



**VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Law Enforcement Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Municipal Service Building
210 Progress Drive
5:30 p.m.**

You may also choose to participate by providing public comment prior to the meeting via email to Deputy Village Clerk Kelly Cahill: kcahill@villageofcottagesgrove.gov. If this is a teleconference, virtual or hybrid meeting, please review the Village of Cottage Grove's [policy](#).

1. Call To Order
2. Determination Of Quorum And That The Agenda Was Properly Posted
3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES-Public's Opportunity To Speak
4. Discuss And Consider The Minutes From January 27, 2026 Law Enforcement Committee Meeting.

Documents:

[1.27.2026 LEC MINUTES.PDF](#)

5. Old Business:
 - a. PD Building Project Update
6. New Business:
 - a. Review of 2025 Annual Report
 - b. Teddy Bear Sleepover March 11th
 - c. Discussion related to City of Madison Mutual Aid Resolution (WI ss. 66.0313 and 66.0513, CGPD P/P 1.6.2)
 - d. Discuss and Consider/Provide Direction on possible Village ordinance related to E-Bike and E-Scooter usage in the Village
 - e. Discuss and Consider future committee meetings to be held at Village Hall with hybrid capabilities

Documents:

2025 ANNUAL REPORT.PDF
66.0313 AND 66.0513.PDF
1.6.2 MUTUAL AID .PDF
CITY OF MADISON GUIDANCE.PDF
E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER ORDINANCE.PDF

7. Chief's Reports - January

Documents:

ROLLING SUMMARY.PDF
SRO REPORT JANUARY 2026.PDF
K9 REPORT JANUARY 2026.PDF
CGPD NON-TRAFFIC BY DAY OF THE WEEK.PDF
CGPD NON-TRAFFIC BY HOUR OF THE DAY.PDF
CGPD TRAFFIC ONLY BY DAY OF THE WEEK.PDF
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MONTHLY SUMMARY.PDF
TRAFFIC STOPS BY OFFICER.PDF

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

This agenda has been prepared by Staff and approved by the Village President as Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee for use at the meeting as listed above. Any item on the agenda is subject to final action. Notice: Persons needing special accommodation should call 608-839-4704 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. It is possible that members of and a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may attend the above stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE
Law Enforcement Committee
Tuesday, January 27, 2026
MINUTES

1. **Call to order**
Village Board Member Stoa called the Law Enforcement Committee meeting to order at 5:30 pm. This was an in person meeting
2. **Determination of quorum and that the agenda was properly posted.**
It was noted that a quorum was present, and that the agenda was properly posted. Committee members present were Chris Stoa, Cynthia Kelm-Nelson, Paula Severson, Jon Russell and Kishia Peters. Staff members present were Police Chief Mark Garry, and Deputy Clerk Kelly Cahill.
3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** - Public's Opportunity to speak - NONE
4. **Discuss And Consider the Minutes from November 25, 2025, Law Enforcement Committee Meeting.**
Motion by Severson to approve the minutes from November 25, 2025 LEC meeting, seconded by Peters. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Discuss and Consider Sexting Ordinance
Motion by Russell to approve the Sexting Ordinance, seconded by Kelm-Nelson. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0
 - b. **Social Media Police Blotter Update**
Blotter has been temporarily removed. Some comments were not beneficial to the community. It will be restored at a later date, pending Legal approval
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Flock Safety Equipment Overview**
Committee discussed benefits and concerns about the Flock Safety System. Chief Garry will bring back more details about how often the Flock System is triggered and what those triggers are indicating
 - b. **2026 Polar Plunge**
Members of the CG Police Department will be participating in the Polar Plunge at Henry Vilas Zoo proceeds will go to Special Olympics
 - c. **Discussion of CG Staff Memo for CG Fire District**
Discussion about alarms. Rolling Calendar vs Calendar Year for reporting/tracking. All citations will go through the municipal court. Proposing a \$25 permitting fee. There will have to be mutual collaboration from all departments. All departments would be extremely happy with a 50% reduction in alarms
7. **Chief's Reports – November**
1107 calls for the month, lower than November 2025 which had 1264 calls. Newer officers have the heaviest load of calls to give them experience. SRO active, no citations issued. K9 took a couple weeks off as the handler had some time off.
8. **Chief's Reports – December**
1434 calls for the month, down slightly from December 2025 which had 1448 calls. SRO had one referral, which is now being handled through restoration justice. K9 had a growth on his neck, was removed and is non-cancerous so he is not back in his normal working capacity. He is working hard to get back there
9. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Discussion of possible ordinance related to E-Bike and E-Scooter usage
 - b. 2025 Annual Report – compiling report
 - c. Future committee meetings held at VH and hybrid
10. **Adjournment**
Motion by Kelm-Nelson to adjourn at 6:15pm, seconded by Peters. **Motion** carried with a voice vote of 5-0-0

Kelly Cahill, Deputy Clerk
Village of Cottage Grove
Approved:

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in this meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversations that took place.

Village of Cottage Grove Police Department

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MARK W. GARRY II

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT, VILLAGE BOARD, AND CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE:

It is my privilege to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department. As I reflect on this past year, I am incredibly proud of the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by the men and women of this agency. 2025 was a pivotal year defined by strategic growth, foundational planning, and an unwavering commitment to our mission: "Dedicated to Keeping Our Community Safe Through Partnership and Professional Service."

A YEAR OF SERVICE AND GROWTH

In 2025, our department continued to meet the evolving needs of a growing community, responding to 16,958 calls for service. This volume reflects not only our expanding population but also the proactive nature of our officers in ensuring public safety. Despite these increased demands, our staff maintained the highest standards of excellence, adhering to the rigorous benchmarks of our WILEAG accreditation. We also focused heavily on the future of our force, culminating in the selection of three new officers, Jacob Newman, Krystal Brindle, and Carter Watters, who we proudly welcomed to the ranks in 2025.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: 2026 AND BEYOND

As we turn the page to 2026, we move from planning to action. The coming year will mark the critical construction phase of the new Police Department facility. This state-of-the-art building is not just a structure; it is an investment in the safety of our village and a tool to better serve you for decades to come. I look forward to leading the oversight team and keeping the community informed as this vision becomes a reality. We are also excited to launch our 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, a roadmap designed to guide our agency through the next five years of development. A cornerstone of this plan is the implementation of a Community Liaison Officer assignment. This new role will allow us to deepen our connection with residents, providing a direct bridge between the police department and the community we serve.

A STEADFAST COMMITMENT

Our achievements in 2025 were made possible by the support of the Village Board, the Police Commission, and, most importantly, you—the residents of Cottage Grove. As we embark on a transformative 2026, our focus remains clear: to mentor and develop our staff, to manage our resources responsibly, and to protect the quality of life that makes Cottage Grove such a wonderful place to call home.

Mark W. Garry II
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Chief of Police



COMMUNITY EVENTS



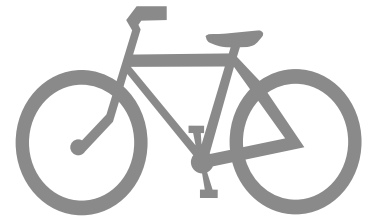
Cop on a Rooftop

MAY 2025



On Friday, May 16th, the Cottage Grove Police Department participated in Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin' for the second year in a row. Money raised goes directly to support programming for Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes across the state.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Thank you!

