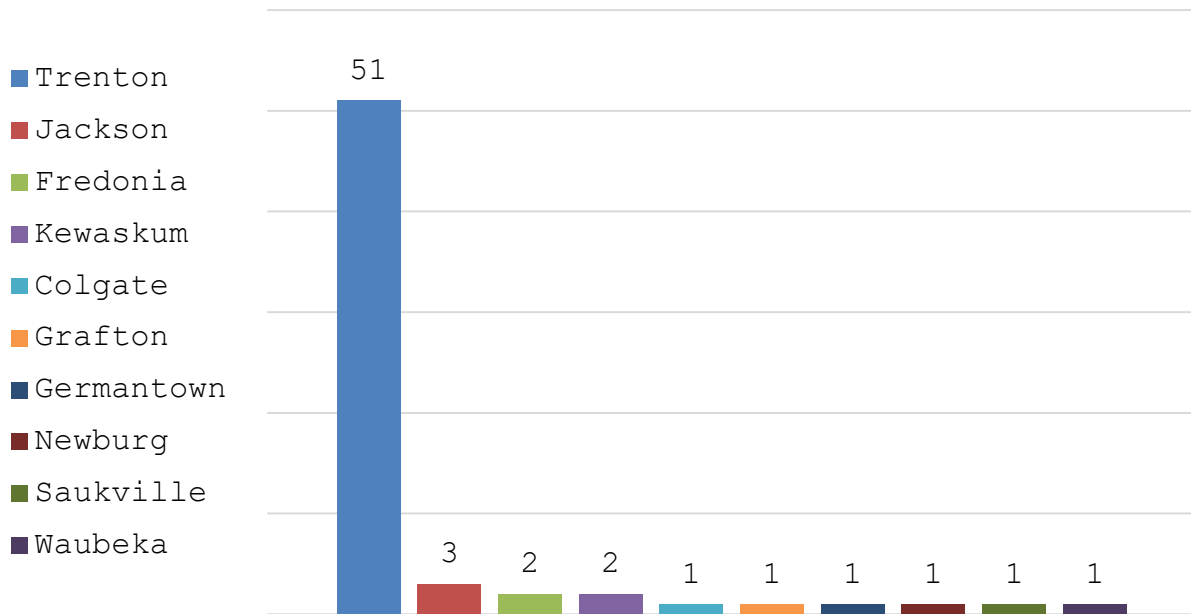
EMS Calls by Year



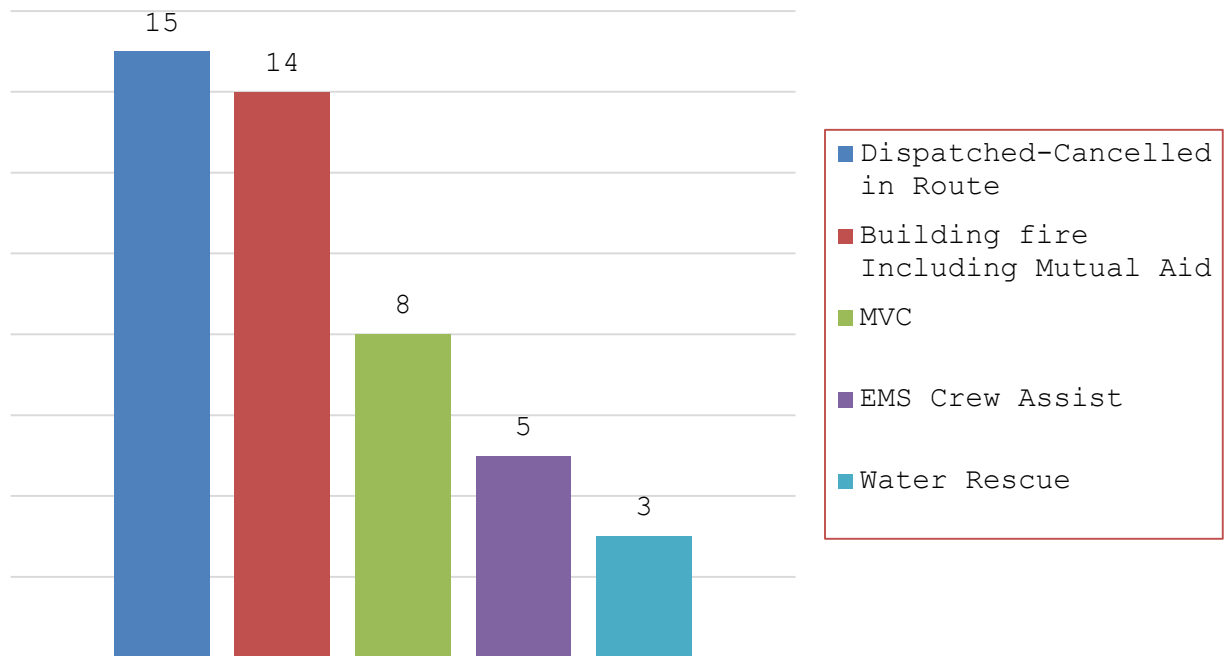
2024 EMS Calls by Municipality

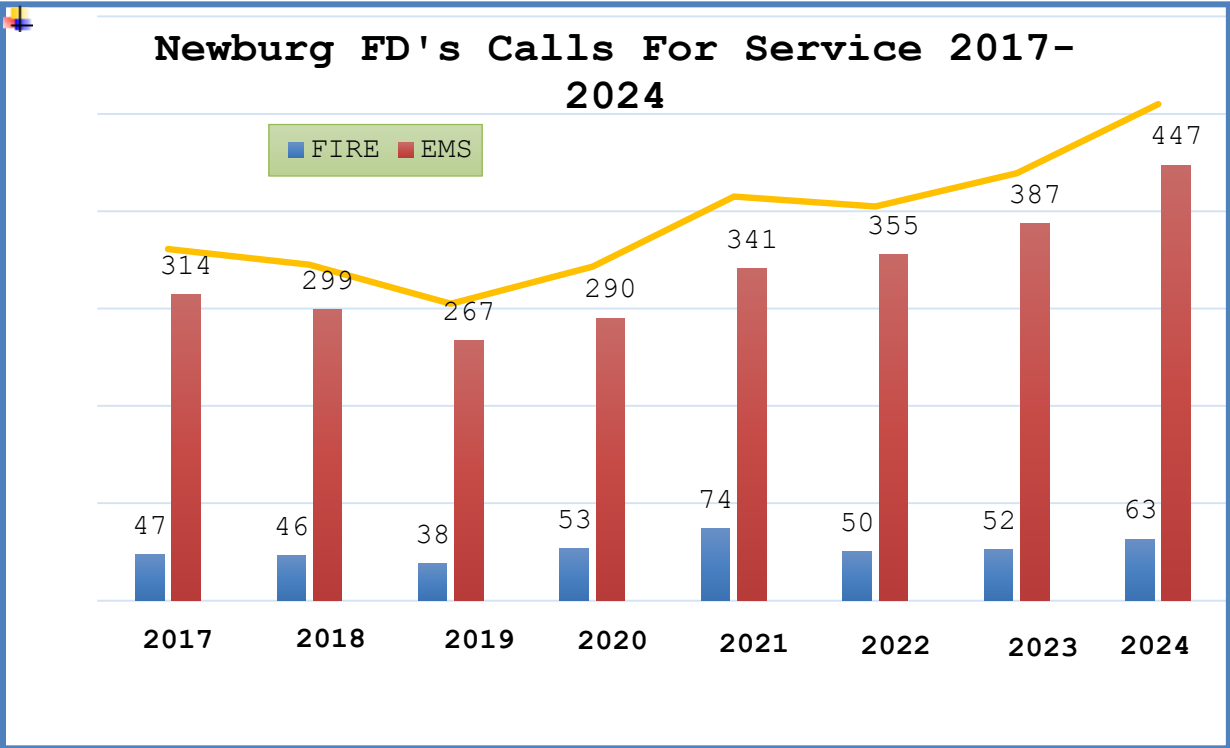
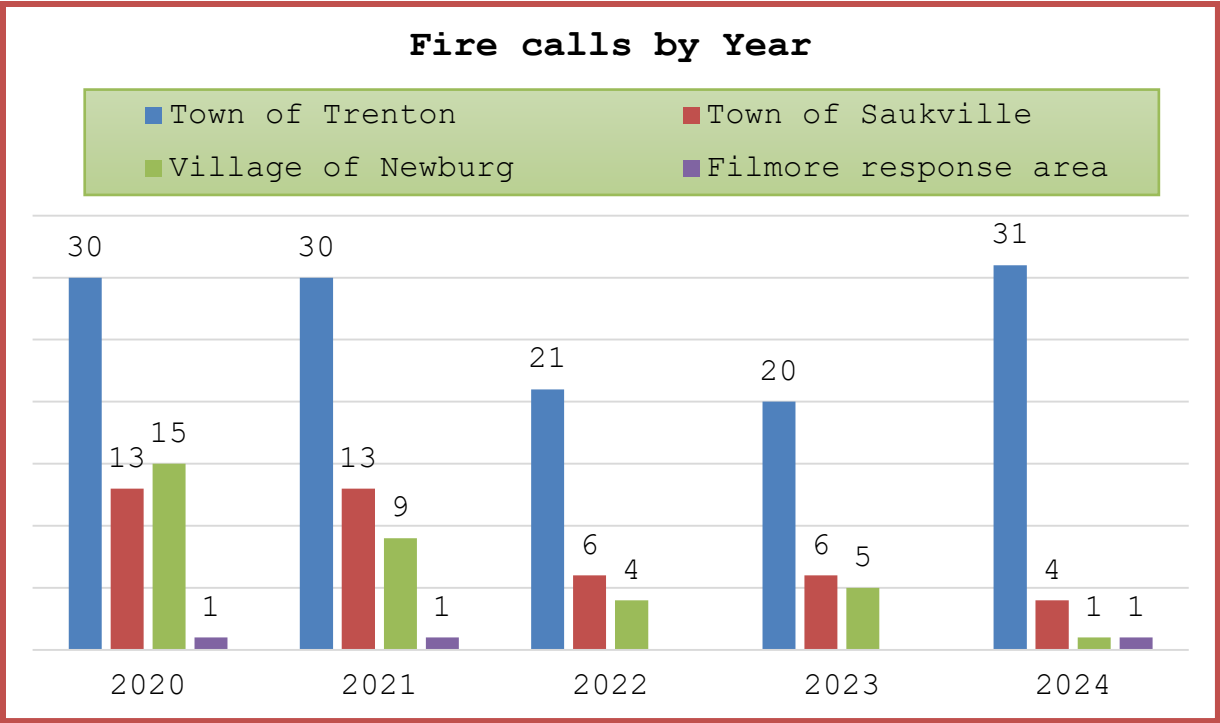


Fire Incident Location 2024 including Mutual Aid



Top 5 Fire Calls Type 2024





2024 Fire Inspections			
<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>Violations</i>	<i>Corrected Violations</i>
Town of Trenton	41	14	14
Village of Newburg	56	15	15
Total Inspections	97	29	29
Total Number of Buildings Inspected	54		



Washington County Sheriff's Office

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Dedicated to Serve

MARTIN R. SCHULTEIS
SHERIFF

https://www.washcowisco.gov/departments/sheriff_office

Our Mission Statement:

We, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, exist to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and sensitivity. We are committed to the (1) prevention of crime and the protection of life and property; (2) the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; and (3) the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

We are driven by the goals to enhance the quality of life, conduct thorough investigations, seek solutions and foster a sense of security in our community and its individuals. We shall nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics.

Message from the Sheriff

Dear Community Members and Stakeholders,

We are pleased to present the Washington County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for 2024. Our mission statement, which you've just read, encompasses the guiding principles and goals that drive our service to the community. These values are not merely words; they represent our ongoing commitment to every resident of Washington County. Achieving this mission is not something we can do alone—we rely on your partnership and support.

Each year, as part of our dedication to keeping the community informed, we share financial data, service metrics, and highlights from the various divisions of the Sheriff's Office. This report aims to provide you with a deeper understanding of our work and the many ways we serve the people of Washington County. Transparency is key to building trust and fostering collaboration with our community, and we hope this report reflects that commitment.

Looking back on 2024, we remained focused on our mission to uphold the law, promote public safety, and ensure justice for all. This report outlines not only our achievements but also the hurdles we've overcome and the goals we continue to pursue.

We want to express our gratitude to the residents, businesses, and organizations who supported us throughout the year. Your partnership is vital to our success, and we remain committed to serving you with professionalism and integrity. I would also like to express my gratefulness to the Washington County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive for the ongoing support of the Sheriff's mission.

As we reflect on the past year, we are excited about the opportunities ahead to further enhance our services and continue strengthening our community partnerships. Together, we will continue working to make Washington County a safe and vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

Thank you for your ongoing trust and support of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. It has been an honor to serve you.

Martin R. Schulteis, Sheriff

Below are several examples of the good work our staff does every day. In 2019, I started to present these recognitions in front of the full Public Safety Committee because I think it is extremely important to publically recognize their work. These are a few of the formal written recognitions given to staff for their work performance in 2024:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Detective James Frankow – Diligence and commitment in iPhone fabricated delivery
Detective Tarra Ball – Collaboration in hospital hidden camera investigation
Communications Sgt Angela Blair – Implementaton of CAD and RMS system with Germantown PD
Systems Engineer Lucas Kehres – Implementaton of CAD and RMS system with Germantown PD
Communications Officer Lorene Meier – Life saving measures on unresponsive male
Sergeant Brandon Hood – Life saving measures on unresponsive male
Deputy Stephanie Kalish - Life saving measures on unresponsive male
Deputy Steven Nurkala - Life saving measures on unresponsive male
Deputy John Gallenbeck - Life saving measures on unresponsive male
Deputy Morgan Nickols – Tenacity in solving hit and run accident
Communications Officer Samantha Sommer – Professionalism in assisting coworkers' medical emergency
Communications Officer Jayden Wood - Professionalism in assisting coworkers' medical emergency
Detective Jesse Williams – Professionalism and dedication in fatal drug overdose case
Detective Anthony Conforti - Professionalism and dedication in fatal drug overdose case

BUDGET**2024 BUDGET**

The 2024 budget year ended with an approximate deficit of \$691,542. Revenues overall were slightly greater than what was budgeted. Expenses overall were significantly greater than what was budgeted. This is primarily due to overtime and benefits being substantially higher than what was budgeted, as well as general expenses being higher than what was budgeted.

