

Village of Cottage Grove
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Law Enforcement Committee, Village Administrator
From: Daniel Layber, Chief of Police
Date: 2-20-2019
Re: Village of Cottage Grove Police Department Management Plan

The following is the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department goals and objectives for 2019.

Goal #1: Maintain Accreditation

The Cottage Grove Police Department is currently accredited by the WILEAG (WI Law Enforcement Accreditation Group). The Department achieved accreditation in May of 2018. The Department will have to continue to maintain the standards of accreditation and prove they are in compliance every year.

Achieved – We have all proofs in place for 2019.

Goal #2: Implement a Bicycle Patrol Program

The Cottage Grove Police Department does not currently have a bicycle patrol program. Bike patrol programs are useful in addressing crime issues and community outreach. Officers on bicycles are much more approachable than officers in squad cars. We will attempt to obtain a police patrol bike for free or at a greatly reduced price. We will send at least two officers to a bike patrol training program and make attempts at getting officers out at special events and in neighborhoods when the weather permits.

Achieved – We sent an officer to police bicycle patrol school in 2019 and patrols during the summer months were conducted.

Goal #3: Define, Develop and Implement a Physical Fitness Program for the Police Department

The Department does not currently have any type of physical fitness program for its officers. We believe that employees/officers that are healthy/healthier are better able to perform their job duties with less injuries and absenteeism. There is a cost to the village for unhealthy employees and a physical fitness program could help address these issues. We would need to develop some type of policy, secure funding and implement a program to improve physical fitness. This would need village board approval during the budgeting process for 2020.

Achieved – We received approval from the Village Administrator, the Law Enforcement Committee and the Village Board to implement this program and to use leftover capital funds to pay for the equipment needed. The equipment is housed in the west end of the Municipal Services Building.

Goal #4: Maintain Solve Rate for Violent Crimes

The Department currently solves violent crimes at a 94% rate. This is well above the state rate of 53%. The goal for 2019 is to maintain that solve rate. This may be difficult due to achieve because this rate is well above the state and national averages, but every effort will be made to achieve this goal.

Achieved – We solved 23 out of 24 crimes against persons in 2019, which is a 96% clearance rate.

Goal #5: Maintain Solve Rates for Property Crimes

The department currently solves thefts/property crimes at an 83% rate. This is well above the state rate of solving thefts which was 27% in 2018. The goal for 2019 is to maintain that solve rate which may be difficult due to the high number of car break-ins that we encounter during the summer months that are notoriously difficult to solve, however, every effort will be made to achieve this goal.

Achieved/Not Achieved – We solved 22 out of 40 property crimes in 2019, which did not meet our goal of 83%. This was a 55% solve rate which is double the state average of 27%.