Bike Rodeo MAY 2025

This event was held on Saturday, May 17th and numerous Cottage Grove police officers participated. There was a raffle for a chance to win a new bicycle that was donated by Wisconsin Bank & Trust. School Resource Officer/Lead Bicycle Patrol Officer Lee coordinates and organizes this event annually.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Teddy Bear Sleepover

MAY 2025

On Tuesday, May 20th, Sergeant George, police officers, and K9 Nash welcomed kids and their favorite stuffed friends to the Cottage Grove Police Department for the 3rd annual teddy bear sleepover. The kids and their guests experienced a tour of the police department, played games, and were read a bedtime story.



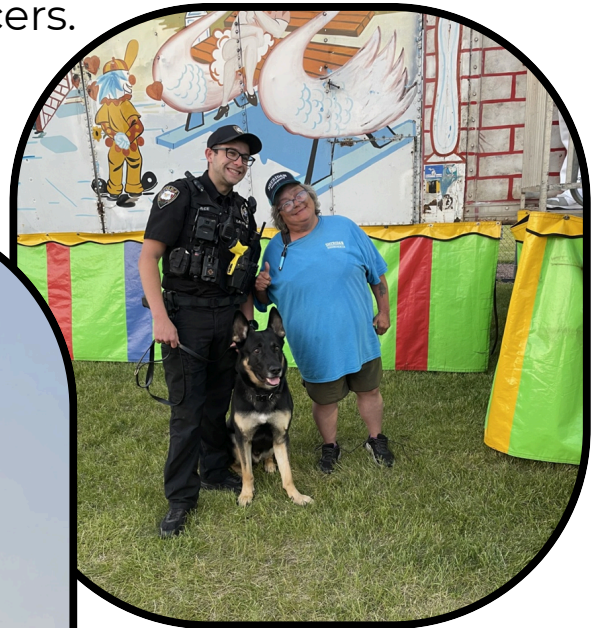
COMMUNITY EVENTS



Fireman's Festival

JUNE 2025

Another year assisting at the Cottage Grove Fireman's Festival and Hot 2 Trot run. Thank you all for another safe festival and taking the time to say hi to our officers.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cottage Grove Schools Summer Camp

JULY 2025

Sergeant Frutiger, School Resource Officer Lee, and K9 Officer Ace, along with K9 Nash, visited children at the Cottage Grove Schools Summer Camp. Members of the Cottage Grove Police Department were thanked for their time with thank you cards made by the children.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cultivating Behavioral Health

AUGUST 2025



In August, Officer Nordskog volunteered her time at Cultivate Behavioral Health. Officer Nordskog met with a group of four-year-old children and talked about being a police officer. She also interacted with them by playing games and showing them a police vehicle.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Community Night Out

AUGUST 2025

The event was held on Wednesday, August 20th at Bakken Park and included food trucks, Music In The Grove and business booths. Med Flight and a Blackhawk helicopter visited the event. Thank you to the community for making our 3rd annual Community Night Out a fun and successful event for all.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Touch-a-Truck SEPTEMBER 2025



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day program is designed to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible method for disposing unused or expired prescription medications, while also educating the public about the potential for misuse and abuse of these substances.



During our April event, we collected 220.6 lbs.



During our October event, we collected 182.6 lbs.

In total, we collected 403.2 lbs!

Drug Take Back

APRIL / OCTOBER 2025



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our staff was honored to host Wisconsin State Senator Melissa Ratcliff and Wisconsin State Representative Joan Fitzgerald at the Cottage Grove Police Department.



Flag Ceremony

OCTOBER 2025

★ Senator Ratcliff and Representative Fitzgerald presented the police department with a United States flag that was flown over the State Capitol on October 14th. This flag will be displayed in the new police department facility when it is completed to show the commitment of the Cottage Grove Police Department to upholding the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Cottage Grove Police Department participated in the Trunk or Treat event at the Dolphin Swim Academy in October.

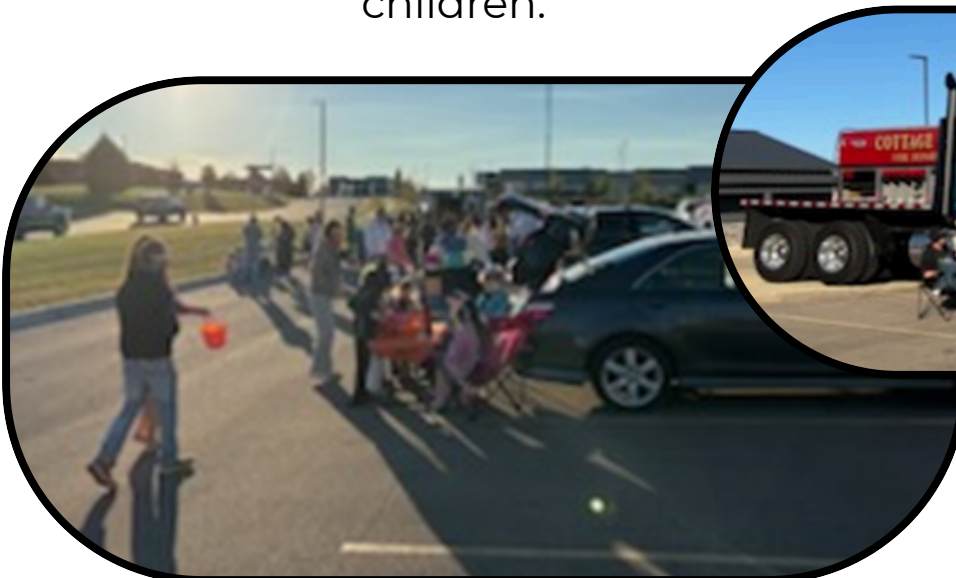


Trunk or Treat OCTOBER 2025

Officer Gramm and Officer Watters had the chance to meet, greet, and hand out treats to parents and children.



Officer Newman participated in a similar event held at KinderCare.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chief Garry spoke at a press conference that was held at the Summit Credit Union Headquarters in Cottage Grove during Fraud Awareness Week.



Fraud Awareness

NOVEMBER 2025



Chief Garry, along with other speakers, spoke about the risks of financial fraud and what to do if you think you are being defrauded.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

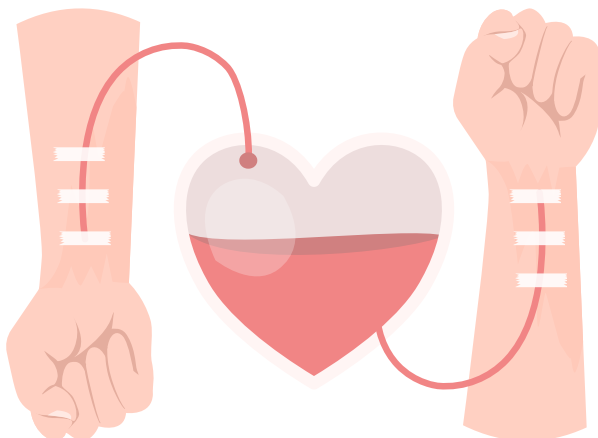
Blood Drive

MAY / NOVEMBER 2025

In May and November, the Cottage Grove Police Department hosted blood drives. This was coordinated with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin. Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin was founded in 1947 and is based in the City of Milwaukee. Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin is the exclusive provider of blood and blood products to more

than 56 hospitals across 29 counties. They collect more than 230,000 units of blood annually.