2024 Budget Requested vs Actual								
	2024 Budget				2024 Actual			
	Budgeted Revenue	Budgeted Expense	Co Levy		Actual Revenue	Actual Expense	Co Levy	Variance to Budget
Administration	(77,892)	2,179,804	2,101,912		(76,571)	2,126,226	2,049,655	52,257
Training	(26,000)	132,000	106,000		(58,322)	131,759	73,437	32,563
Serving Papers	(450)		(450)		(1,725)		(1,725)	1,275
Community Relations	-	3,994	3,994		-	2,455	2,455	1,539
Investigation	(16,500)	1,425,392	1,408,892		(16,976)	1,472,595	1,455,619	(46,727)
Patrol	(477,440)	8,237,703	7,760,264		(748,905)	8,812,430	8,063,524	(303,260)
Vehicle Maintenance	(29,361)	471,579	442,218		(69,899)	551,427	481,528	(39,311)
Corrections	(3,818,700)	9,323,920	5,505,220		(3,500,660)	9,234,144	5,733,484	(228,264)
Communications	(298,008)	2,125,397	1,827,389		(338,994)	2,296,781	1,957,787	(130,398)
Special Forces	(32,198)	751,226	719,028		(58,154)	746,597	688,443	30,585
Court Security	-	797,421	797,421		-	813,114	813,114	(15,694)
Radio System	(134,393)	962,123	827,730		(50,145)	923,983	873,837	(46,107)
	(4,910,941)	26,410,558	21,499,617		(4,920,352)	27,111,511	22,191,159	(691,542)

Passed Budget vs Actual by Category							
	Revenue	Salary/Wages	Overtime	Health Ins	Benefits	Expenses	Total
Administration	(1,320.45)	(14,871.43)	1,191.57	18,948.27	485.19	47,823.89	52,257.04
Training	32,322.16	-	-		(36.80)	278.12	32,563.48
Serving Papers	1,275.00						1,275.00
Community Relations	-	(32.24)	(1,998.82)	-	(424.16)	3,994.14	1,538.92
Investigation	475.97	(14,687.45)	(23,191.44)	19,076.64	(25,860.93)	(2,540.02)	(46,727.23)
Patrol	271,465.79	(279,987.80)	(240,605.09)	16,661.94	(78,801.78)	8,006.54	(303,260.40)
Vehicle Maintenance	40,537.95	(739.41)	1,169.63	-	267.61	(80,546.42)	(39,310.64)
Corrections	(318,039.69)	600,618.94	(667,834.45)	176,055.37	(30,505.12)	11,440.88	(228,264.07)
Communications	40,986.64	28,368.58	(150,763.13)	108,180.78	(27,646.07)	(129,524.84)	(130,398.04)
Special Forces	25,955.63	(6,223.44)	(25,012.24)	16,480.44	(8,117.38)	27,501.67	30,584.68
Court Security	-	(20,765.30)	(9,079.22)	(7,319.44)	21,470.35		(15,693.61)
Radio System	(84,247.59)	-	-	-	-	38,140.48	(46,107.11)
	9,411.41	291,680.45	(1,116,123.19)	348,084.00	(149,169.09)	(75,425.56)	(691,541.98)
Expenses Only		291,680.45	(1,116,123.19)	348,084.00	(149,169.09)	(75,425.56)	(700,953.39)
Major Budget Impacts							
Revenues	9,411.41	Greater than budgeted					
Salary/Wage Expense	291,680.45	Less than budgeted					
Overtime Expense	(1,116,123.19)	Greater than budgeted					
Health Ins Expense	348,084.00	Less than budgeted					
Benefits Expense	(149,169.09)	Greater than budgeted					
Non Wage Expenses	(75,425.56)	Greater than budgeted					

New employees in 2024 were: Deputy Sheriffs: Justin Sebestyen, Samuel Bulgrin, Adrianna Lamack, Amber Thompson, Luis Dias, Ashtin Zunker and Micah Samuelsen. Correction Officers: Joshua Wolf, Ella Schmidt, Miranda Winkler, Jessica Leasum, Andrew Moericke, Thomas Zielieke, Thomas Schneider, Abbie Peters, Deborah Schrader, Brady Herman, and Graedy Scarce. Communication Officers: Nathan Kelley, Danika Salaj, Jayden Wood, Gabriela Almeda and Matthew Gonia. Administrative Assistants: Kristen Sass, Samantha Goehring and Theresa Fischer.

The office lost nearly 220 years of experience through resignations and retirements in 2024.

Deputy Sheriff – Nathan Sinoular (7 years)
Deputy Sheriff – Travis Waas (3 years)
Deputy Sheriff – Scott Nauman (26 years)
Deputy Sheriff – Dirk Stolz (28 years)
Corrections Sergeant – John Julson (33 years)
Corrections Officer – James Hopp (3 years)
Corrections Officer – Bradley Fink (1.5 years)
Corrections Officer – Nicholas Hackbarth (3.5 years)
Corrections Officer – Ella Schmidt (9 months)
Corrections Officer – Jessica Leasum (1 year)
Communications Sergeant – Lauren Oswald (11 years)
Communications Sergeant – Jill Raffay-Schmidt (33 years)
Communications Officer – Katherine Hibbard (7 months)
Communications Officer – Nathan Kelley (2 months)
Communications Officer – Matthew Gonia (1 month)
Accounting Specialist – Kelly Cisar (7 years)
Administrative Assistant – Kristen Sass (2 months)
Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Hennes (2 years)
Administrative Assistant – Lisa Dunn (15 years)
Special Deputy – Felipe Eduardo Ramirez (35 years)
Special Deputy – James Frank (11 years)

Promotions:

Communications Sergeant – Lauren Oswald
Corrections Sergeant – Chandler Lehrer

Respectfully submitted,



MARTIN R. SCHULTEIS, SHERIFF

ADMINISTRATION STAFFING	2024
Sheriff	1
Captain	1
Accounting Specialist	1
Administrative Lieutenant	1
Administrative Assistant III	5
Administrative Assistant I	3
Administrative Assistant I (P.T.)	1
Agency Chaplain (P.T.)	1
AUTHORIZED TOTAL STAFFING	14

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division provides the necessary support for the efficient functioning of the command staff, jail division and the operational elements of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The staff coordinates technological improvements for the department, manages budgeting and purchasing activities, administration of the county-wide radio system and provides clerical support, which includes verifying official police reports, data entry, report filing/scanning, administration of civil process, record requests and telephone/reception duties.

PERSONNEL

Schulteis, Martin	Sheriff
Stuesser, Robert	Captain
Demler, Hope	Administrative Lieutenant
Oddermann, Alexis	Accounting Specialist
Banfield, Mary Jo	Administrative Assistant III
Becker, Kim	Administrative Assistant III
Fischer, Theresa	Administrative Assistant III
Thull, Lynn	Administrative Assistant III
Vacant	Administrative Assistant III
Goehring, Samantha	Administrative Assistant I
Osberg, Christie	Administrative Assistant I
Wright, Merrilu	Administrative Assistant I
Watson, Deborah	Administrative Assistant I (P.T.)
Jansen, Deacon Mark	Agency Chaplain (P.T.)

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CORRECTIONS STAFFING	2024
Corrections Captain	1
Corrections Lieutenant	1
Corrections Sergeants	7
Corrections Officers	65
Account Clerk	1
Juvenile Manager	1
Religious Coordinator	1
AUTHORIZED TOTAL STAFFING	77

SUPERVISORS	
Lehman, Scott	Captain
Miller, Rick	Lieutenant
Hettinga, Jeremy	Sergeant
Lehrer, Chandler	Sergeant
Lohr, Andrew	Sergeant
Simon, Jacob	Sergeant
Sterman, Scott	Sergeant
Sadowski, Russell	Sergeant
Zeman, Matthew	Sergeant

CORRECTION OFFICERS	
Arnold, William	
Baerber, Angela	
Berry, Randy	
Cashion, John	
Camacho, Jaime	
Cooper, Devin	
Damp, Matthew	
Debow, Jake	
Derksen, Mathias	
Feller, Kathleen	
Fewless, Robert	
Gerke, Kaley	
Hansen, Bryan	
Heder, James	
Herman, Brady	5/28/2024
Hoglund, Andrea	
Huber, Marissa	
Huber, Michael	
Huybers, Timothy	
Judkins, James	
Kode, Robert	

Kohlhagen, Anita	
Kolthoff, Allison	
Laubenstein, Brian	
Lawrenz, Aimee	
Legere, Joshua	
Ludwig, Christian	
Manteufel, Dawn	
Marth, Nichole	
Milella, Stephen	
Moericke, Andrew	2/19/2024
Nevermann, Samuel	
O'Connell III, Daniel	
Peters, Abbie	4/29/2024
Peterson, John	
Piotrowski, Daniel	
Rasch, Candice	
Rasool, Hureyah	
Scarce, Graedy	11/4/2024
Schleif, Laurie	
Schmidt, Russell	
Schneider, Thomas	4/1/2024
Schrader, Deborah	4/29/2024
Schultz, Scott	
Simon, Nicole	
Skellett, Alan	
Trevisan, Steven	
Valazquez, Rachele	
Vargo, Joseph	
Videkovich, Carrie	
Weddig, Brian	
Welzien, Nichole	
Winkler, Miranda	2/5/2024
Wolf, Joshua	1/15/2024
Wolfgram, Sean	

Witkowiak, Kimberly
Zettler, Katelyn
Zielieke, Thomas
2/19/2024
Vacant
Vacant
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Vacant

ACCOUNTING
Vacant (FT)

JUVENILE DETENTION
Sakac, Nicole
Manager

RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR
Hill, Rev. James

CORRECTIONS

The Corrections Division of the Washington County Sheriff's Office provides safe and secure detention facilities for both adult and juvenile offenders. The Washington County Jail has a capacity of 321 beds and houses pre-trial detainees as well as convicted detainees, who are 17 and older. The co-located Juvenile Secure Detention facility has a capacity of 26 beds and houses juvenile offenders from 10-17 years old. Our Juvenile Secure Detention Facility acts as a regional facility, housing juveniles from across the state.

In 2024, the total of Washington County Jail bookings remained fairly consistent with what we experienced in 2023. The difference that we noticed was that our average daily population increased by 17.6% which has been an ongoing trend since 2021. This increase in population results in additional responsibilities for corrections staff as well as additional expenses to maintain the standards set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). The Washington County Jail continues to attempt to balance the essential needs of the inmates with the ability to provide programming that assists inmates for their return to the community.

When assessing the Washington County Jail's greatest issues and challenges, it continues to be opiate/opioid addiction and the mental health epidemic. Over the years we have seen a dramatic increase in both areas. The number of inmates who report an addiction to opiates is staggering. On any given day the Washington County Jail will have well over 20% of its population reporting as struggling with opiate addiction. In contrast, twenty years ago, opiate use was nearly unheard of. In regard to the mental health epidemic, national statistics report that nearly 15% of men and 30% of women, booked into jails have a serious mental health condition. The Washington County Jail is no exception. We continue to work on both of these challenges with new programs and a dedicated staff. In August 2022, we started partnering with the Washington County Health and Human Services Department to provide a full-time mental health clinician for the jail and this program has continued through 2024. This service had previously been contracted with an outside entity. Bringing this service over from Human Services has proven to be much more effective in not only providing services for inmate in our custody but also providing a much better bridge for services to continue once the inmate is released back into the community.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The purpose of the Jail Chaplaincy Program is to identify and meet the spiritual needs of all inmates and to provide a means, for established religious groups, to minister to the inmate population within the Washington County Jail. Reverend James Hill, who has been the Jail Chaplain at Washington County since 2000, oversees the program which is supported by several dedicated clergy volunteers along with a strong group of lay volunteers. In 2024, the Washington County Jail had over 27 different religions being practiced by adults booked into the Jail. Reverend Hill has continued to provide direction and knowledge of all major types of religions, as well as some lesser known practices, which is essential in meeting the needs of an ever changing inmate population.

The Washington County Jail recognizes the right of inmates to practice the religion of their choice while incarcerated. Substantial efforts have been made by the jail staff to facilitate these rights. All inmates have access to religious resources, services and instruction on a voluntary basis.

JAIL FOOD SERVICE

Throughout 2024, Summit Food Service continued to provide meal service to the Washington County Jail. The kitchen is supervised by Wanda Luebke who has been our on-site Food Services Manager since early 2015. Wanda supervises a kitchen staff that consists of four cook supervisors who monitor and direct a group of inmate workers who are responsible for the majority of the meal preparation.

In 2024, we served 202,575 Adult Meals and 9,929 Juvenile Meals, plus other dietary meals as needed based on the jail population. These meals are planned according to contractual food service requirements. The Standardized Diet Plans have been developed by registered dietitians to ensure adequate nutrition is being provided and that each individual inmate is provided with a diet that meets their nutritional needs to promote general health and well-being. The meals are provided on a four week cycle that takes into account nutritional requirement of the entire population. Special diets are used when individuals require therapeutic diets, religious diets, or when holiday meals are served. When developing the menus, the dietitian takes into account that the meals should have variety in texture, color, flavor, and appearance. The registered dietitian reviews the menus annually to ensure they are reaching the caloric requirements.

WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL 2024 ACTIVITY REPORT

PRISONER ADMISSIONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adult Male	3,073	2,211	2,475	2,527	2,675	2,608
Adult Female	1,146	765	865	870	975	999
TOTAL (Adults)	4,219	2,976	3,340	3,397	3,650	3,607
Juvenile Male	134	114	106	203	158	174
Juvenile Female	72	53	55	87	97	87
TOTAL (Juveniles)	206	167	161	290	255	261
TOTAL (Adults & Juveniles)	4,425	3,143	3,501	3,687	3,905	3,868
AVE. DAILY POPULATION	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
In-House	213	149	149	166	170	200
Electronic Monitoring	5	22	28	20	14	9
Out Of County	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ADULT	218	171	177	186	184	209
Juvenile	7	6	6	10	11	8
TOTAL POPULATION	225	177	183	196	195	217
HUBER LAW ACCOUNTS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Prisoner Board (Working)	\$453,644	\$83,035	\$109,408	\$269,978	\$232,112	\$222,118
Prisoner Board (Non-Working)	\$27,178	\$8,169	\$6,020	\$22,858	\$21,793	\$19,753
Electronic Monitoring Fees	\$51,987	\$169,826	\$268,076	\$212,413	\$135,902	\$92,969
TOTAL	\$532,809	\$261,030	\$383,504	\$505,249	\$389,807	\$334,841
MUNICIPAL	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of days held on Municipal Warrants	988	222	70	231	228	264
MEALS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adult Meals (Trays & Bag Lunches)	209,522	159,605	161,064	175,275	177,016	202,575
Juvenile Meals	8,365	6,590	6,210	11,466	11,886	9,929
TOTAL	217,887	166,195	167,274	186,741	188,902	212,504

WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL 2024 STATISTICS

ADULT BOOKINGS (Average Age = 36.25)

RACE	Count	Pct.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	36	1.00%
Asian	30	0.83%
Black	1,076	29.83%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1	0.03%
White (Hispanic)	449	12.45%
White (Non-Hispanic)	2,015	55.86%
Grand Total	3,607	100.00%

ADULT BOOKINGS

SEX	Count	Pct.
Male	2,608	72.30%
Female	999	27.70%
Grand Total	3,607	100.00%

JUVENILE BOOKINGS (Average Age = 15.58)

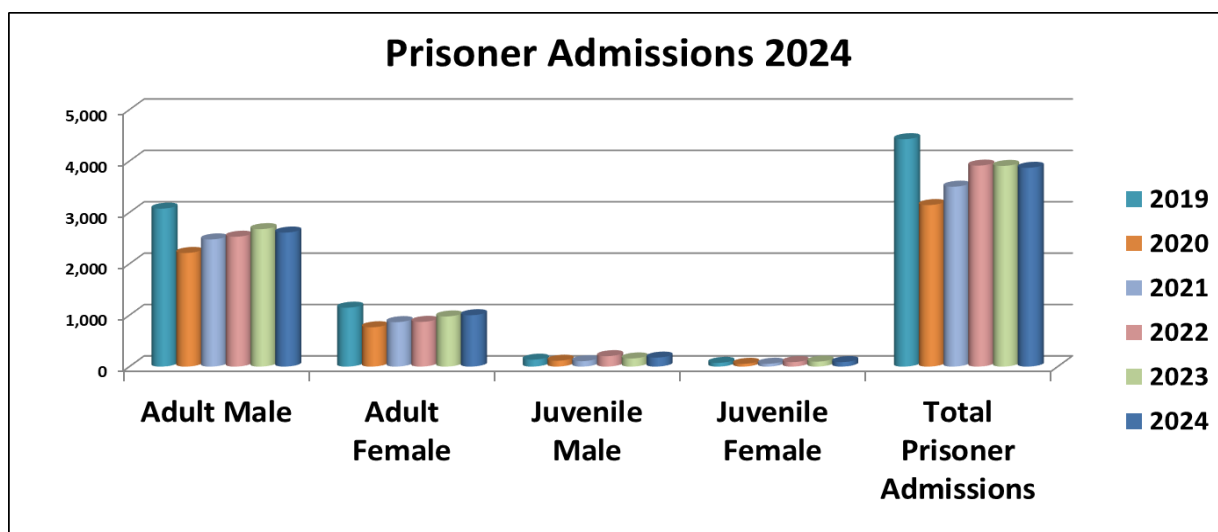
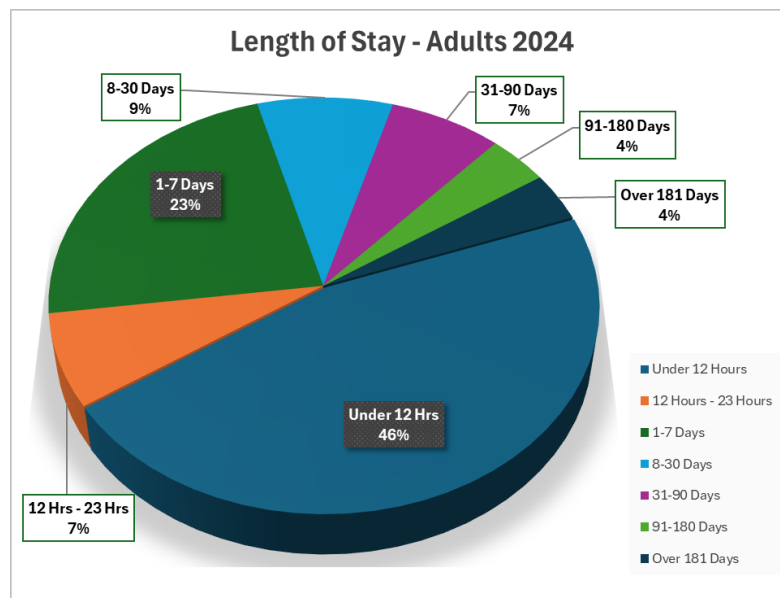
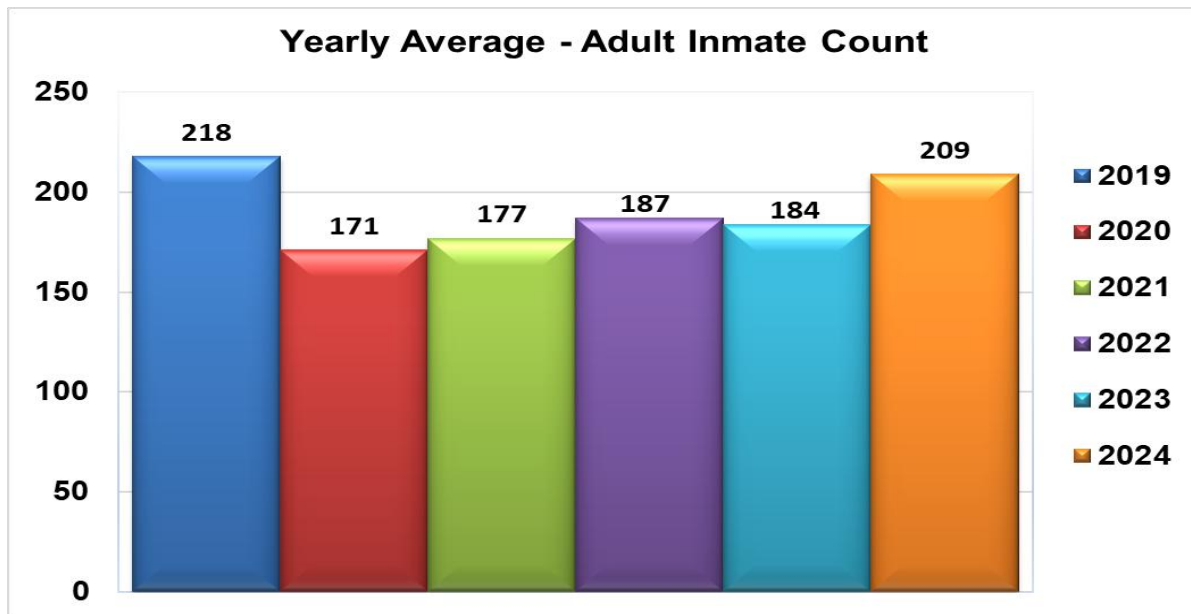
RACE	Count	Pct.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5	1.92%
Asian	1	0.38%
Black	88	33.72%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
White (Hispanic)	49	18.77%
White (Non-Hispanic)	118	45.21%
Grand Total	261	100.00%

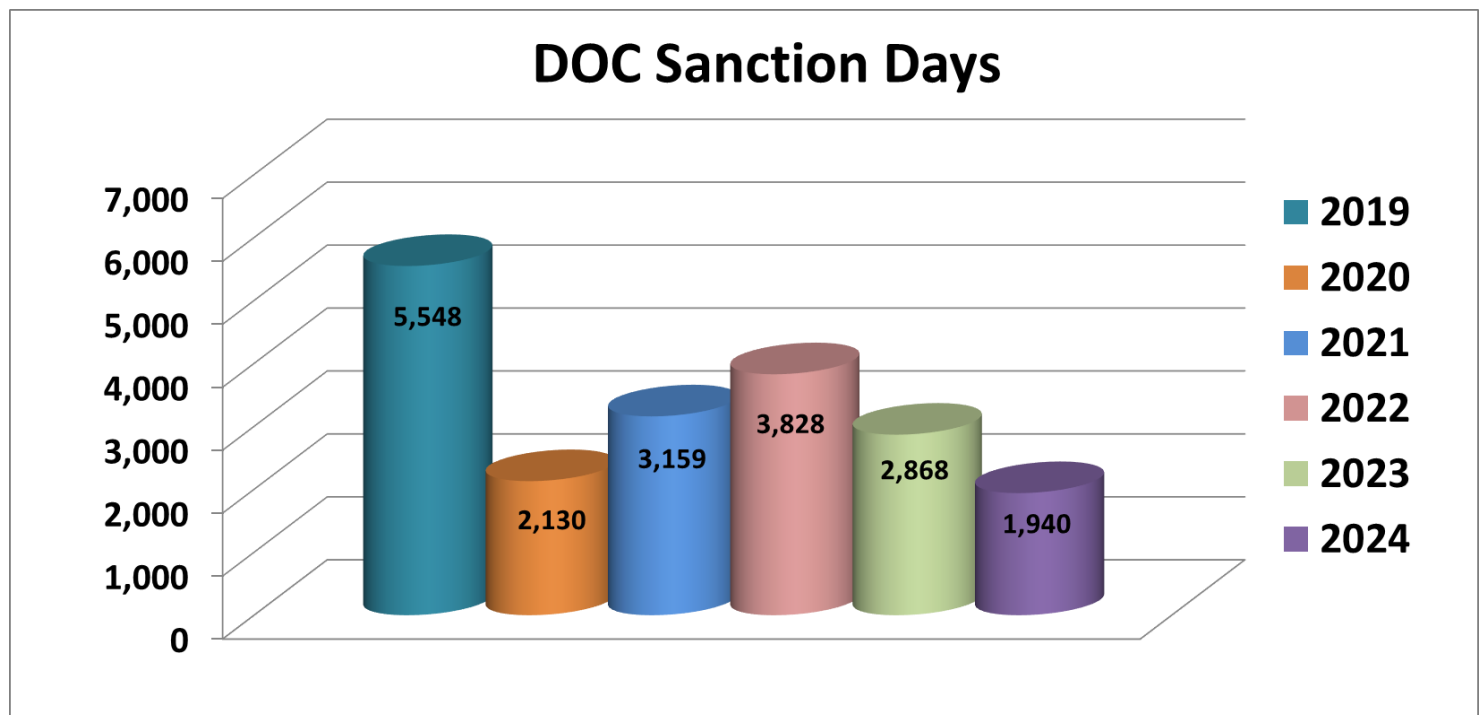
JUVENILE BOOKINGS

SEX	Count	Pct.
Male	174	66.67%
Female	87	33.33%
Grand Total	261	100.00%

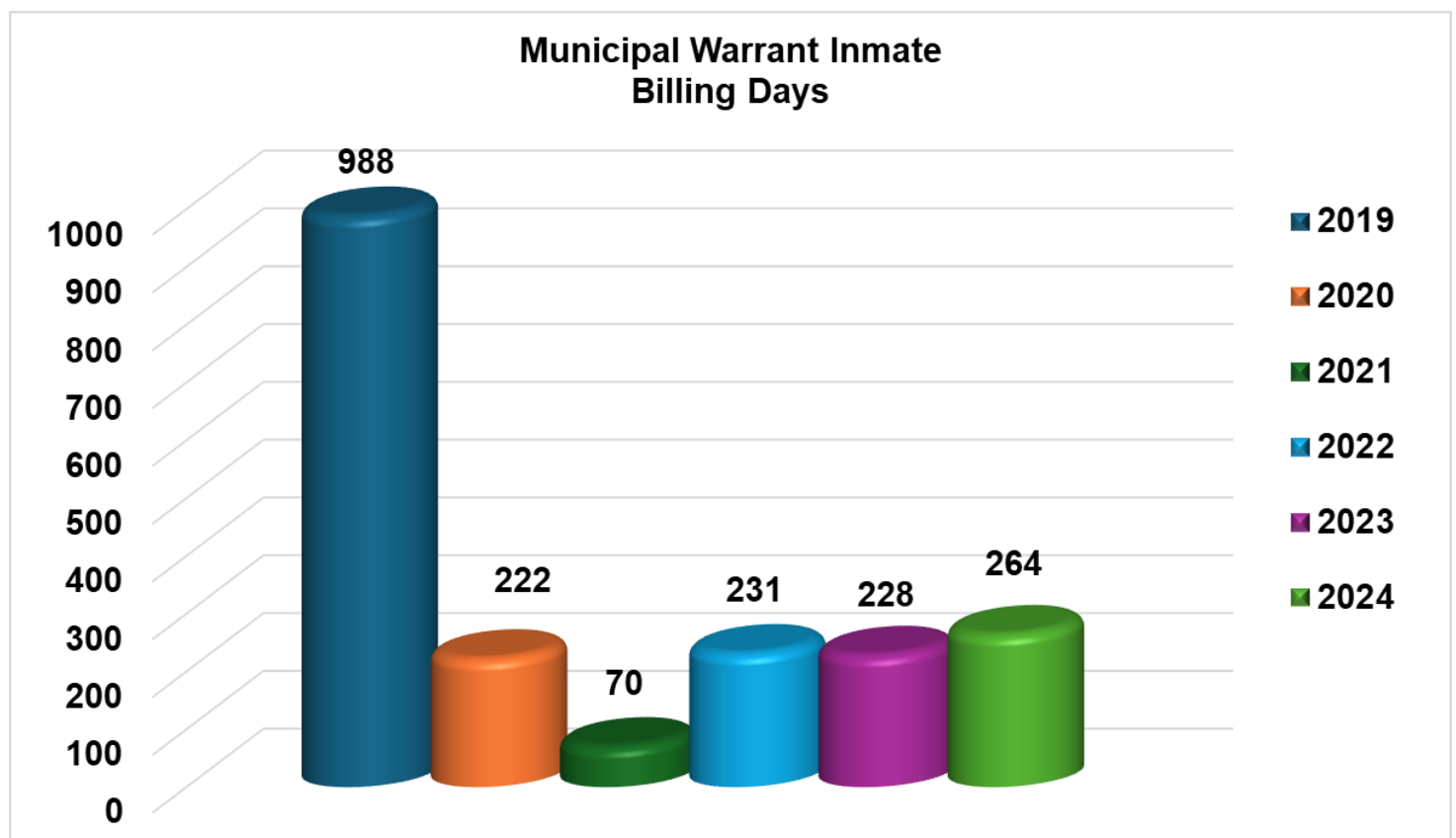
UNDER 18 - BOOKED INTO ADULT / JUVENILE

BOOKING TYPE	AGE AT BOOKING							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Adult Booking	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	53
Juvenile Booking	0	0	2	25	58	71	79	26
Grand Total	0	0	2	25	58	72	83	79

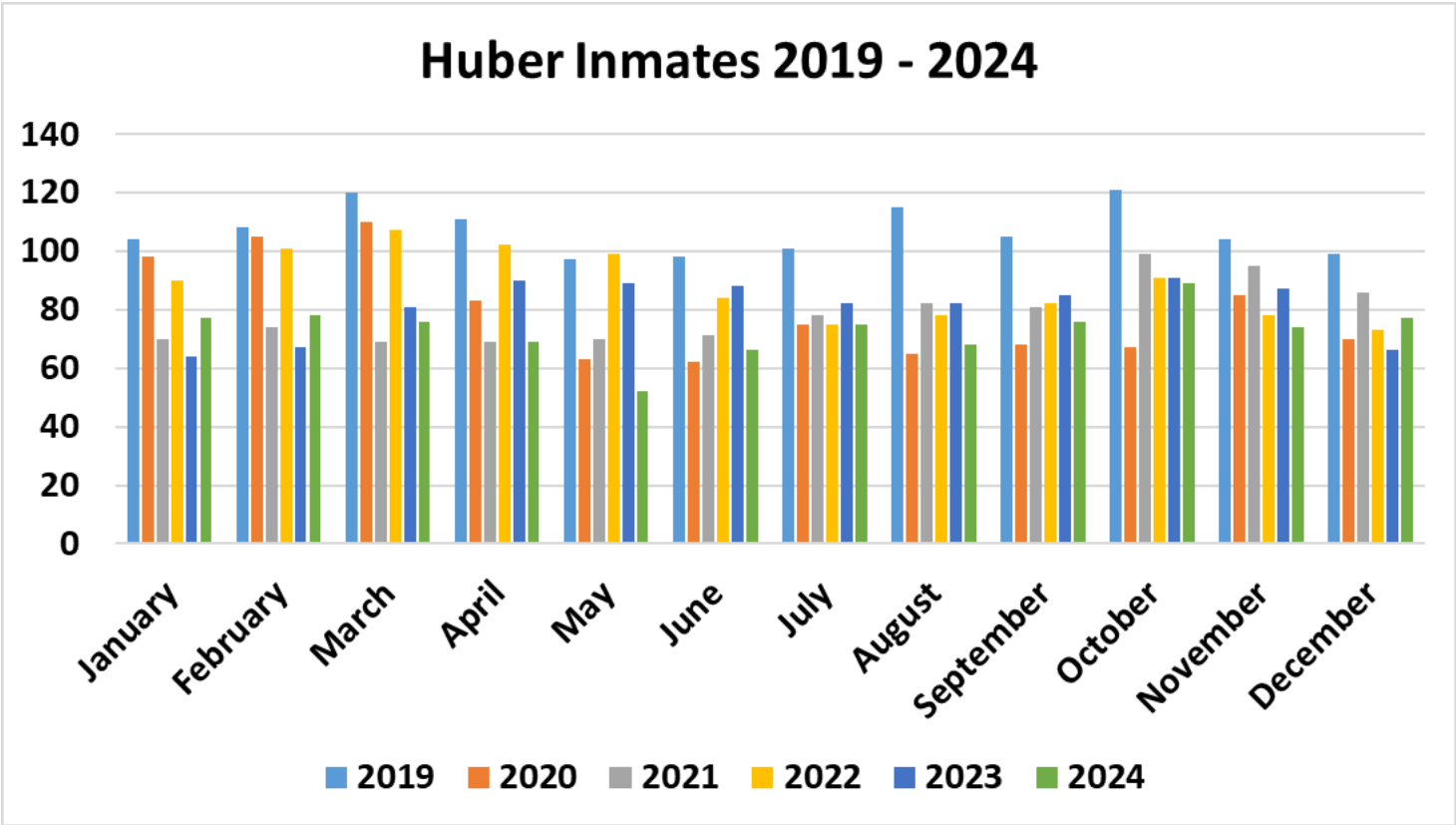
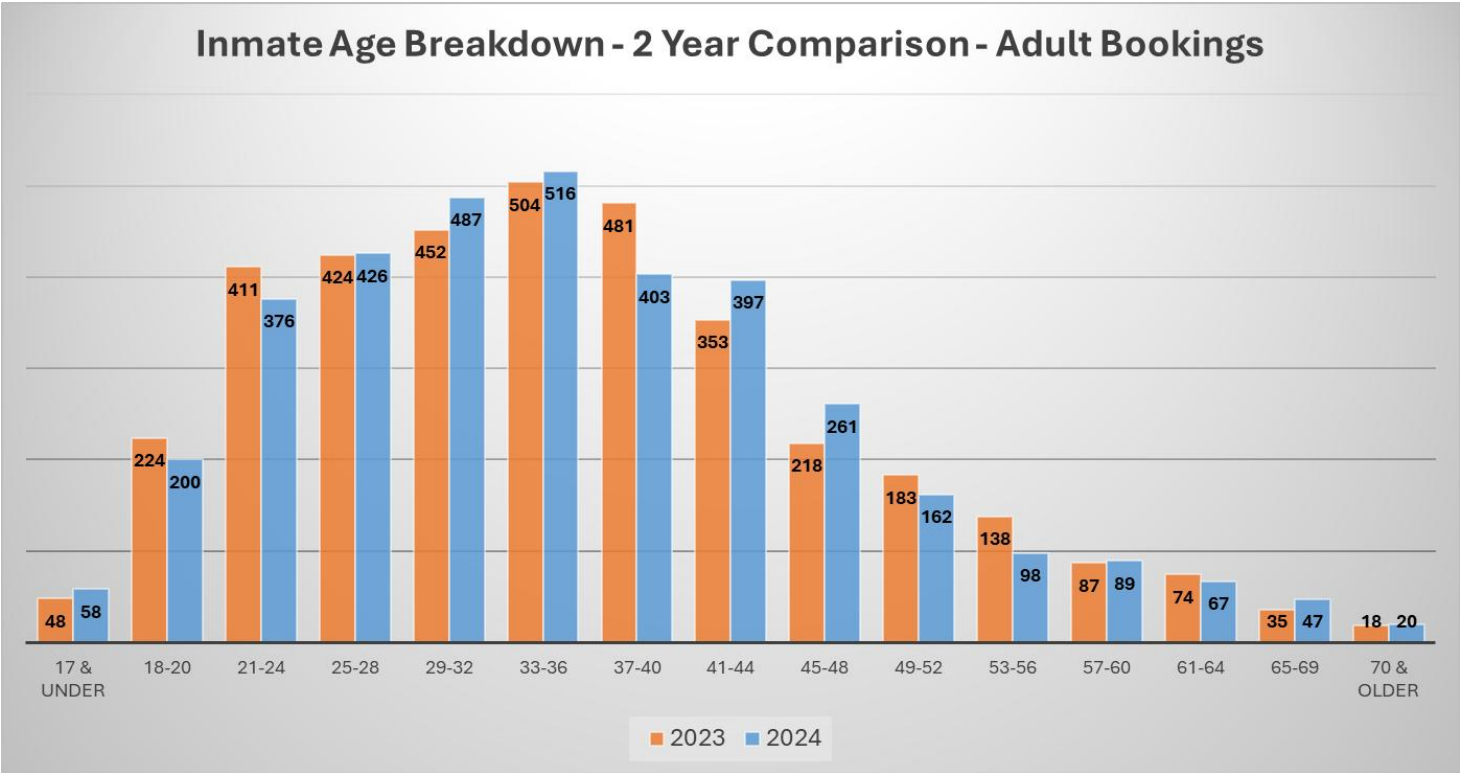