Both of our blood drives were successful in collecting several units of blood to help those in need.

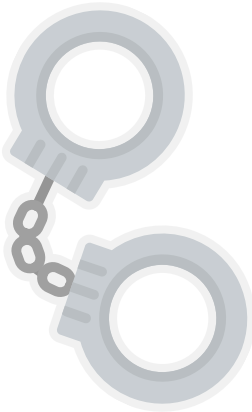


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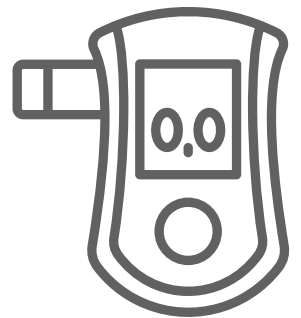


OWI Collaboration Press Conference

DECEMBER 2025



On Thursday, December 18th, the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) and its law enforcement agency members jointly issued an urgent appeal to motorists who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, especially during the holiday season. This plea comes as the Wisconsin State Patrol, Dane County Sheriff's Office, and all local police departments in the county launched a two-week special enforcement and education effort to get impaired drivers off the roads.



ACCREDITATION

Many have heard of the term accreditation, but few fully understand its relationship to modern law enforcement. The basic principle of all accreditation processes, regardless of their field of governance, is for an independent body to establish a set of standards by which the operations of entities can be evaluated.

The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) has become an independent evaluating body for law enforcement agencies in the State of Wisconsin. The WILEAG governing board established its first set of standards in 1995. In 2021, WILEAG published its Sixth Edition, which consists of 262 standards that contain 655 separate dimensions. These standards are specifically tailored to address the needs and capabilities of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Agency's.

To become an accredited agency, or to maintain your accredited status, a police department must review and update each of its policies and operating procedures, making certain that they comply with WILEAG standards, every three years. Agencies must also collect "proofs" that document their compliance with every standard and dimension annually. Every third year, a team of WILEAG evaluators conduct on-site assessments of each agency seeking accreditation. During these assessments, the evaluators examine both the agencies' policies and proofs, making certain they comply with each of the established standards. These on-site evaluations generally take three full days, and they include facility inspections and public input hearings.

In March of 2024, the Cottage Grove Police Department went through its third on-site assessment. The team of three independent evaluators found the Cottage Grove Police Department to be in full compliance with all relevant WILEAG standards. On April 12, 2024, the Governing Board of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group awarded the Cottage Grove Police Department with a Certificate of Accreditation.

Lieutenant Wagner oversees the accreditation process for the Cottage Grove Police Department as the department Accreditation Manager, but the accreditation process is an agency wide project and accomplishment. In 2027, we will go through re-accreditation, which will require us to show for the past three years that we have been conforming to all standards.

In these challenging times for law enforcement agencies around the nation, the Cottage Grove Police Department will continue to utilize the WILEAG accreditation process to conduct ongoing self-evaluation to maintain the highest quality standards in our operations.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Cottage Grove Police Department takes pride in its ability to attract qualified candidates, but hiring a new officer is only the beginning of their journey within the department. Each newly hired officer, whether they are new to law enforcement or they are an experienced officer, goes through an extensive Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) which hones their abilities, tests their knowledge, and helps them become acclimated to the department and the community they serve.

FTEP is only as good as its trainers. In 2025, Officer Greenwald, Officer Phillips, and Officer Johnson completed Basic Field Training Officer (FTO) school. FTO's have the responsibility of coaching new hires, some of whom are fresh out of the Academy, and providing them with a strong foundation on which to build upon for the remainder of their career. Sergeant Comstock serves as the program's supervisor, overseeing its operation and continually evaluating the process to ensure each new hire gets the best possible experience and training. FTO's continue to act as teachers and valuable sources of information for the less experienced officers well beyond field training.

In 2025, three (3) patrol officers were hired to either fill vacant positions or as a new officer position. Officer Brindle began FTEP in April, Officer Newman began FTEP in May, and Officer Watters began FTEP in October. Officer Newman and Officer Watters successfully completed FTEP and are working as patrol officers within the community of Cottage Grove. Officer Brindle's FTEP was paused while she fulfills her military obligation and will resume in the Summer of 2026. We hope these officers will continue to work and grow with the community for many years to come.

The Cottage Grove Police Department continues to utilize PowerReady, which is an online based field training documentation program designed to make the field training process more efficient and effective. The field training process continues to be 100% paperless, keeping in line with the Village of Cottage Grove's sustainability goals.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Detective Carter is the full-time investigator for the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department. Detective Carter worked with Cottage Grove officers and many outside agencies to aid in investigations and solve numerous cases. Detective Carter also fills patrol shifts when needed.

In 2025, Detective Carter assisted officers with investigations while managing a variety of his own cases. These included burglaries, identity theft, fraud, a homicide, stolen vehicles, sexual assault, extortion and other types of cases. He also pursued cold cases, leading to the identification and charging of suspects in some of those cases.

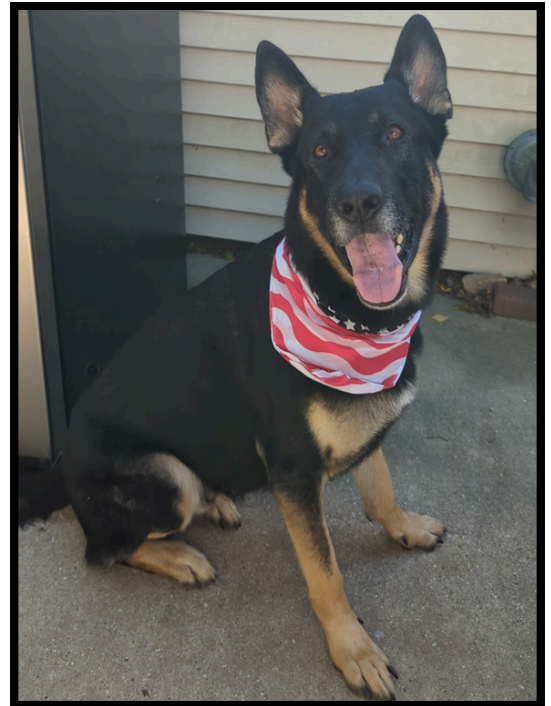
Detective Carter serves as one of the Cottage Grove Police Department's evidence custodians. In this role, he fulfills evidence-related record requests for the District Attorney's Office and Village of Cottage Grove Municipal Court. He reviews and signs criminal complaints, conducts background checks for the Parks & Recreation Department throughout the year, and assists with background investigations for external agencies.

In 2025, Detective Carter assisted over 50 agencies. Some of those agencies are as follows:

- *Stoughton Police Department*
- *Green County Sheriff's Office*
- *Brown County Sheriff's Office*
- *Green Bay Police Department*
- *Appleton Police Department*
- *Stephenson County Illinois Sheriff's Office*
- *Oshkosh Police Department*
- *Middleton Police Department*
- *Sun Prairie Police Department*
- *Dunn County Sheriff's Office*
- *Irving Texas Police Department*
- *Tomkins County, New York Sheriff's Office*

K9 UNIT

Throughout 2025, Officer Ace and K9 Nash had a productive year with 63 K9 deployments within the Village of Cottage Grove and surrounding agencies. Of those deployments, 53 were traffic stop and narcotic detection related while the other deployments were for assisting other agencies with tracking, as well as building and evidence searches. Of the 63 deployments, approximately 70% occurred within the Village of Cottage Grove.



K9 Nash is engaged within the community, as well as assisting surrounding agencies by participating in different community events.

Officer Ace and K9 Nash attended and participated in a variety of presentations throughout the year.

- **Community Night Out:** meet and greet citizens who attended the Village outing at Phoebe Bakken Park.
- **Teddy Bear Sleep Over:** provided a K9 presentation to attendees held at the Cottage Grove Police Department.
- **Kinder Care:** provided a K9 presentation and meet and greet with the children of Kinder Care Daycare located on N. Windsor Avenue.
- **City of Stoughton Citizens Academy:** assisted with a K9 presentation in Narcotic Detection, Obedience and an apprehension exercise held on October 1, 2025. The class was able to meet K9 Nash and ask questions.
- **City of Monona Parade:** assisted in a Christmas parade where there was a Santa send-off.

K9 UNIT



TRAFFIC STOP INCIDENTS

K9 Nash was utilized 53 times on traffic stop related incidents where there was reason to believe that illegal narcotics were inside a vehicle. Of those 53 deployments, K9 Nash provided a final indication on 16 vehicles for the odor of an illegal narcotic.

SEIZURE INCIDENTS

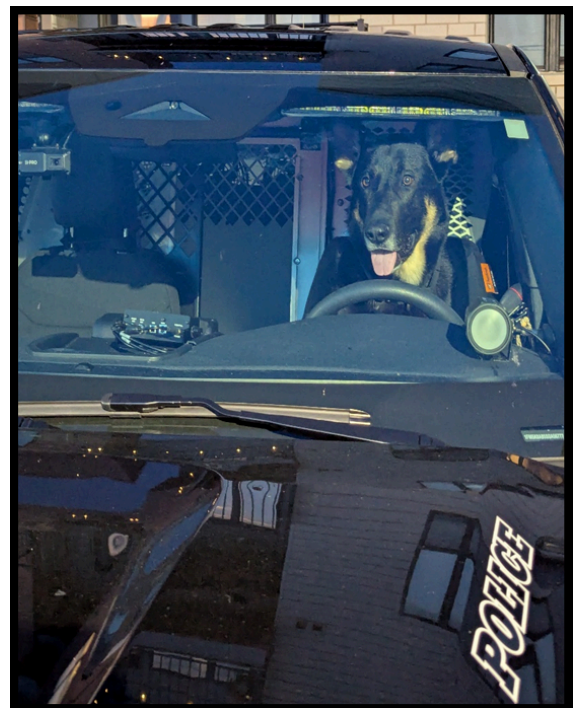
Out of 22 seizure incidents, K9 Nash was utilized 16 times. During the 6 remaining incidents, the occupants of the vehicles involved advised there were narcotics inside the vehicle prior to deploying K9 Nash.

The following is a list of narcotics that were located with the use of K9 Nash:

- Drug Paraphernalia: 8 different drug paraphernalia items were seized, mainly consisting of pipes used for smoking illegal narcotics.
- Marijuana: 93.8 grams of flower marijuana was seized along with 21 THC cartridges of marijuana, that typically contain 1.0 to 1.5 grams of THC per cartridge, and are commonly used in electronic smoking devices.
- Cocaine: 11.8 grams of cocaine or cocaine based narcotics were seized.
- Ecstasy: 10 multicolored pills were seized, believed to be Ecstasy.
- Narcotics: 6 pills that were coded as Oxy were seized.

TRACKING

Officer Ace and K9 Nash assisted multiple agencies by attempting to track suspects who fled the scene after a crime had been committed. Officer Ace and K9 Nash were able to assist in the apprehension of multiple suspects. While on scene conducting a track of four individuals who fled from a crashed stolen vehicle, a drone located the individuals hiding in a tree line and K9 Nash was utilized on scene to prevent further escape, ending in a successful surrender.



BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

Bicycle patrol officers are an important component of an agency's strategy for accomplishing its enforcement objectives due to their mobility and stealth as well as their ability to facilitate a variety of law enforcement and crime prevention operations.



They are also advantageous in community policing efforts because they are generally perceived as less authoritarian than officers in police motor vehicles.



Officer Lee, who is the Bicycle Patrol Officer for the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department, hosts the Bike Rodeo to educate safe bicycling within the community.



SRO UNIT

School Resource Officers (SROs) are not just police officers; they are integral members of the school community acting as educators, counselors, and mentors. Their primary goal is to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.

Officer Lee has previously completed the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) training. Officer Lee's completion of NASRO training demonstrates his commitment to professional development and his understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities



presented by the SRO role. Officer Lee continues to take professional development trainings to enhance his ability to be an effective liaison to the Monona Grove School District.

Officer Lee actively engages with school staff and administration to identify and address safety concerns, fostering a collaborative approach to school safety. Officer Lee goes beyond traditional law enforcement duties by actively participating in safety drills and providing valuable instruction on personal/internet safety to students. Officer Lee prioritizes building positive relationships with students and staff, creating a more welcoming and supportive school environment.

These actions demonstrate that Officer Lee is effectively fulfilling the multifaceted role of an SRO and contributing to a positive and safe learning environment for all students in the Cottage Grove Schools. 2025 marked Officer Lee's second year as the SRO for our schools in Cottage Grove.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

In the State of Wisconsin, certified law enforcement officers are required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of training annually. Statutorily mandated training topics include annual handgun qualification and biennial vehicle pursuit training.