The jail charges up to \$51.46 per day per prisoner for housing state prisoners under contract.



The Mid-Moraine Municipal Court is billed \$25.00 per day for housing inmates on municipal sentences.

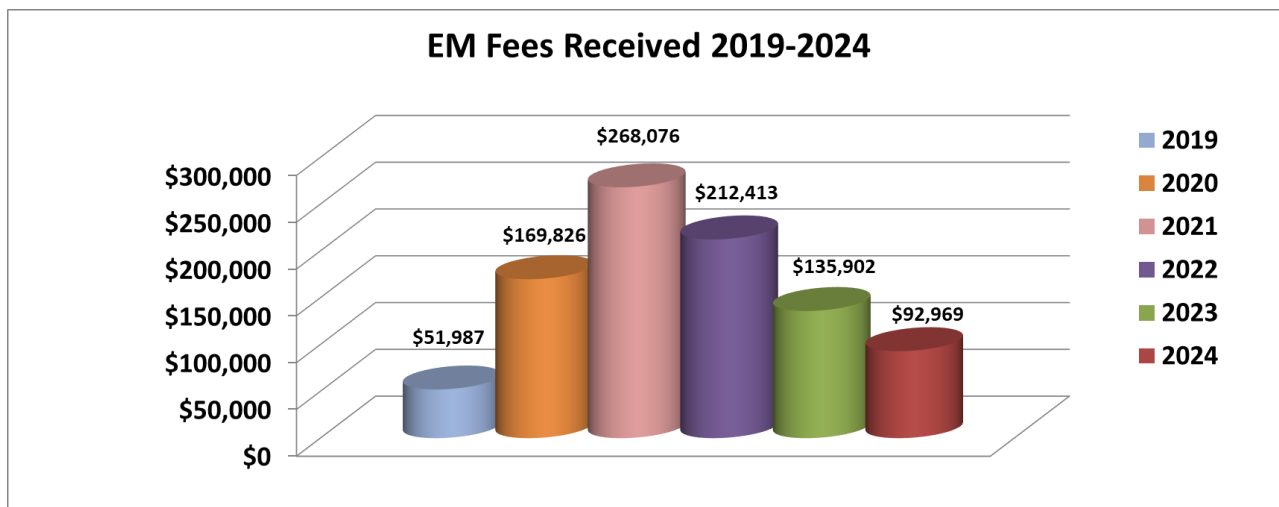
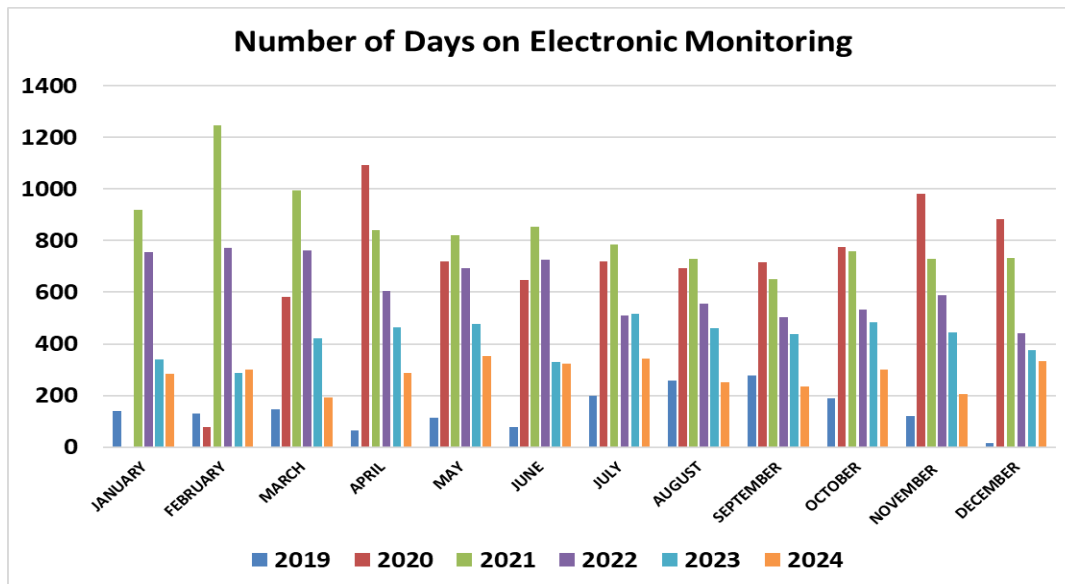


ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Starting in 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office began partnering with Justice Point to provide the equipment for the Electronic Monitoring Program in the jail. Justice Point has worked with the jail to streamline equipment needs. This partnership provides the Washington County Jail with the greatest flexibility when it comes to leasing equipment, while also providing a more efficient way of processing equipment requests.

The Electronic Monitoring Program currently uses one-piece GPS tracking bracelets, which utilize GPS satellites to establish offender's locations and a cellular network to transmit data almost immediately. Additionally, the jail uses SCRAM alcohol monitoring devices. The SCRAM Remote Breath device provides wireless, portable breath alcohol testing with automated facial recognition and GPS location with every test type.

The average daily population for the Electronic Monitoring Program in 2024 was 10, which has decreased from the previous year, but remains higher than our averages from pre-COVID years. The officers who are assigned to the Electronic Monitoring Program have the primary responsibility of scheduling, monitoring and checking on the inmates who are enrolled in the program to ensure that the rules are being followed.



JUVENILE DETENTION

The Washington County Secure Juvenile Detention Center is one of twelve county level, secure detention facilities in the state of Wisconsin. Some of these facilities are run by their Sheriff's Office, while others are run by their Human Services Department. Washington County is a part of the Sheriff's Office and is considered a co-located facility. This means that the juvenile detention facility is in the same building as our adult jail and the two share certain common areas such as hallways, the booking room, and the sally port (secure garage).

Since there are only twelve county level secure juvenile facilities in the state, each one acts as a regional facility, holding juveniles for other counties throughout the state. In 2024, the Washington County facility booked 261 juveniles from thirty-one different counties, including Washington County.

The West Bend School District continued to provide our education program which consists of the regular school year that extends until the end of June and is followed by a four-week summer school program. This provides nearly a year-round school program for the juveniles in secure detention. The name of the school that is operating within the juvenile facility is the Washington Street School. Education is provided by two teachers and two aides that are employed through the West Bend School District.

Besides the structured school day, self-improvement class and local artists are offered on non-school days, as well as volunteer groups such as Youth for Christ, NAMI, and Friends Inc.

Aside from the daily duties related to juvenile detention, the Juvenile Detention Manager continues to handle most departmental functions related to juvenile matters. This includes coordinating and attending court appearances for juveniles in custody, maintaining juvenile files for law enforcement, coordinating training on juvenile matters for correctional officers, planning and providing programming for detained juveniles, orientation for volunteers in the jail and juvenile detention, working with other county officials regarding placement issues for juveniles, and handling/approving discipline and conducting the disciplinary due process hearings.

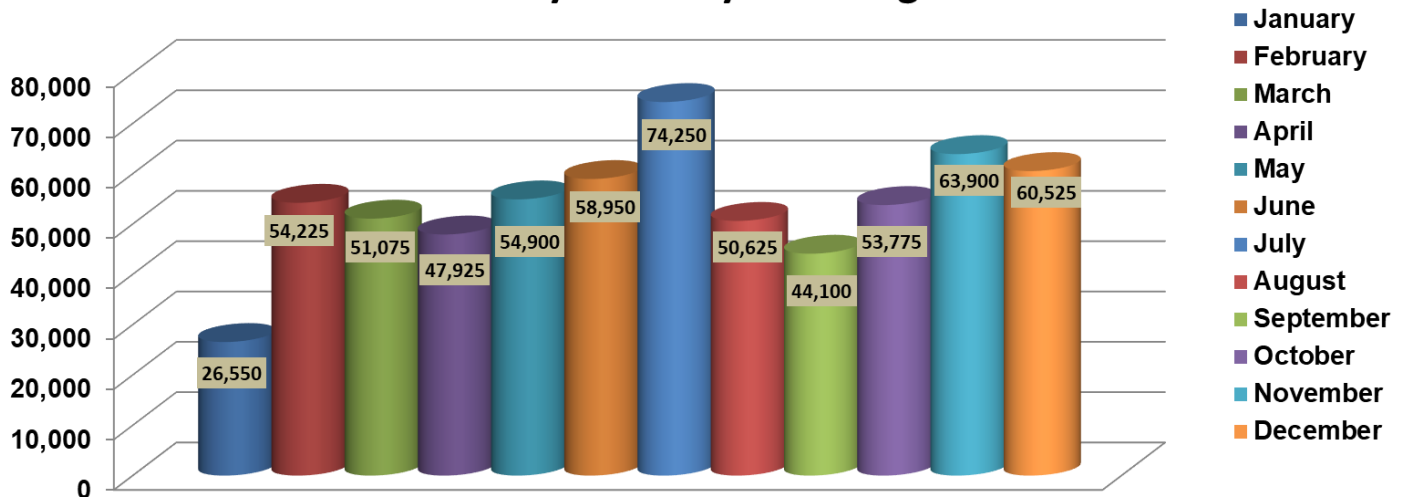
The Washington County Juvenile Secure Detention Center strives to create a positive program, which will encourage detained juveniles to return to the community as responsible, law-abiding members of society.

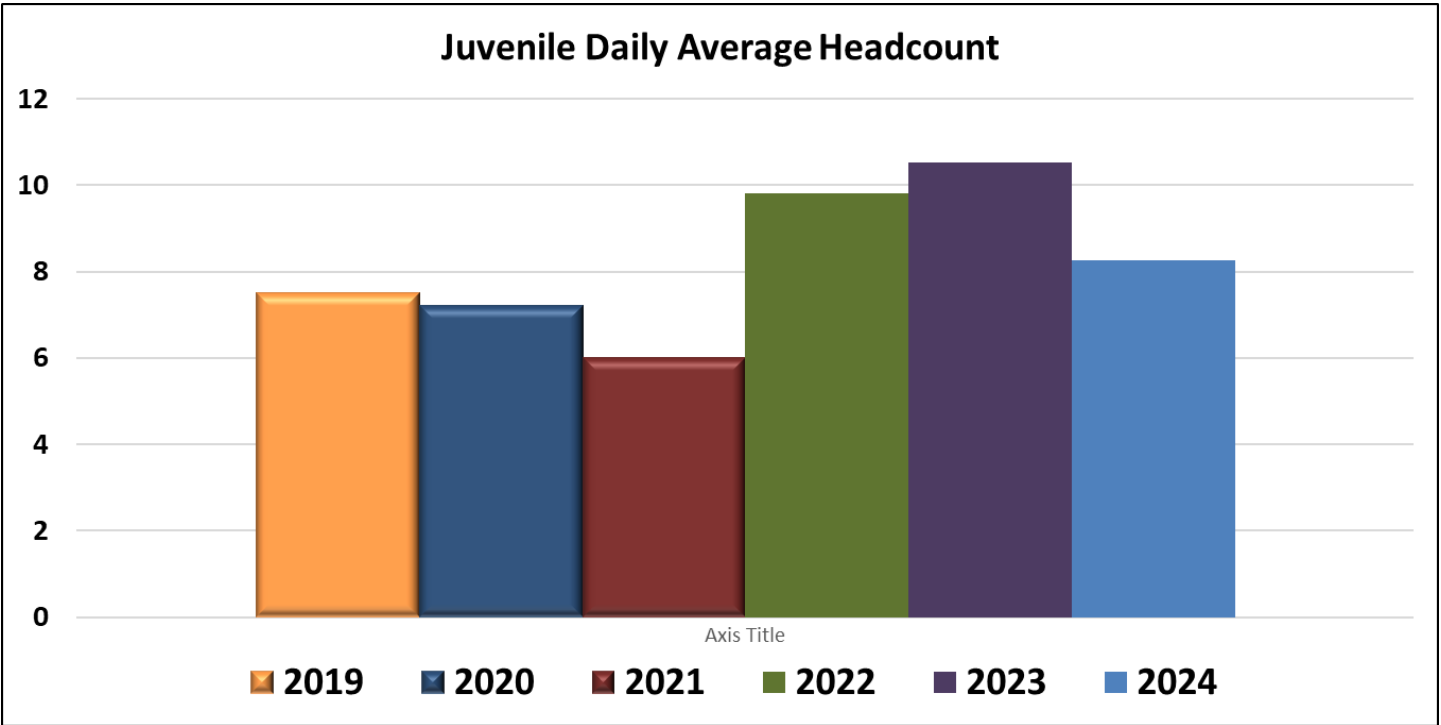
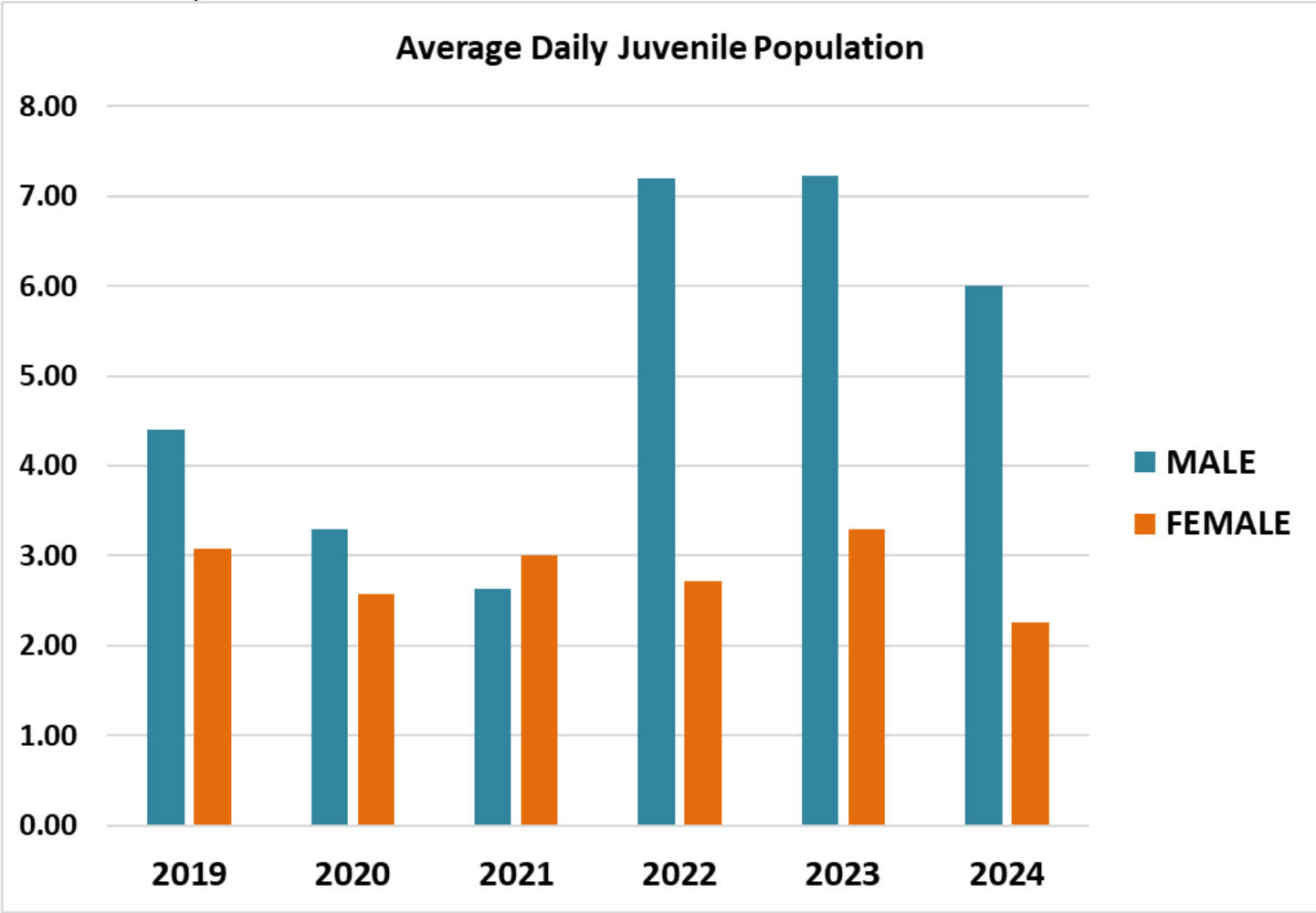
JUVENILE DETENTION MONTHLY INCOME 2024					
	Dodge	Jefferson	Kenosha	Ozaukee	Waukesha
	Days/Income	Days/Income	Days/Income	Days/Income	Days/Income
January	3/\$675		51/\$11475	5/\$1125	36/\$8100
February	6/\$1350		92/\$20700		56/\$12600
March	31/\$6975		54/\$12150	12/\$2700	76/\$17100
April	21/\$4725		73/\$16425	1/\$225	58/\$13050
May	7/\$1575		124/\$27900	15/\$3375	8/\$1800
June	30/\$6750		67/\$15075	34/\$7650	56/\$12600
July	29/\$6525		28/\$6300	69/\$15525	75/\$16875
August	48/\$10800		12/\$2700	48/\$10800	14/\$3150
September	16/\$3600	10/\$2250	127/\$28575	10/\$2250	11/\$2475
October	10/\$2250	3/\$675	73/\$16425	1/\$225	106/\$23850
November	1/\$225		148/\$33300	2/\$450	88/\$19800
December	5/\$1125		140/\$31500		76/\$17100

*Barron 21/\$4725; Brown 24/\$5400; Calumet 5/\$1125; Columbia 45/\$10125; Clark 14/\$3150;
 Crawford 3/\$675; Eau Claire 3/\$675; Grant 26/\$5850; Green 3/\$675; Green Lake 127/\$28575;
 LaCrosse 8/\$1800; Lafayette 19/\$4275; Langlade 79/\$17775; Lincoln 15/\$3375; Marinette 11/\$2475;
 Marquette 4/\$900; Monroe 10/\$2250; Outagamie 81/\$18225; Sauk 1/\$225; Trembealeau 5/\$1125;
 Walworth 191/\$42975; Washburn 34/\$7650; Waupaca 5/\$1125; Waushara 15/\$3375;
 Winnebago 21/\$4725; Wood 12/\$2700

*Juvenile detention invoices other counties \$225.00 per day for housing their juveniles.

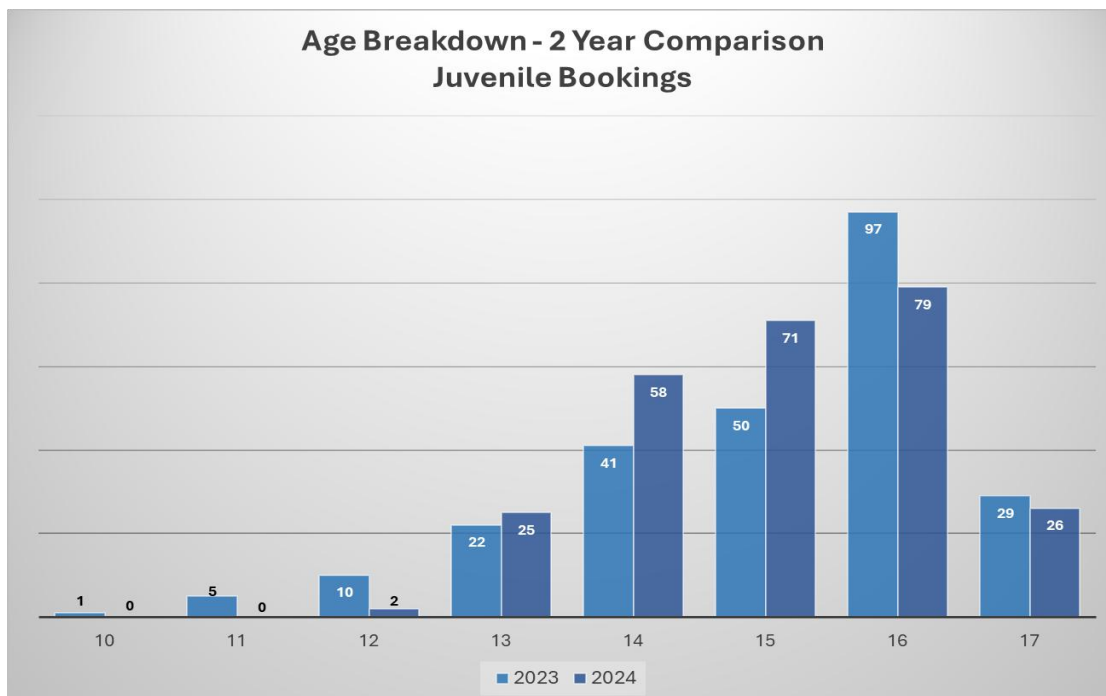
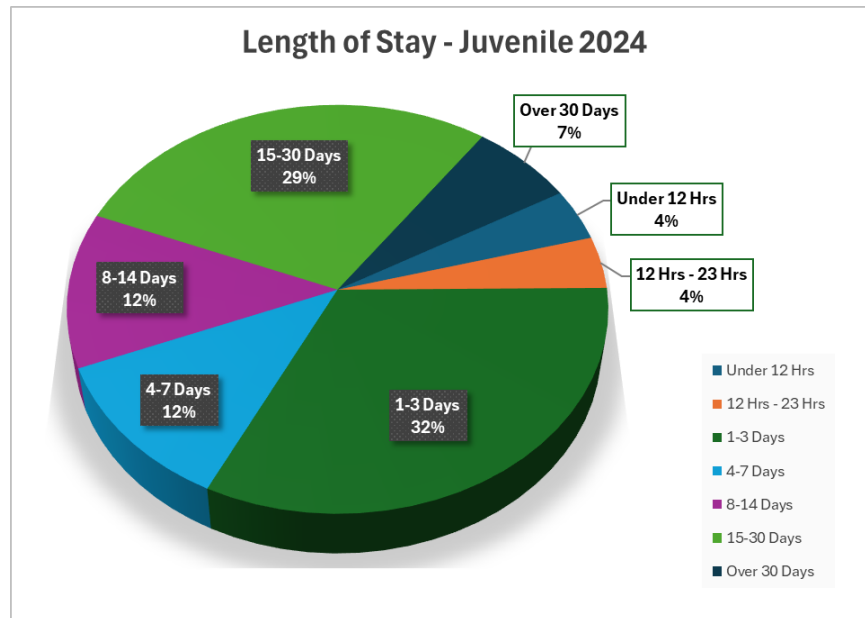
2024 Juvenile Detention Out of County Monthly Boarding Income





JUVENILE DETENTION STATISTICS 2024													
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	YTD
MALE DETENTION DAYS	53	203	177	184	186	188	289	242	170	232	205	208	2337
FEMALE DETENTION DAYS	45	71	80	63	80	102	87	45	86	54	103	81	897
TOTAL DETENTION DAYS	98	274	257	247	266	290	376	287	256	286	308	289	3234
SANCTION DETENTION DAYS	19	86	17	40	25	34	23	36	53	7	19	58	417
DISPOSITIONAL DAYS	3	33	4	3	35	11	32	47	37	12	49	52	318
ISP/72 HOUR HOLD DAYS	21	6	36	17	26	16	20	24	23	20	4	4	217
AFTER CARE DAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%-DAYS SERVED POST-DISPOSITIONALLY	44%	46%	22%	24%	32%	21%	20%	37%	44%	14%	23%	39%	29%

Washington County Secure Detention



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OPERATIONS STAFFING		2024
Captain		1
Lieutenant		3
Detective Lieutenant		1
Sergeant		9
Detective		8
Deputy		56
*Special Deputy		24
*Bailiff		2
Communications Sergeants		3
Communications Officer		23
Communications Officer (P.T.)		1
Automobile Technician		1
AUTHORIZED TOTAL STAFFING		132

SUPERVISORS	
Theusch, Bruce	Captain
Demler, Hope	Lieutenant
Herman, Ryan	Lieutenant
Vanderheiden, Charles	Lieutenant
Beres, Chadwig	Sergeant
Hanson, Scott	Sergeant
Hennes, Michael	Sergeant
Herriges, Alexander	Sergeant
Hood, Brandon	Sergeant
Rodich, Bradley	Sergeant
Uhan, Keith	Sergeant

SPECIAL DEPUTY	
Basting, Stephen	
Bateman, David	
Braunreiter, Steven	
Colker, Greg	
Gonzalez, Jeffrey	
Honzelka, Joseph	
Kreft, Jeffery	
Laabs, Ronald	
Lee, Robert	
Martin, Andrew	
Meinzer, Roy	
Pankratz, Pat	
Riebe, Michael	
Riffel, Steven	
Scannell, Kelly	
Schwitz, Jeffrey	
Seitz, Steven	
Thorn, John	

Giese, Brandon	
Glamann, Dillon	
Goldnick, Justin	
Grafer, Andrew	
Gullickson, Ryan	
Heinecke, Trevor	
Herbst, Brian	
Herrmann, Mitchell	
Holman, Cody	
Hughes, Daniel	
Jilling, Justin	
Kalish, Stephanie	
Karrels, Matthew	
Kidd, Jonah	
Kohn, Trevor	
Kulibert, Brennan	
Lamack, Adrianna	4/8/2024
Martinez, Forest	
McCardle, Jacob	
Meier, Andrew	
Miller, Jeremy	
Nickols, Morgan	
Niehus, William	
Nurkala, Steven	
Parkinson, Christopher	
Pawelski, Nicholas	
Peters, Kyle	
Pierce, Catherine	
Ptaszek, Timothy	
Ruhnke, Daniel	
Ruplinger, Steven	
Russell, Jordan	
Samuelsen, Micah	11/11/2024
Sebestyen, Justin	1/2/2024

Seibel, Cody	
Stevens, Jeremy	
Thompson, Amber	7/29/2024
Szamocki, Gabriel	
Thompson, Dustin	
Tripple, Westin	
Vandlen, Bryon	
Virchow, Ronald	
Wright, Kyle	
Yang, Joshua	
Zunker, Ashtin	10/28/2024

DETECTIVE BUREAU	
Kemps, Timothy	Lieutenant
Kapla II, Donald	Sergeant
Ball, Tarra	Detective
Conforti, Anthony	Detective
Frankow, James	Detective
Edwards, Ashley	Detective
L'Allier, Tyler	Detective
Wilhelm, Luke	Detective

DRUG UNIT	
Killey, Christopher	Sergeant
Goodman, Lee	Detective
Williams, Jesse	Detective

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	
Goeden, Donald	

BAILIFF	
Volesky, James	
Vacant	

DEPUTY SHERIFF PATROL	
Anderson, Zachary	
Ausloos, Cody	
Bautz, Bradley	
Boisvert, Thomas	
Brandt, Eric	
Bulgrin, Samuel	1/2/2024
Cox, Jerod	
DeMunck, Blake	
Dexter, Timothy	
Droese, Bryan	
Dias, Luis	7/29/2024
Finley, Jason	
Gallenbeck, John	

COMMUNICATION OFFICERS	
Blair, Angela	Sergeant
Almeda, Gabriela	7/15/2024
Brose, Samantha	
Case, Amanda	
Cooper, Devin	
Engelman, Staphanie	
Garcia Delao, Yasmin	
Gerke, Nicholas	
Kaltak, Medina	
Loiacono, Scott	
Moratz, Alicia	
McCune, Marisol	
Meier, Lorene	
Salaj, Danika	3/11/2024
Scharinger, Rebecca	
Seebantz, Steffanie	
Skodinski, Cyndi	
Sommer, Samantha	
VonBereghy, Elizabeth	
Wood, Jayden	5/13/2024

*Special Deputy and Bailiff Positions are not included in the total staffing.
 These positions are considered as needed in the county staffing plan

OPERATIONS DIVISION ACTIVITY

To best understand the annual activity of the operations division, activity has been divided into two main categories:

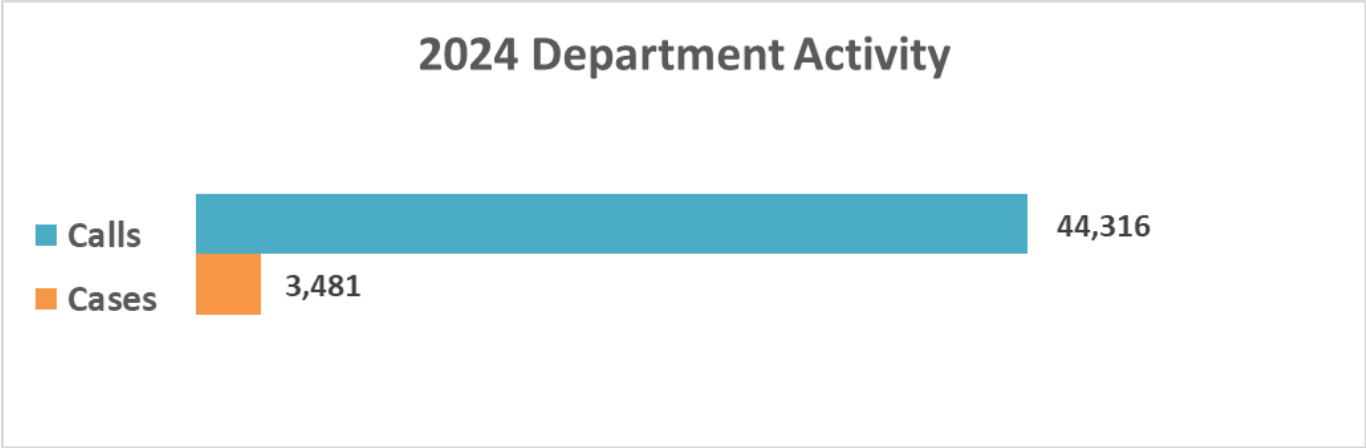
Calls > Case Reports

Calls represent the widest range of activity engaged in by deputies. When any call is received by the sheriff’s office that requires a response from a deputy, the information about the call is entered into our computer system. This data entry is called a “call”. Calls can be created when a dispatcher enters the information into our computer system, or when they are entered by a deputy into a squad computer when he/she initiates activity in the field. A call can be anything from a serious criminal investigation to a traffic stop and most every activity in between.