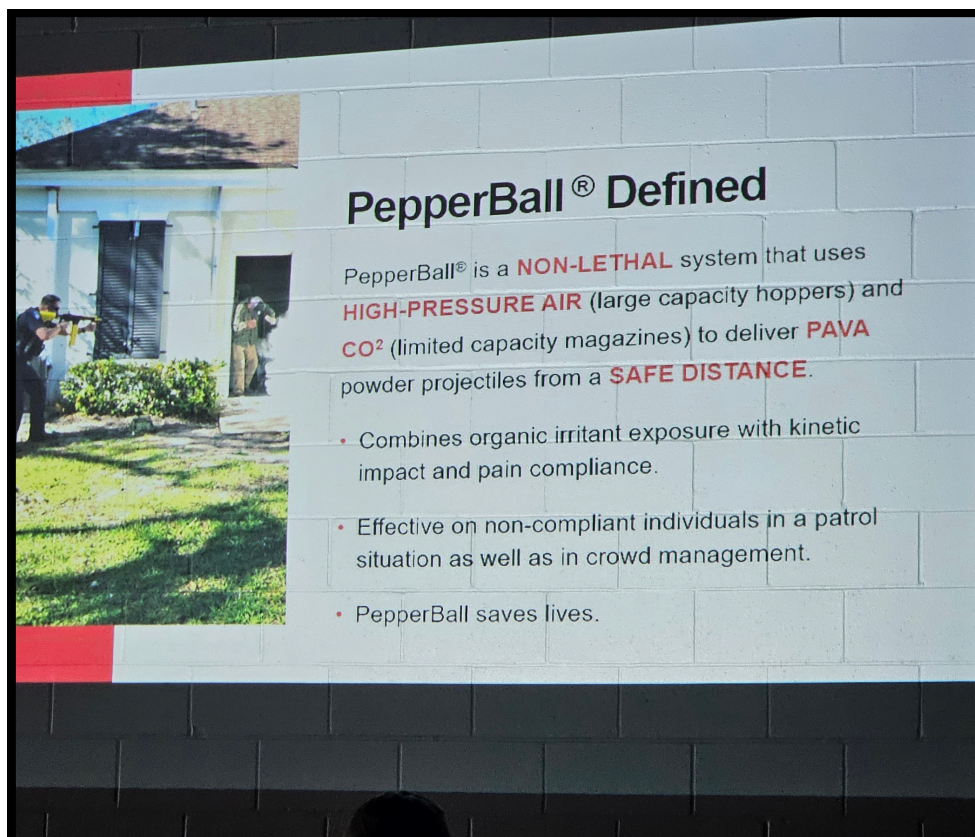
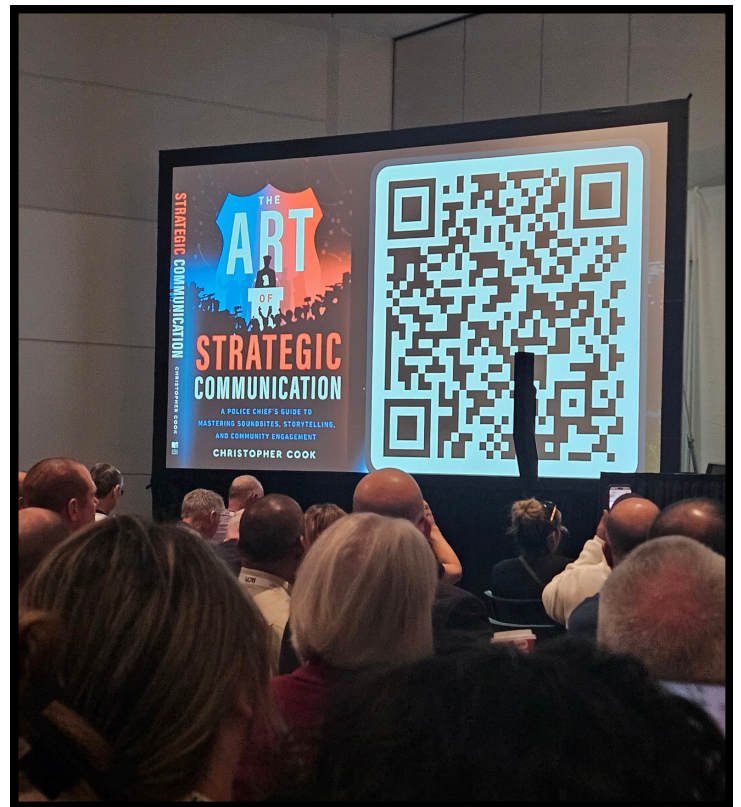
In 2025, the Cottage Grove Police Department logged a total of 2,985 training hours. This total includes two officers who successfully completed the 720-hour Law Enforcement Recruit Academy.



Training remains a top priority for the department as ongoing education and professional development are essential to maintaining high standards of service and ensuring the safety of both officers and the community. Providing opportunities for specialized training enhances officer effectiveness and supports the delivery of professional, responsive policing.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

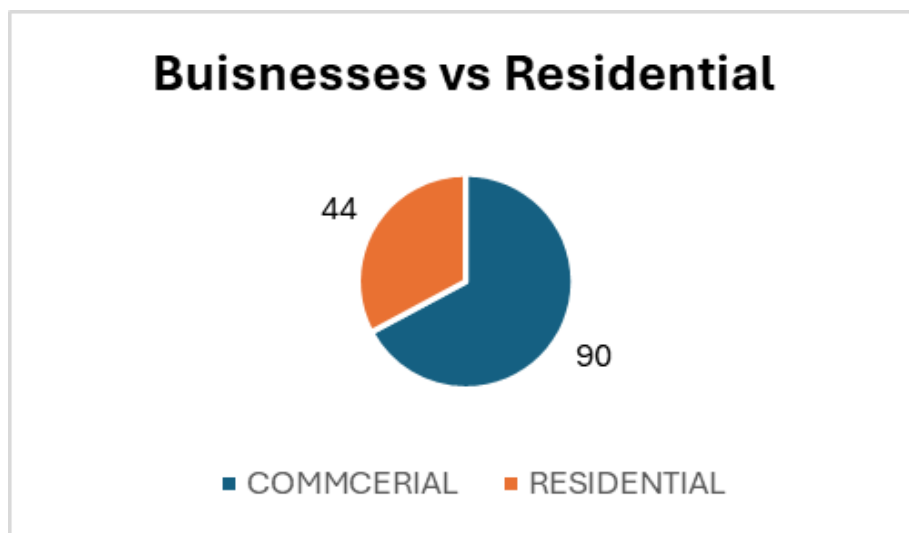
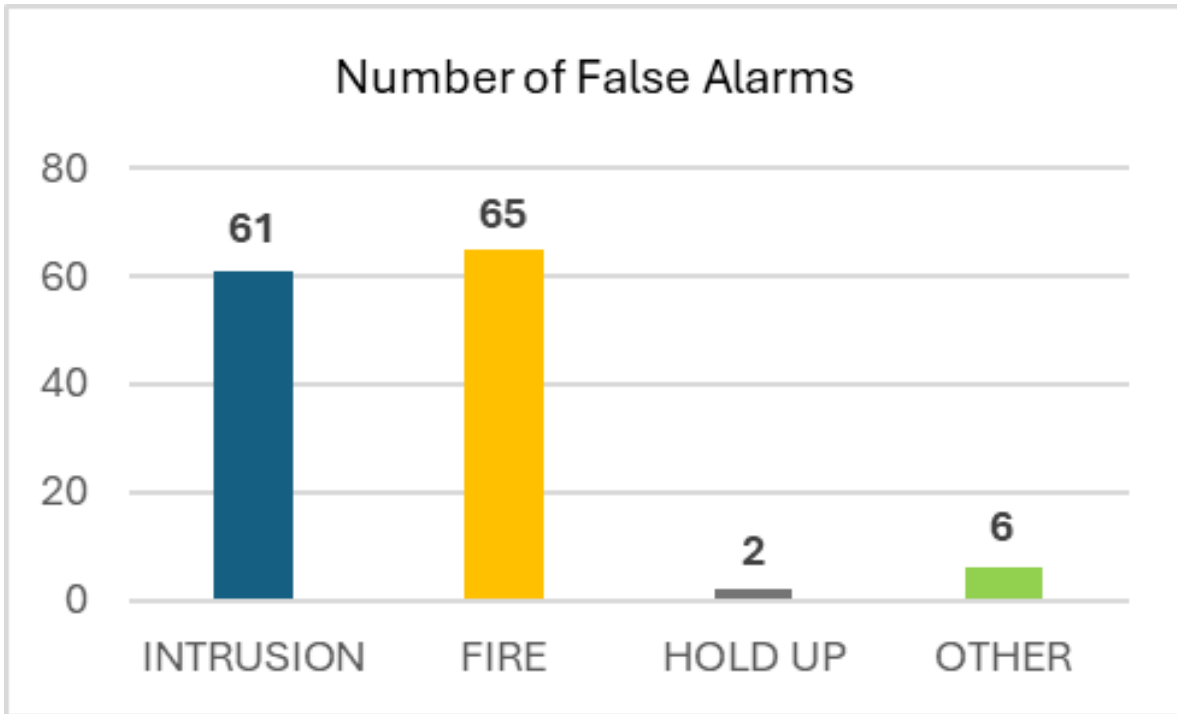
In addition to required training, officers participated in a variety of specialized courses, including Autism Awareness Training through the Autism Society of Wisconsin, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), and Field Training Officer (FTO) Certification.