Case Report is a written police report that is filed by a deputy. Case reports always start as a call. If a deputy responds to a call and a written police report is required, a case report is started. For example, all criminal cases are recorded in a case report. The deputy dictates the narrative portion of the case report, a administrative assistant types the report, and the report is filed in the front office.

The following sections will break down the types and numbers of calls and case reports completed by the operations division in 2024. The total number of calls includes all calls and case reports.

In 2024 the sheriff’s office handled 44,316 calls for service and 3,481 cases.



ACCIDENTS

All crashes are reported electronically to the state using Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS). The table below was created using data from TraCS.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	230	213	190	208	222	193
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	762	639	640	712	694	706
CAR KILL DEER	627	602	568	662	588	586
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	1619	1454	1398	1582	1504	1485
FATALITIES (# of deceased persons)	6	4	9	9	11	6
PERSONS INJURED	320	279	282	271	298	245
HIT & RUN ACCIDENTS	157	112	115	129	101	78
OWI (INVOLVING ACCIDENTS)	52	83	57	63	55	47

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION

The Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU) is comprised of eight members, with a combined total of 58 years of experience and over 2200 hours of advanced/specialized training in crash investigation. The team members are trained to use state-of-the-art equipment such as drones, laser and lidar scanners, 3D mapping and animation software.

In 2024, the CRU was called in to assist with 13 significant incidents, which resulted in eight fatalities and serious injury to 11 other individuals. The team also provides support to the patrol division at all other serious crash scenes by providing speed estimates and performing other calculations for cases that do not rise to the level of a full crash reconstruction.

The CRU also continues to assist the WCSO Criminal Investigations Division and the municipalities within the county. This support includes aerial photography and videography, creation of detailed scale diagrams, blood spatter evidence/bullet trajectory analysis, as well as generating 3-D renderings and animations of crime and fire scenes.

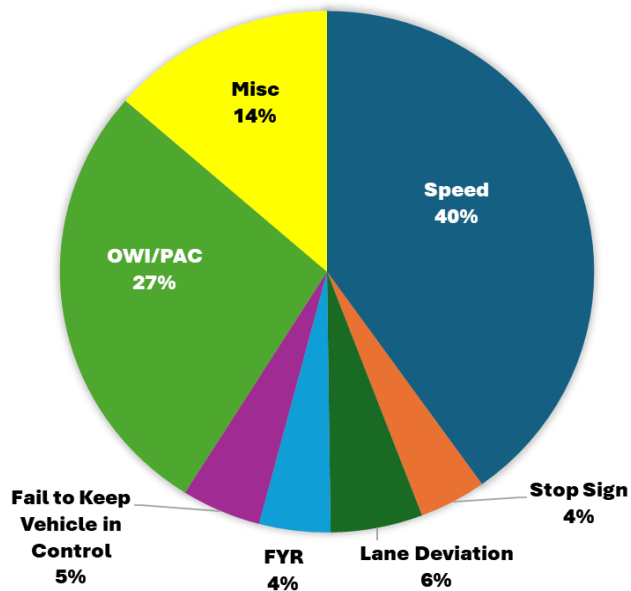
TRAFFIC SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

Traffic safety remains a high priority for the sheriff's office. Through high visibility, patrol and the enforcement of traffic laws, patrol deputies assigned to the operations division strive to reduce accidents, injuries and motor vehicle related deaths on our highways.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

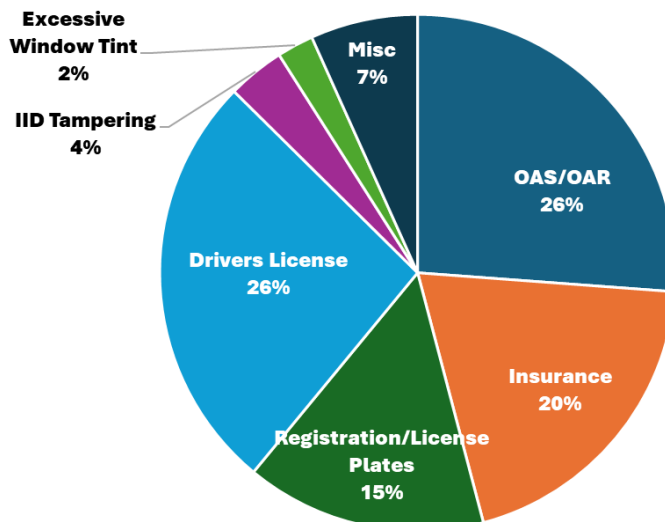
In 2024, **moving violations accounted for 1,183** of the citations issued by deputies during the year. Speed related violations accounted for 40% while operating while intoxicated accounted for 27% of all cites. Failure to yield, stop sign violations, fail to keep vehicle under control, lane deviations accounted for another 19% of the citations issued. All other violations accounted for 14%.

2024 MOVING CITATIONS



For non-moving violations, 2,094 citations were issued. These offenses involve serious traffic safety issues such as operating after suspension or revocation, operate without valid license, seatbelt, child restraint and motor vehicle equipment violations. Citations for persons operating after suspension or revocation of their driver's license accounted for the largest number of citations issued for non-moving violations. Additionally, parking citations were also issued to motorists in 2024.

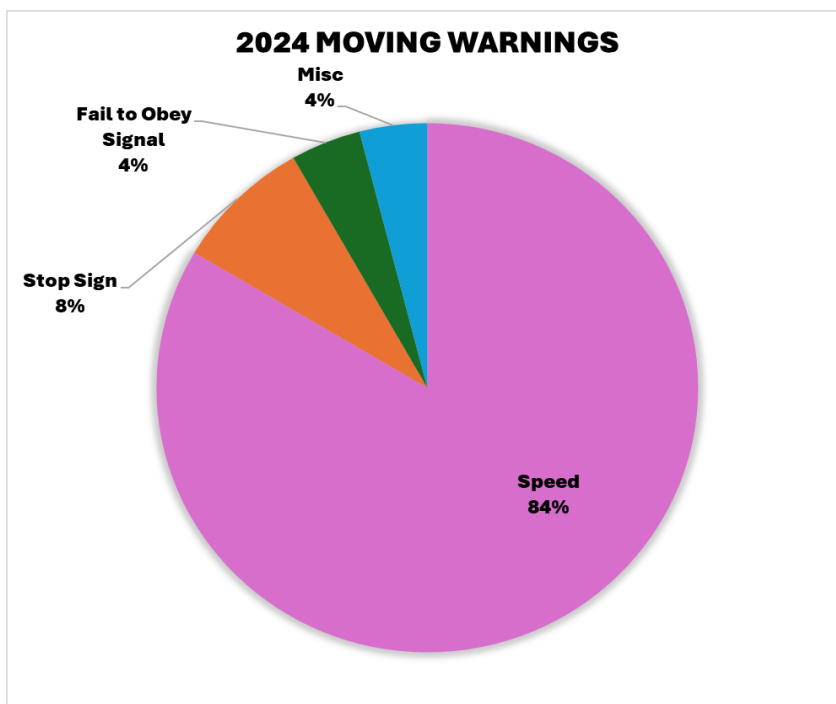
2024 NON MOVING CITATIONS



WARNINGS / VIOLATION NOTICES

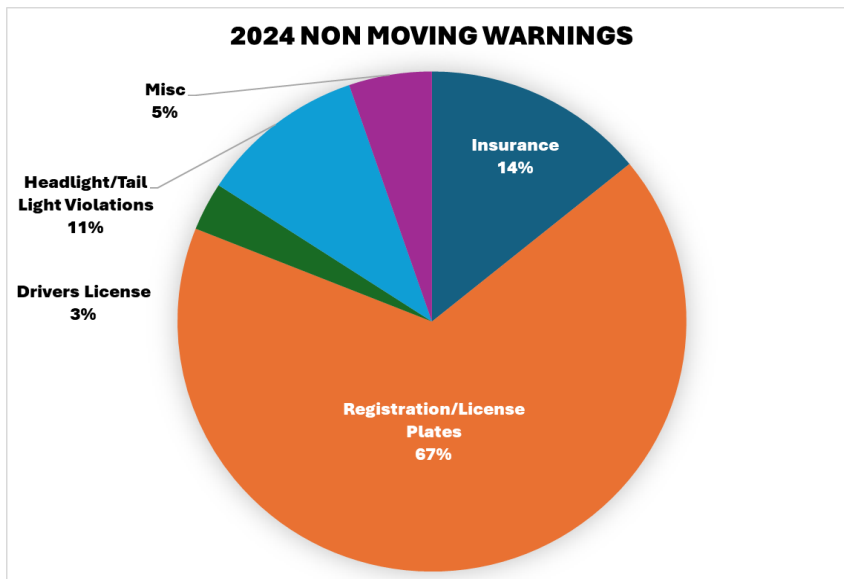
Moving Warings/Violations:

A total of **1,190** notices were issued for moving warnings. Speed related violations accounted for the majority of warnings issued to motorists. Approximately 84% of warnings issued for moving violations were for speeding. stop sign, fail to obey signal and other moving violations account for many of the remaining warnings issued to motorists.



Non-Moving Warnings/Violations:

Notices are also issued for non-moving violations, such as expired or non registration, proof of insurance, lighting and equipment violations. A total of **834** were issued for these non-moving violations in 2024.

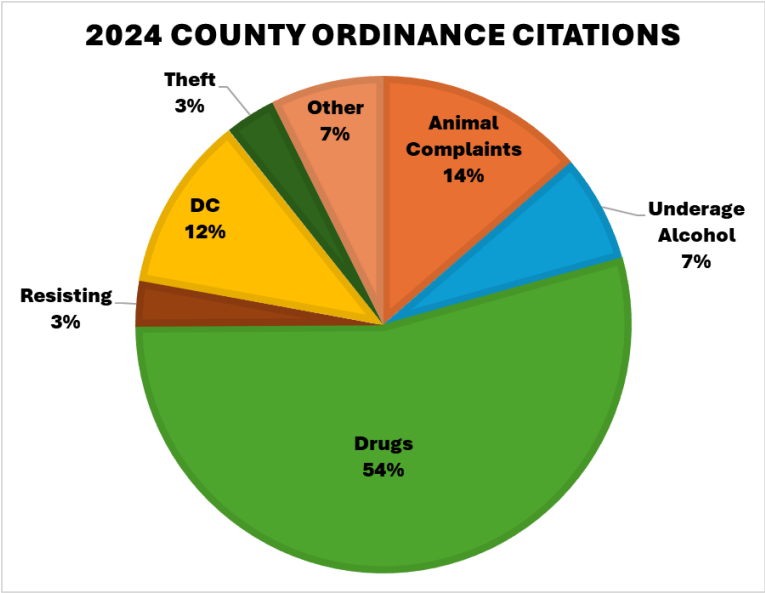


OWI ENFORCEMENT

One hundred sixty-eight citations were issued by deputies in 2024 related to operating while intoxicated. Additionally, 145 citations were issued for prohibited alcohol concentration and 12 were issued for having a restricted controlled substance (an illegal drug in their blood). In Wisconsin, a person is first arrested and issued a citation for OWI. A test via intoximeter or blood test will show blood alcohol levels. If the test indicates a blood alcohol level over the legal limit, a citation is issued for operating with a prohibited alcohol concentration. As it is statewide, impaired driving continues to be a concern in Washington County, as increasing numbers of operators are suspected to be under the influence not only of alcohol, but prescription or illegal drugs.

COUNTY ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

A total of 271 county ordinance citations were issued by deputies in 2024. The two largest group issued citations under this category were persons involved in drugs and animal complaint violations.



CITIZEN TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

To be responsive to specific traffic-related complaints reported to the sheriff’s office by concerned citizens, supervisors log and assign special traffic assignments to deputies. These assignments are conducted as time permits and are in addition to the normal traffic patrol which deputies engage in on a daily basis.

In the 2024 calendar year, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office received 19 new requests from citizens, township personnel or deputies for dedicated areas of traffic enforcement. Because of those requests, deputies conducted 82 deployments and submitted a detailed traffic log for each.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Deputy Thompson, Deputy Jilling and Deputy Gallenbeck are trained and certified as Level I Truck Inspectors and are affiliated with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, an international not-for-profit organization comprised of local, state, and federal motor carrier safety officials and industry representatives from the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

2024	Gallenbeck	Jilling	Thompson	Total
Level 1 Truck and Driver	11	34	33	78
Level 2 Truck Only	4	0	0	4
Level 3 Driver Only	2	2	0	4
Violations Noted	54	137	127	318
Out of Service Violations	7	12	17	36

In 2024, 318 violations were found during these 78 vehicle inspections. Thirty-six of the violations placed the driver or vehicle out of service until compliance was re-established.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Washington County continues to be a recreation destination for people looking to enjoy the outdoors. The Washington County Sheriff's Office is committed to doing our best to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable recreational experience while utilizing the trails and lakes of the county.

Over eighty hours of boat patrol were conducted on six different lakes of Washington County by the sheriff's office in 2024. This patrol is conducted under a grant from the State Department of Natural Resources. Deputies issued a total of five citations and nine written warnings for various boating violations. The sheriff's office would like to thank the boaters of Washington County in 2024 for operating safely on the county's lakes. There were no major incidents reported in 2024.

In addition to boat patrol, the sheriff's office also conducted fifty-seven hours of snowmobile patrol. These patrols are carried out on the snowmobile trail system throughout Washington County as well as various county lakes. All patrols took place in the month of January. This patrol is also conducted under a grant from the State Department of Natural Resources. Deputies issued a total of eight citations and four written warnings for various violations. There were two snowmobile crashes investigated by deputies in 2024. None of them resulted in significant injuries.

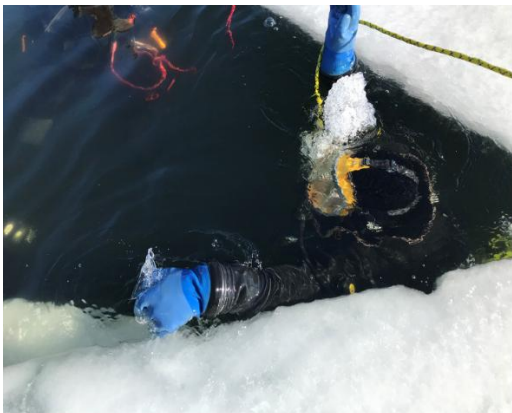
WASHINGTON COUNTY DIVE TEAM

The sheriff's office continues to lead the Washington County Dive Team. The team is comprised of divers from various fire departments in the county. Dive gear is housed at Kewaskum FD, West Bend FD, Slinger FD, and Richfield FD, Allenton FD as well as at the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office is equipped for eight fully trained divers and a team leader.

The sheriff's office maintains 16 sets of dive gear as well as other team equipment. The team collaborates with the fire departments with six joint trainings scheduled throughout the year.

The divers are trained in numerous certifications which include Open Water, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver, Night Diver, Dry Suit Diver, Deep Diver, Search & Recovery, Ice Diver, and Public Safety Diver. Team members train monthly throughout the year.

Some of the fire department training and gear is purchased with the financial assistance of donations in memory of Michael Mann and through fund raising efforts of the Mann family.



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

The Washington County Sheriff's Office leads the Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team comprised of members of the sheriff's office, Germantown Police Department, Hartford Police Department, and Jackson Police Department.

The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is a part-time team, meaning members have other primary assignments. The sheriff's office has 21 members, the Germantown Police Department has seven, the Hartford Police Department has three members, and the Jackson Police Department has one on the SWAT Team. Those members include Command Staff, SWAT Operators, SWAT Technicians, Negotiators, and Rescue Vehicle/ Command Post Operators.

The SWAT Team trains 12 hours per month to maintain their skills in the event that they are needed to respond to a high-risk call/event. In 2024 the SWAT Team was activated for the following high-risk calls/events:

01/16/24 Assist WBPD with Search Warrant Possible Armed Suspect 24-1977 5749 Debbie Lane

On January 16, 2024, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the West Bend Police Department (WBPD) regarding a domestic incident that happened in their jurisdiction. They stated the suspect had put a gun to his ex-girlfriend's stomach and had threatened her with the gun. WBPD believed that the suspect was currently staying at his mother's residence at 5749 Debbie Lane, and they were currently typing up a warrant for the residence. WBPD requested the assistance of WASO SWAT to serve the warrant on the residence due to weapons possibly being in play. The warrant was obtained and WASO SWAT along with WBPD SRT served the warrant. Negotiators were in contact with the suspect and his mother for some time. Ultimately the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody without incident.

02/07/24 Search Warrant Milwaukee Drug Unit Joint Ops 24-4549

On February 7, 2024, the WASO SWAT team served a federal search warrant for the DEA at an address in the City of Milwaukee. The Sheriff's Office Multijurisdictional Drug Unit was assisting the DEA Task Force with a large drug case. The DEA was serving multiple simultaneous search warrants across the country with multiple locations being within the City of Milwaukee. The DEA mutual-aided the WASO SWAT team to serve one of the search warrants in the City of Milwaukee. The WASO SWAT team served the search warrant and took the suspects into custody without incident.

02/20/24 Assist WBPD with Drug Unit Search Warrant West Bend 24-6217

The Washington County Multijurisdictional Drug Unit conducted a Search Warrant on 407 N 9th Ave in the City of West Bend. The West Bend Police Department SRT Team was used to serve the Warrant. Lt. Becker from WBPD requested the assistance of the Washington County Sheriff's Office Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) to assist in the service of the warrant. The use of the ARV was approved, and Detective Wilhelm and Deputy Seibel assisted WBPD SRT with the ARV. The ARV was used for rear perimeter/cover.

09/08/24 Assist WBPD with DC/DAV Armed Suspect 24-30299 731 North St. West Bend

WBPD requested mutual aid for the Washington County Sheriff's Office ARV and SWAT team for an Armed DC/DA suspect at 731 North St in the City of West Bend. The WASO SWAT responded with the ARV and operators. The ARV was used to maneuver WBPD SRT personnel. WASO SWAT assisted with the perimeter. Phone contact was made with a suspect, and he exited the residence and was taken into custody without incident. WBPD SRT and WASO SWAT personnel cleared the residence.

09/30/24 CSAM Warrant City of Hartford 24-32895 729 Ridge View Dr Hartford

HPD had been working on a CSAM case with the suspect residing at 729 Ridge View Dr in the City of Hartford. Due to the suspect appearing to not leave the residence very often, HPD was not able to take the suspect into custody outside the residence. A portion of the WASO SWAT team was on standby at a close staging location while HPD attempted contact with the suspect at the residence. HPD was able to take the suspect into custody without incident. WASO SWAT then assisted with clearing the residence.

10/02/24 Warrant Service for FBI 24-33111 3840 HWY 60 Slinger

The WASO SWAT Team was approached by the FBI to conduct a Federal Search Warrant at 3840 HWY 60 in the Town of Polk for a drug case they had been working on. The FBI had been working on a large drug trafficking case occurring across the country. One of the suspects was residing at the HWY 60 address. A Federal Search Warrant had been obtained for the residence on the HWY 60 address and the FBI contacted the sheriff's office to serve the warrant. On the morning of October 2, 2024, the WASO SWAT Team served the warrant on the residence. The suspect was not at the residence, but the warrant was served without incident.

10/06/24 Trump Rally Juneau Airport 24-33585

Dodge County Sheriff's Office requested Mutual Aid from the Washington County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team for security at the Juneau Airport for a Trump Rally. WASO SWAT responded with the ARV, Operators, and Sniper Team. WASO ARV and operators were tasked with keeping airplane hangars and a second of perimeter secured. The WASO Sniper Team was deployed in multiple teams on the inside perimeter assigned to sniper overwatch.

10/25/24 Reports of a Suspect with Gun at the High School 24-36057 W180N11501 River La Germantown

GTPD took a report of a subject inside Germantown High School with a gun during after-hours programming. Officers and deputies began responding. SWAT was requested to the scene and proceeded to complete evacuations and coordinate the procedure to clear the entire building to ensure there were no suspects inside the building. The original report was ultimately found to be inaccurate.

SWAT Team Snipers Deployments:

West Bend Memorial Day Parade – Snipers Thompson and Jones were deployed to this event. The parade route traveled near downtown, north on Main St., on Walnut St. and Poplar St. with a terminus at the Historical Courthouse and War Memorial. Snipers were deployed as a 2-person team paired with a West Bend Sniper on top of the Historical Courthouse and at the Schloemer Law Firm, S.C. building located at 143 S. Main St.

Deployment duration was approximately 3 hours; briefing at 8:00 AM, at assigned location at 9:00 AM, the ceremony ended at approximately 11:30 AM. Uniform was department polos and tactical pants while being visible to the attending public.

West Bend 4th of July Parade – Snipers Thompson and Jones were deployed to this event. The parade route traveled north on Main St. through downtown. Snipers were deployed as a 2-person team paired with a West Bend Sniper on top of the Townhomes at the District at 433 N. Main St. and at the Schloemer Law Firm, S.C. building located at 143 S. Main St. Total deployment duration was approximately 3 hours; briefing was at 8:00 AM, at assigned location at 9:00 AM, departure from assigned area at approximately 11:00 AM. Uniform was department polos and tactical pants while being visible to the attending public.

Germantown 4th of July Parade – Snipers Thompson and Jones were deployed to this event as were West Bend Snipers Kohler and Dopke. Briefing was at 2:00 PM, the parade started at 4:00 PM and ended at 5:00 PM. Thompson, Jones, Kohler, and Dopke moved to Germantown after completing the earlier parade assignment in West Bend. The parade route traveled north on Pilgrim Rd., northwest on Fond du Lac Ave., west on Main St., then north on Park Ave with a terminus at Fireman's Park. Snipers were deployed to the top of the 2-story brick Gehl's office building at N116W16150 Main St which provided a near 360-degree observation point to multiple segments of the parade route. Deployment duration was approximately 3 hours. Uniform was department polos and tactical pants while being visible to the attending public. A Drone Team was also in place, however there was intermittent rain therefore the drone was not deployed.

Germantown Christmas Parade (November) – Snipers Thompson and Jones were deployed to this event. The parade route traveled north on Pilgrim Rd, west on Main St, then north on Park Ave with a terminus at Fireman's Park. Snipers were deployed to the top of the 2-story brick Gehl's office building at N116W16150 Main St which provided a near 360-degree observation point to multiple segments of the parade route. Deployment duration was approximately 3 hours. Uniform was Department polos and tactical pants while being visible to the attending public. A Drone Team was also utilized and deployed from this location.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HONOR GUARD

In 2024, the Washington County Sheriff's Office initiated its inaugural Washington County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Team. The team is composed of eight to nine Sheriff's Office employees, selected from multiple divisions that include operations, corrections, and communications. The Sheriff's Office Honor Guard provides ceremonial honors and represents the Office of the Sheriff at funerals, parades, casket watches and other public events. Honor Guard members initially attend a rigorous 40-hour training course, followed by continual quarterly training. During calendar year 2025, the Washington County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard plans to provide its first ceremonial honor or department event.

CANINE TEAMS

K9 Ryker-Handler Corrections Officer Christian Ludwig
K9 Razor-Handler Deputy Stephanie Kalish

The Sheriff's Office maintains two canine teams (K9 Ryker in Corrections, and K9 Razor in Patrol). Both canines are Belgian Malinois that are assigned 1:1 to their respective handler. The handler is responsible for the care of the canine in their respective residences during off-duty time. The canine teams frequently train together, which allows for efficiency and cost effectiveness as the canine teams are split between two different divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The canine teams operate "on-call" and both respond from off-duty status outside of their normal work schedules when circumstances warrant. Our canine teams assist in a variety of calls for service including drug searches, discarded evidence/article searches, tracking/trailing, and apprehension of fleeing criminal suspects.

These canine teams are not your typical household companion. They are highly trained and are required to maintain their training through rigorous daily, weekly, and monthly training activities. Additionally, our canine teams complete outside third party certification testing annually through the North American Police Work Dog Association to ensure their accuracy and reliability is maintained at the highest levels of proficiency.

Our canine teams are a regional resource and often assist other local (Washington County), State of Wisconsin, and federal agencies.

Community Engagement/Public Relations:

During the course of the last year the Wash Co Sheriff's Office canine teams have participated in the following community engagement activities with meet/greet and presentations:

West Bend Memorial Library (Children's story time)
Washington County Fair
Special Olympics "Cops on Rooftops" event
West Bend Rotary
Fair Park Elementary School
Green Tree Elementary School
Erin Elementary School

St. John's Lutheran School
Shop with a Cop
Samaritan Home
Cub Scout-#3791
Hispanic Heritage Week
Cops On Roof Tops (Charity fund raiser)
OPK9 (Demo-K9 Medical Training for EMS/First Responders)

2024 School Searches:

Slinger Middle School
Germantown High School
West Bend East and West High School
Badger Middle School

Slinger High School
Hartford Union High School
Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
Kewaskum High School

2024 Deployments:

Drug Searches: 1,187
K9 Track (Person Searches): 3
Canine Apprehensions: 2

DRONE

Since May of 2017 the Sheriff's Office has been operating an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program, more commonly referred to as a drone. The purpose of the UAS's is to assist the Sheriff's Office with incidents that involve the safety of the public, search and rescue operations, criminal investigations, requests to support other agencies, and accident reconstruction. The use of the UAS's improve the overall effectiveness of law enforcement by providing efficient, safer, and cost-effective ways to monitor and respond to incidents in Washington County. The Sheriff's Office has remote pilots on varying shifts who are trained in the safe handling, operation, and the rules and regulations enforced by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In 2024, the Sheriff's Office completed a total of 111 flights involving 52 different cases. These cases included:

- 20 Criminal Investigations
- 3 Fire Investigations
- 5 Missing/Endangered Individuals
- 10 Assisting Other Law enforcement Agencies
- 10 Crash Reconstructions

The use of the UAS in these cases significantly reduced the time and manpower needed, allowed deputies to cover large search areas, provided real time intelligence, and assisted the sheriff's office to quickly locate and take suspects into custody who had fled from law enforcement.

TOWN LIAISON PROGRAM

In 2012, the Washington County Sheriff's Office developed a pilot Town Liaison Program with the Town of Polk. The purpose of the program was to develop a professional partnership with town officials, increasing communication between the sheriff's office and town officials, while assisting townships enforcing town ordinances.

In 2016 the program was expanded to all the townships within Washington County. The program has received very positive feedback from both town officials and town residents. The primary objectives of the program include:

- Attend monthly meetings, briefing town officials on activity and calls for service occurring in their respective townships, including any major incidents.
- Facilitating communication, identifying concerns within the township and passing information along to other deputies patrolling the townships.
- Assist and investigate violations of town ordinances and take enforcement action under the guidance of town officials.

Town Liaison Deputies are assigned to each township on a voluntary basis. The following is a list of the current assignments:

Town of Addison-	Deputy Dillon Glamann
Town of Barton-	Deputy Anthony Rauch
Town of Erin-	Deputy Ryan Gullickson
Town of Farmington-	Deputy TJ Boisvert
Town of Germantown-	Deputy Jason Finley
Town of Hartford-	Deputy Matthew Karrels
Town of Jackson-	Deputy Kyle Wright
Town of Kewaskum-	Deputy Trevor Kohn
Town of Polk-	Deputy Jeremy Miller
Town of Trenton-	Deputy Eric Brandt
Town of Wayne-	Deputy Jordan Russell
Town of West Bend-	Deputy Andrew Graper
Village of Richfield-	Deputy Bradley Bautz

SCHOOL VISITS

The safety of our children in our schools is a priority of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The Washington County Sheriff's Office currently has 16 schools, both private and public in its response area.

The sheriff's office works closely with school administration to develop safety plans that include lock down and response procedures, as well as recommendations for securing their buildings.

In an effort to increase our presence at the schools, two deputies are assigned to each school in our response area. When school is in session, the deputies are required to visit the schools at different times throughout the day. The feedback from school administration has been very positive. The visiting deputies are able to address minor issues related to student behavior, address any safety concerns and establish professional relationships with both staff and students. Many times these deputies are invited to participate in activities at the schools to include reading to students and other fun extra-curricular activities.

In 2024 deputies provided 1053 visits to schools within our response area.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE

Wisconsin State Statutes require people convicted of certain sex offenses to register with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry, a division of the Department of Corrections. Sex offender registrants are required to provide the state their current address, employment information, and school information, if they are attending school.

Even though there is no requirement for sex offenders to register with local police and sheriff's office's by statute, the Washington County Sheriff's Office has made it our practice to do routine compliance checks on registered sex offenders living in areas which we serve.

In 2024, the Washington County Sheriff's Office worked with the DOC and conducted sex offender compliance checks throughout the county. None were found to be in violation of State Law or local ordinances. It is our belief that the lack of violations can be attributed to the fact

that the sheriff's office has been conducting random compliance checks for several years and offenders have been educated on keeping their information up to date. Also, offenders are now aware we conduct random checks and realize that failing to keep their Sex Offender Registry updated with their current information may lead to criminal charges for noncompliance.