The Cottage Grove Police Department maintains in-house instructors certified in Firearms, Vehicle Contacts, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Defensive and Arrest Tactics, Field Sobriety Testing, Tactical Response, Less-Lethal Munitions, Non-Lethal Weapons, and Active Shooter Incident Management.

FALSE ALARM OVERVIEW

When Cottage Grove Police Department officers respond promptly to alarm signal(s) from businesses and/or residential locations, they respond with due regard to the increased risk to their safety and of those in the general area.

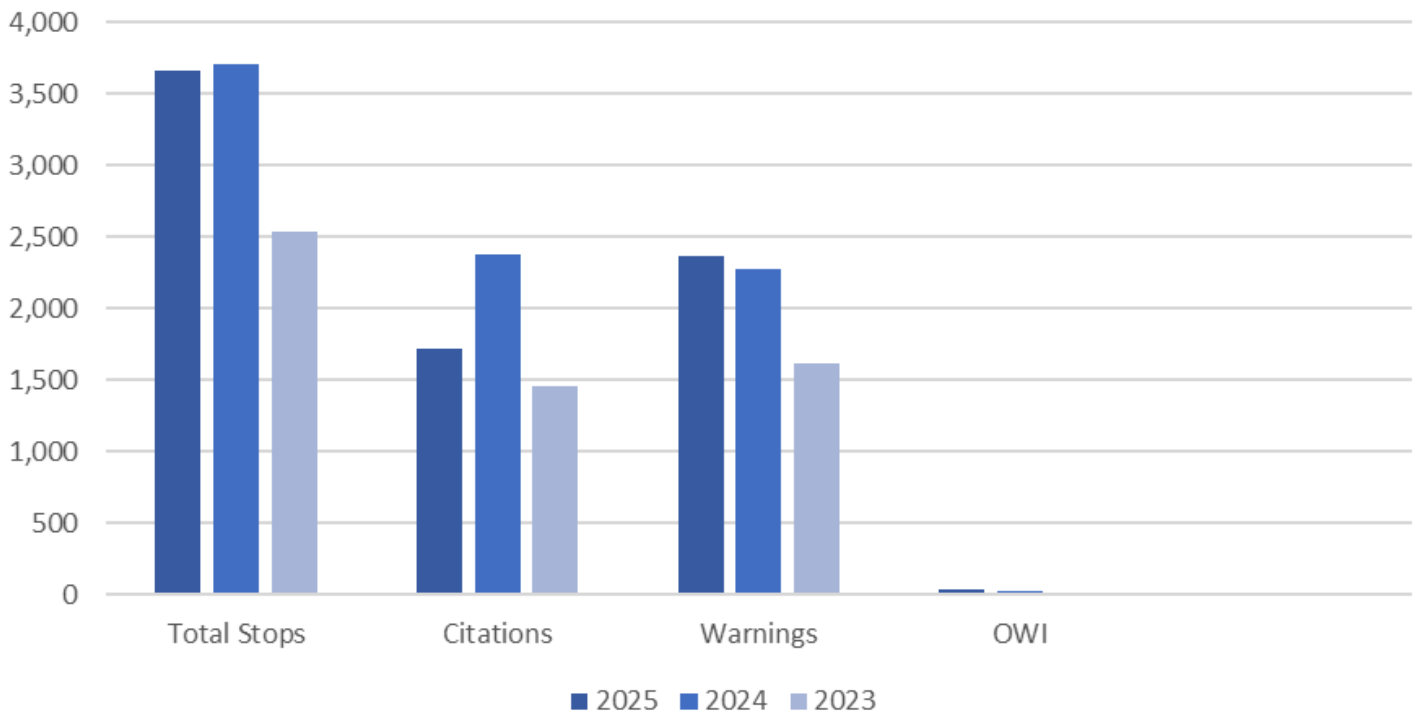


We appreciate your assistance in maintaining a proper working alarm system.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

YEAR	TOTAL STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	OWI
2025	3,658	1,714	2,371	33
2024	3,713	2,374	2,272	27
2023	2,540	1,460	1,620	16

Traffic Enforcement Summary



As part of two Department of Transportation funded traffic grants (OWI Task Force and Seatbelt Task Force) the police department is able to schedule extra patrol shifts geared towards conducting traffic for speed, seatbelt, and operating while intoxicated violations. We are doing our part to reduce traffic crashes which can lead to property damage, serious injury, or even death.

WISCONSIN DOT REPORTABLE TRAFFIC CRASHES

YEAR	TOTAL CRASHES
2025	89
2024	104
2023	97

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

YEAR	TOTAL CITATIONS	ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING	PARKING IN EXCESS OF 24 HOURS PROHIBITED	ABANDONED VEHICLE
2025	948	823	39	7
2024	795	768	15	4
2023	617	544	14	16

Parking Enforcement Summary



Listed above is a chart portraying total parking citations issued for alternate side parking, parking in excess of 24 hours prohibited, and abandoned vehicle from 2025. Also listed are statistics from 2024 and 2023.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Since 2019, the Cottage Grove Police Department has accepted food donations as payment for parking tickets. Each donated food item counts as \$5.00 toward a parking ticket fine. The food donations go to the Cottage Grove Food Pantry. The program runs for approximately one month starting December 1st.



INCIDENT BASED REPORTING



Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System (WIBRS) is managed by the Wisconsin and U.S. Department of Justice. Incident Based Reporting is done by law enforcement agencies across the United States so that there is a uniform method of reporting crime for all. Arrests are reported along with crime clearances for the reported crimes. The crimes are reported by us to the data submission website each month.

Crimes are grouped according to Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. These categories were developed by the US Department of Justice. Crimes against society are the supposed 'victimless' crimes because nobody was assaulted or had their property stolen.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, as of "May 2024, all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia are certified to report crime data to NIBRS., 82% of the U.S. population is covered by NIBRS-reporting law enforcement agencies," and "125 of the 154 police agencies serving cities and counties with a population of 250,000 or more are reporting to NIBRS, covering a total population of more than 76.7 million persons."

INCIDENT BASED REPORTING

The charts below detail the crimes that were committed in the Village of Cottage Grove in 2025.