In 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI-DOC) continued to lease a property located at 1725 Cty Tk NN in the Town of Jackson to house newly released sex offenders. Offenders allowed to temporarily reside at the residence had to meet approved criteria from their WI-DOC agent. The offenders needed to show continued effort in employment search, if not already employed, and searches for other approved housing when appropriate. Offenders were required to reimburse the state for living arrangements in certain cases. Our office believes that an educated neighborhood is a safer neighborhood. The sheriff's office has met with Town of Jackson board members to discuss the sex offender residence on Cty Tk NN prior to a sex offender residing at the property. Deputies have gone door to door in a pre-determined radius of the sex offender residence and handed out notification flyers containing informative sex offender information and fielded questions from those concerned neighbors. Deputies continue to make checks at the residence.

CIVIL PROCESS

Wisconsin State Statute 59.27 provides a statutory duty of the sheriff to "Personally, or by the undersheriff or deputies, serve or execute all processes, writs, precepts and orders issued or made by lawful authority and delivered to the sheriff." In 2024, the Sheriff's Office processed court papers relating to 1,025 different civil actions. Many of these actions had multiple parties to the actions that were served individually or by non-personal service.

2024 MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit is tasked with investigating cases that are complex and serious. Cases that require a significant amount of follow-up or involve multiple jurisdictions are often handled by major crimes as well. The unit consists of six detectives, one investigator, one evidence custodian/computer specialist investigator, and is supervised by a detective lieutenant and a detective sergeant.

In 2024, major crimes investigated 170 cases, and 60 cell phone extractions completed internally. In 2024, we became members of the City of Waukesha Police Department Forensic Laboratory. This allows our agency to capture and analyze forensic evidence from electronics by our own specially trained staff, using state-of-the-art technology in a more efficient and effective manner. This reduces the need for our agency to depend on the state crime lab for this type of technical assistance.

The unit is also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children task force (ICAC) and investigates internet cases that are forwarded to us from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2024, we received 23 Cyber Tips of Child Sexual Assault Material. This was down from 46 tips in 2023 and up from 11 tips in 2022.

HIGHLIGHTED CASES FROM 2024

24-25796 First Degree Intentional Homicide, Village of Richfield- A 42-year-old Village of Richfield man was arrested and is awaiting trial for first degree intentional homicide after he shot his girlfriend to death in a camper after an argument.

24-26708 Assist Police Agency Officer Involved Death Investigation, Village of Germantown- At the request of the Germantown Police Department, we investigated a police pursuit involving their agency that resulted in the death of a female passenger. The investigation was complete, and the Washington County District Attorney's Office cleared the officers of any criminal liability.

24-27212, 24-27223, 24-27240, 24-27657 Arson, Burglary x2, Criminal Damage to Property, Town of Trenton- A 44-year-old Grand Marsh man awaits trial in multiple cases after he broke into several Town of Trenton homes and started a machine shed on fire which resulted in a total loss of the contents and the shed.

24-38324 and 24-37818 Sexual Assault of a Child, City of Hartford- A 29 year-old City of Hartford man and his 31 year-old friend from the City of West Bend were arrested for sexually assaulting a 5-year-old family member of one of the suspects. Both men remain in-custody and are awaiting trial.

Data:

	2022	2023	2024
Cases referred to Major Crimes for investigation	200	200	170
Cases with Evidence sent to the WI State Crime Lab	77	54	45
Cellebrite Electronic Mobile Device Data Extractions	56	54	60

2024 Cases by Incident Type:

Case Type	# of Investigations
Death investigations	21
Fraud/ ID theft	16
Theft	16
Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material	13
Sexual Assault of a Child	13
Assist other police agency	10
Sexual Assault	10
Burglary	10
Fire Investigation	7
Disorderly Conduct/Battery	5
Child Abuse	4
Sextortion	4
Criminal Damage to Property	3
Homicide	1
Attempted Homicide	1
Human Trafficking	1
Other	39

2024 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT GROUP

The Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Group is supported by several law enforcement agencies within Washington County combined to achieve maximum impact on illegal drugs and the related crime that results from drug abuse. The MJDEG is a means to focus resources and attention to combat drug abuse issues affecting our citizens. Its mission is to concentrate resources on illegal drug delivery, production, and importation that cannot be easily addressed by traditional local law enforcement resources, as well as information gathering, distribution, and coordination between agencies.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office is designated as the Lead Agency of the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Group and is responsible for implementation, monitoring, and Wisconsin and Federal reporting requirements as required.

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office also coordinates the efforts of the MJDEG and supervises assigned personnel. The decision as to what geographical locations are targeted for drug investigations is made by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and advised by the advisory board which is made up of Chiefs of Police of all member groups and the District Attorney.

In 2024, the MJDEG when fully staffed is comprised of two detectives and two investigators from the Sheriff’s Office, two investigators from the City of West Bend Police Department, one investigator from the Village of Germantown Police Department, and one investigator from the City of Hartford Police Department. The unit is led by a Detective Sergeant from the sheriff’s office and overseen by a Lieutenant of Detectives from the sheriff’s office. Due to staffing shortages at partner agencies, the unit operated below normal staffing for most of the year.

The focus of the MJDEG is to conduct investigations that target large-scale drug distribution networks that impact Washington County. They also work with other public safety partners in assisting in fatal drug overdose investigations throughout the county. The unit works closely with neighboring county drug units, the Milwaukee Police Department, as well as several federal task forces. These close partnerships are crucial in combatting the illegal manufacturing and distribution of illegal drugs in southeast Wisconsin with a priority focus on the distribution of fentanyl into our community.

2024 Drugs Seized by MJDEG

(Result of undercover drug transactions and/or searches as result of investigation)

Drug Type	Amount Seized 2024	Amount Seized 2023
Cocaine Base (crack)	618 grams	73 grams
Cocaine Powder	14 grams	232 grams
Fentanyl	2595 grams	391 grams
Heroin	1 gram	2 grams
Marijuana (plant material)	1,273 grams	3,654 grams
Marijuana Plants	30 plants	11 plants
Methamphetamine	291 grams	2135 grams
Psilocybin (mushrooms)	4 grams	289 grams

In 2024, the MJDEG arrested 22 different individuals that were targets of drug manufacturing or delivery in Washington County. A total of 130 criminal charges were requested from the Washington County District Attorney’s Office. The MJDEG has a yearly goal that includes maintaining a 75% felony arrest rate versus less serious misdemeanor drug charges. In 2024, the unit maintained a 95% felony arrest rate. These included 24 counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, 26 counts of possession/delivery of cocaine, 8 counts of possession/delivery of methamphetamine, 16 counts of possession/ delivery of fentanyl/heroin, 5 counts of delivery of narcotics, 7 counts of delivery of drugs in a school zone, and 5 weapons charges including possession of a machine gun. These arrests included the execution of four search warrants within Washington County and several others in Milwaukee County.

Often the investigations lead into other jurisdictions. The MJDEG often works jointly with other agencies, which frequently leads to charges in other counties that are not included in the above numbers but have a nexus to Washington County.

COURT SERVICES

In the Washington County Justice and Government Centers, maintaining a safe and efficient working environment for court staff, county employees, deputies and visitors, is the responsibility of the Court Services Division.

A sergeant, three deputies and two special deputies are responsible for courtroom security, prisoner movement, security requests and general building security, while two special deputies man the screening station at the secure entrance to the Justice Center.

The Washington County Most Wanted Program also involves deputies assigned to the Justice Center researching and submitting subjects to be profiled by local media outlets.

COURT SECURITY ACTIVITY 2024	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Number of Visitors	3458	3380	3069	3504	3277	3382	3033	3449	3934	3647	2954	2923	40010
Contraband Located	81	90	83	83	72	88	61	63	60	91	79	44	895
Custodies to Court OTP/FP	144	90	110	120	124	132	104	115	129	162	119	96	1445
Warrants Arrested	1	2	4	7	5	3	1	6	6	6	2	1	44
Custodies to Court New Arrests	112	83	101	116	119	84	91	101	78	89	114	105	1193
Forthwith to Jail	19	7	4	2	12	11	6	7	5	16	5	10	104
Security Request	395	324	368	458	409	371	332	360	338	454	354	272	4435
Citations Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bailiff/Jury Assist by Security Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Stun Belt Trials	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Alarms Door/Fire/Other	0	3	0	2	12	2	0	4	2	3	1	0	29
Alarms Duress	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TRO Injunction Hearings	8	11	11	9	15	0	10	8	9	12	6	8	107
Mental Health Hearings PC/Final/ Extensions	7	2	10	3	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	41
Reportable Incidents	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	10
Civil Process	1	2	2	0	2	5	1	2	2	3	2	0	22
Money Escorts	14	12	11	16	14	12	14	13	13	12	13	12	156
Assist the Public Directions/Info	822	806	664	843	886	870	719	904	1023	920	704	750	9911
Sheriff Sales	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
Jury Trials	3	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	19
Screening Hours Special Deputies	403.5	389.25	371	398.75	401	358.25	388.5	399.5	370	416.5	301	336	4533.25
Courtroom Hours Special Deputies	391.75	380	370	383.25	388.75	351.25	364	377.8	359.75	382.25	302	312	4362.5
Court Officer Hours Assisting Court Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28.25	0	28.25
Dare Officer Hours Assisting Court Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrol ST Assisting Court Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
Patrol OT Assisting Court Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.75	0	29.75
Court Security Hours Assisting Patrol	0	3	1.5	1.25	2	2.5	0	4	0	5	7.5	8	34.75

TRANSPORTS

The sheriff has a responsibility to transport individuals to and from court as a part of his constitutional duty to attend to the courts. In 2015 the Washington County Sheriff's Office contracted with Redi Transports to conduct the majority of prisoner transports. The sheriff's office remained responsible for medical transports from the jail, and certain mental health transports.

TRANSPORT TYPE	DEFINITION	TRANSPORTS BY REDI TRANSPORTS 2023 TOTAL	TRANSPORTS BY REDI TRANSPORTS 2024 TOTAL
Order to Produce	The one-way transport of a single prisoner between the Washington County Jail and another jail or prison which is ordered by a judge.	371	328
Mental Transports	The one-way transport of an in-custody subject between a mental health facility and court.	95	99
New to Prison	The transport on an inmate from our jail to state prison to begin a new prison sentence.	125	128
Juvenile Disp Order	The transport of a juvenile from our jail to a State Juvenile Detention Facility	0	0
Warrants	The one-way transport of a subject being picked up from another secure facility and being transported to the Washington County Jail on a Washington County warrant.	371	357
	TOTAL	962	912
TRANSPORT TYPE	DEFINITION	TRANSPORTS BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2023 TOTAL	TRANSPORTS BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2024 TOTAL
Mental Transfer	The transport of a subject either between mental health facilities or from a hospital to a mental health facility.	43	47
Medical Run	The scheduled transport of an inmate from the Washington County Jail to a medical facility for treatment and the return of the inmate to our jail.	56	115
Warrants	The one-way transport of a subject being picked up from another secure facility and being transported to the Washington County Jail on a Washington County warrant.	17	18
Other	Transports which do not fit into the above categories including pickups on revocation warrants, holds on criminal charges, and other misc. transports.	11	10
	TOTAL	127	190

COMMUNICATIONS

Dispatch Phone Calls 2024

In 2024, the communications center handled **95,328 phone calls**; 23,786 (25%) of those calls being 911 emergency calls received through land and wireless phone lines.

Wireless 911 calls	=	22,928
911 Landline calls	=	858
Administrative calls	=	71,542
Total Calls in 2024	=	95,328

In addition to assisting the public via answering calls and dispatching resources, officers in the communications center spend a significant amount of time working with data entry related to warrants, restraining orders and injunctions. Many of these entries are time sensitive. In the past year, 842 warrants originating from six agencies were entered into the TIME system:

2024 Warrant Entries	
Washington County Sheriff's Office	822
Hartford Police Department	7
Slinger Police Department	3
Jackson Police Department	9
Kewaskum Police Department	1
Town of Trenton Police Department	0
Village of Newburg	0

* These totals lower than actual. Multiple warrants being entered at the same time may only be counted as one entry.

In addition, 208 restraining orders and 65 injunctions were entered into various data systems by officers in 2024. Each month, up to 100 warrant and injunction entries need to be validated with the Crime Information Bureau. Data entry is an area that may require a dedicated position in the future.

Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) is a mutual aid measure that may be used for deploying fire, rescue and EMS personell in a multi-jurisdictional and/or multi-agency response. The communications division is heavily involved with the set up and utilization of this program. In 2024 our division handled 9 such calls:

Allenton FD	= 1
Fillmore FD	= 1
Germantown FD	= 2
Hartford FD	= 1
Jackson FD	= 1
Kewaskum FD	= 1
Newburg FD	= 0
Richfield FD	= 0
Slinger FD	= 0
St. Lawrence FD	= 0
West Bend FD	= 2

2024 Fire Service Calls	
Agency	Calls*
Allenton Fire and EMS	291
Boltonville Fire First Responder	91
Fillmore Fire First Responder	106
Hartford Fire and EMS	2061
Jackson Fire and EMS	1153
Kewaskum fire and EMS	718
Kohlsville Fire and First Responder	195
Lifestar	571
Newburg Fire and EMS	496
Richfield Fire and EMS	758
Slinger Fire	204
St. Lawrence Fire First Responder	107
West Bend Fire and EMS	629
Ashippun (Town of Erin)	24
* Some calls may have been cancelled by the caller after they were paged out.	

MOBILE COMMAND POST

The Sheriff’s Office deploys a Mobile Command Unit to significant incidents. Purchased with Homeland Security grant monies and built in 2011 by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin, the Mobile Command Post contains a complete radio and communication network, nighttime lighting capabilities, and sufficient workspace to manage and command critical incidents. The Mobile Command Unit also houses specialized equipment for the Sheriff’s SWAT and Crash Reconstruction Teams.

Aside from departmental trainings, in 2024 the Mobile Command Unit responded to the following incidents/events: - Two SWAT deployments, two public relations events, one major scene investigation, one criminal interdiction, and one out-of-county mutual aid request.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

In 2024, the sheriff’s office conducted presentations on topics which included: career days, crime prevention, drug awareness, child safety education, traffic safety, bullying and internet safety. Many organizations and hundreds of county citizens were served by these presentations, including local schools, clubs, youth groups, businesses, and service organizations.

The sheriff’s office did child fingerprinting at several events in the county, providing hundreds of parents with ID cards for their children.

Building Tours:	Cub Scout Tours x 3
Career Days:	Read to Class - YMCA Discovery Center, Catholic Schools Week – Holy Trinity, Rockfield Elementary, Decorah Elementary, Junior Achievement – Decorah Elementary
Child Fingerprinting:	Erin Family Fun Fair – Erin Elementary, National Night Out – Germantown, Fiesta Latina Event – Regner Park,
Crime Prevention:	K-9 Demonstration and Sheriff’s Office Education – Hispanic Heritage Week, Public Safety Week – YMCA, Active Shooter Presentation – David Star School,
Safety Education:	School Safety Procedures – St. Gabriel School, Driver Education Safety – Slinger High School, Junior LE Explorer Class – Kewaskum Middle School, Safety Resource Site Assessment – St. Augustine School, Fire Prevention – Richfield Fire Department, Police Safety Education - Cub Scout Troup
Community Events	K-9 Demonstration – West Bend Community Memorial Library, Ride from School Raffle – Rockfield Elementary, K-9 Demonstration – Fair Park Elementary, Ride to School Raffle – St. Frances Cabrini, Dive Team Demonstration – West Bend Senior Center, Safety Resource Presentation – Sheriff’s Office, Breakfast with the Sheriff – Friess Lake Elementary, Storytime – Friess Lake Elementary

Firing Range Use 2024		
Agency	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
Germantown PD	4	
Hartford PD		7
Jackson	5	7
Kewaskum	4	
Newburg		1
Sheriff's Office	16	7
Sheriff's Snipers	1	
Sheriff SWAT	13	14
Slinger PD	4	1
West Bend PD	5	
Total	52	37