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

1/2025 - 12/2025

Date Updated: 2/17/2026

Crime Category	Offenses	Victims	Clearances	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total Crime	151	159	134	106	17	123
Crimes Against Persons	42	42	41	31	5	36
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	1	1	0	1
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	4	4	4	0	3	3
• Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	4	4	4	0	3	3
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	37	37	36	30	2	32
• Aggravated Assault	9	9	9	3	0	3
• Simple Assault	25	25	25	26	1	27
• Intimidation	3	3	2	1	1	2
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Society	52	52	47	30	8	38
Weapon Law Violations	3	3	3	1	1	2
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	47	47	43	29	6	35
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	31	31	28	24	2	26
• Drug Equipment Violations	16	16	15	5	4	9
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	2	2	1	0	1	1
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0

INCIDENT BASED REPORTING

Crimes Against Property	57	65	46	45	4	49
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	2	2	5	0	5
Theft/Larceny	33	34	28	29	2	31
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	23	23	24	25	1	26
• Theft From Building	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	3	3	2	3	1	4
• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	6	7	2	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	3	1	1	2	3
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	1	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	5	2	2	0	2
Fraud Offenses	2	2	2	0	0	0
• Fraud - False Pretenses	2	2	2	0	0	0
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Impersonation	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1	3	1	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	11	15	9	8	0	8



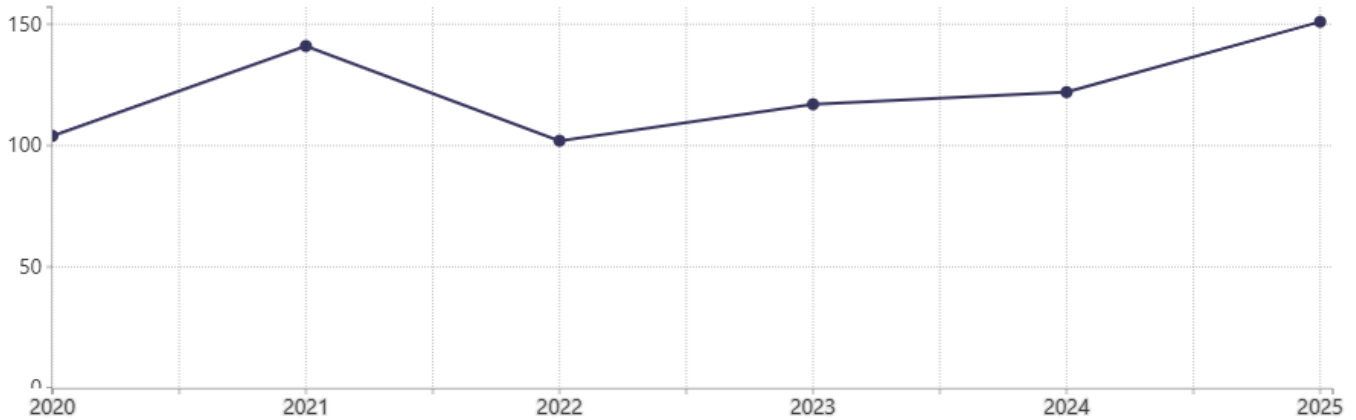
Our community remains at a comparatively low rate year after year, but we would like to think that our crime prevention strategies, community outreach, investigative efforts and patrol strategies have been instrumental in helping with these impressive low rates of crime. Our citizens and businesses are great partners in the fight against crime and together we share credit for making the village safe for all.

INCIDENT BASED REPORTING

Total Offenses for Cottage Grove PD

2020 - 2025

Date Updated: 2/17/2026



Total Offenses by Subcategory

2020 - 2025

Date Updated: 2/17/2026

Offense	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	104	141	102	117	122	151
► Crimes Against Persons	21	9	16	44	28	42
► Crimes Against Property	47	87	34	38	60	57
► Crimes Against Society	36	45	52	35	34	52

The Cottage Grove Police Department responded to a total of 16,958 calls for service in 2025 compared to 15,559 documented calls for service in 2024. These incidents include not only calls for service, but also officer self-initiated activity. Self-initiated calls can be traffic stops, property checks, foot patrols, or other calls that are proactive in nature instead of reactive responses.

The call volume for the police department represents approximately 1,413 calls for service a month, or approximately 47 documented calls for service per day.

According to SafeWise, the Village of Cottage Grove ranked 2nd for the safest cities in Wisconsin. While Mount Horeb was 1st, and Waunakee was 4th, no other cities in Dane County were in the top 10.

USE OF FORCE REVIEW

Village of Cottage Grove

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Mark W. Garry II, M.S.
Chief of Police

January 31, 2026

2025 Use of Force Analysis Report (WILEAG 1.9.1)

The Cottage Grove Police Department investigated 4 (four) Use of Force incidents in 2025.

Comparing the total calls for service 16,958 and Custodial Arrests of 432 to the number of Use of Force applications, the percentage of Use of Force applications is 0.0236% of the total contacts and 0.925% of the total arrests for the year.

The specific applications of force involved the following:

- Electronic Control Device (Taser): 1 (one) deployment.
- Physical Force (Compliance Hold/Passive): 1 (one) application.
- Firearm Displayed: 1 (one) incident.
- Stop Sticks: 1 (one) deployment.
- PAVA Launcher: 1 (one) deployment.

Subjects involved were 3 (three) Males and 1 (one) Female.

- 3 (three) subjects were White.
- 1 (one) subject was Black.

The highest prevalence of force application occurred between the hours of 1700 to 0100 (50%). Force applications were spread across the week with occurrences on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

There were 0 (zero) injuries to officers and 0 (zero) injuries to subjects during these interactions.

The agency takes all Use of Force applications seriously and reviews each incident. The expectation is that all members of the Cottage Grove Police Department fulfil the mission statement "We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe and to enhancing its quality of life through partnership and professional service" every day.

Respectfully,

Mark W. Garry II
Chief of Police

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEW

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Chief of Police

February 12, 2026

2025 Internal Affairs Analysis Report (WILEAG 1.9.6)

The Cottage Grove Police Department investigated 8 (eight) personnel infractions (purported violations of department policies and procedures) in 2025.

The "personnel" infractions involved nine members of the agency, with two members accounting for two of the investigations each.

Violations of policies and procedures were determined to be valid in seven of the eight incidents.

Disciplinary actions taken ranged from Counselling to Resignation in lieu of Termination.

- One of the "personnel" infractions was deemed "Unfounded".

The agency takes all personnel matters seriously and strives to address any concerns in a proficient, effective, and constructive manner. The expectation is that all members of the Cottage Grove Police Department fulfil the mission statement "We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe and to enhancing its quality of life through partnership and professional service" every day.

These internal checks and balances ensure that each member works within the values of the department and community. A review of these incidents shows that officers from the Cottage Grove Police Department follow all Cottage Grove Police Department Policies and Procedures and are held accountable when infractions occur. Any remedial training and/or further investigations are handled in a prompt manner by the agency. All officers maintain a professional and service-oriented approach to law enforcement services for the Village of Cottage Grove.

Respectfully,

Mark W. Garry II
Chief of Police
Cottage Grove Police Department

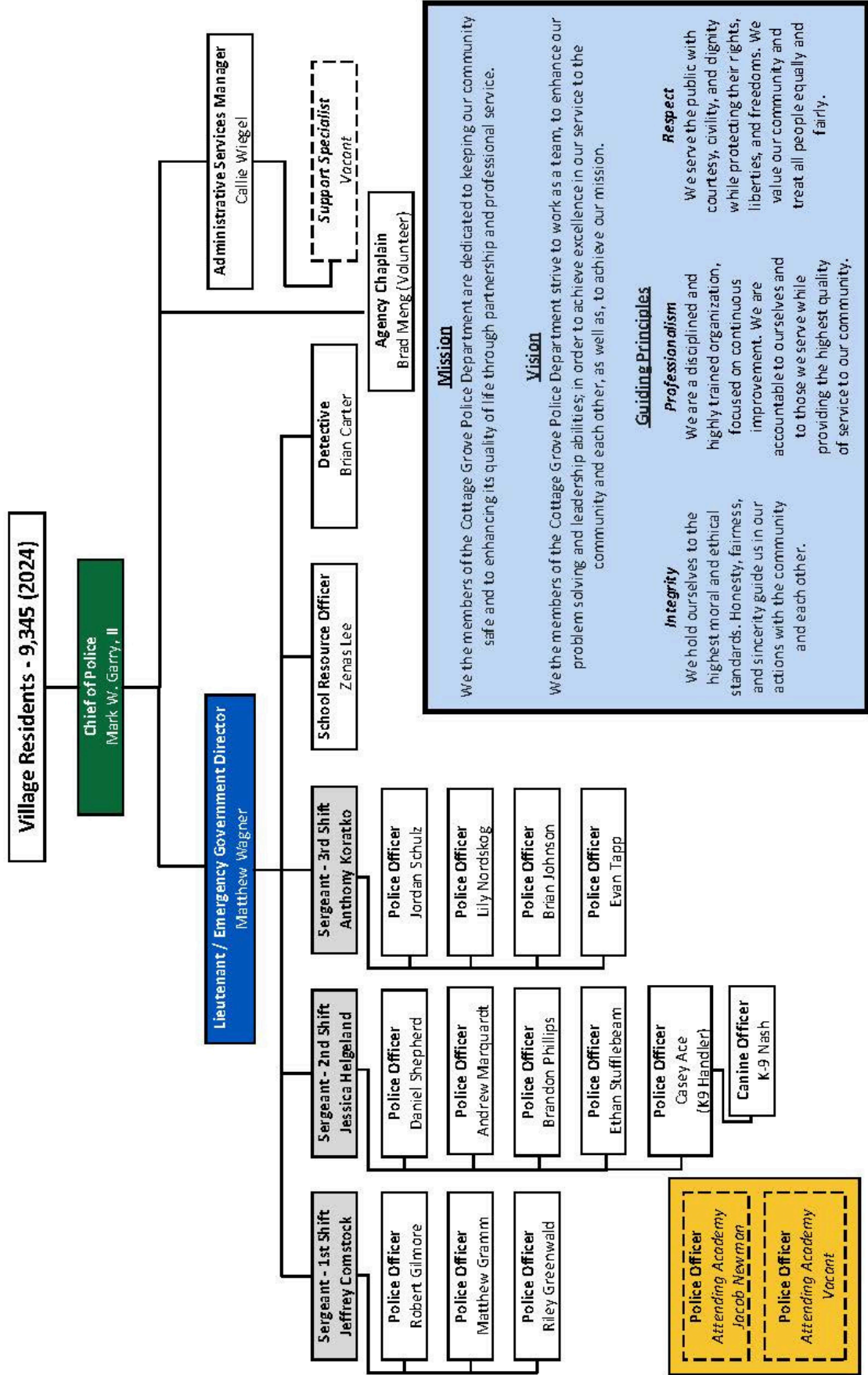
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Police Department Organization Chart - February 1, 2025



Mission
We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe and to enhancing its quality of life through partnership and professional service.

Vision
We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department strive to work as a team, to enhance our problem solving and leadership abilities; in order to achieve excellence in our service to the community and each other, as well as, to achieve our mission.

Guiding Principles

In integrity We hold ourselves to the highest moral and ethical standards. Honesty, fairness, and sincerity guide us in our actions with the community and each other.	Professionalism We are a disciplined and highly trained organization, focused on continuous improvement. We are accountable to ourselves and to those we serve while providing the highest quality of service to our community.	Respect We serve the public with courtesy, civility, and dignity while protecting their rights, liberties, and freedoms. We value our community and treat all people equally and fairly.
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NEW HIRE PERSPECTIVES



Officer Newman joined the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department on January 6, 2025.

Officer Newman grew up in Florida primarily but has lived in many different states because of his 15 years of military service.

Officer Newman enjoys interacting with the community and volunteers for every community event that he can.

Officer Newman is currently assigned to 2nd shift.

Support Specialist Zane joined the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department on February 17, 2025. Support Specialist Zane has eight years of law enforcement experience and was previously employed by the Village of Waunakee Police Department as a police officer. Support Specialist Zane is excited to use her past professional experience to provide quality service to the Cottage Grove community.



NEW HIRE PERSPECTIVES



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Officer Brindle joined the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department on April 28, 2025. Officer Brindle has one year of prior law enforcement experience and began her Field Training Program shortly after being hired. In June 2025, Officer Brindle and her Army unit were deployed to Europe for a one-year mission. Her field training will resume upon her return in June 2026. We wish Officer Brindle the very best during her deployment and extend our sincere gratitude for her service to both our community and our country.

Officer Watters joined the Village of Cottage Grove Police Department on May 28, 2025. Officer Watters grew up in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and attended Madison Area Technical College (MATC) and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Watters strives to make a positive impact, enjoys meeting new people in the Village and looks forward to attending community events.



DEPARTMENT ROSTER

LIEUTENANT MATTHEW WAGNER



This position is responsible for coordinating the day to day operations, assisting in budget maintenance, equipment and fleet maintenance, and oversees all community outreach programs and field training programs. Lt. Wagner manages the department's state accreditation program through Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group and has oversight of all policy and procedure development. Lt. Wagner has been with the department since 2016.

mwagner@cottagegrovepolice.org

SERGEANT JEFFREY COMSTOCK



This position is responsible for the 1st shift officers that patrol the Village from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Comstock is a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), a Field Training Officer and a Standardized Field Sobriety Test/OWI Instructor. Sgt. Comstock has been with the department since 2011.

jcomstock@cottagegrovepolice.org

SERGEANT ANTHONY KORATKO



This position is responsible for the 3rd shift officers that patrol the Village from 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Sgt. Koratko is a Field Training Officer and a Firearms Instructor. Sgt. Koratko has been with the department since 2006.

akoratko@cottagegrovepolice.org

DEPARTMENT ROSTER



SERGEANT JESSICA FRUTIGER

This position is responsible for the 2nd shift officers that patrol the Village from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sgt. Frutiger is a Field Training Officer, Tactical Response Instructor, Defensive and Arrest Tactics Instructor, and Active Shooter Incident Management Instructor. Sgt. Frutiger has been with the department since 2005.

jfrutiger@cottagegrovepolice.org



DETECTIVE BRIAN CARTER

This position is responsible for follow-up on all criminal investigations reported to the patrol division from all three shifts. Detective Carter is trained as a Field Training Officer, and is an instructor in Vehicle Contacts and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. Detective Carter has been with the department since 2011.

bcarter@cottagegrovepolice.org



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

ZENAS LEE

This position is responsible for providing a safe environment for the students, staff and visitors at the four Cottage Grove schools. Officer Lee is one of our Field Training Officers for the department. Officer Lee has been with the department since 2022.

zlee@cottagegrovepolice.org

DEPARTMENT ROSTER



OFFICER ROBERT GILMORE

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the first shift team of officers. Officer Gilmore has been with the department since 2022.

rgilmore@cottagegrovepolice.org



OFFICER MATTHEW GRAMM

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the first shift team of officers. Officer Gramm has been with the department since 2022.

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OFFICER CASEY ACE

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the second shift

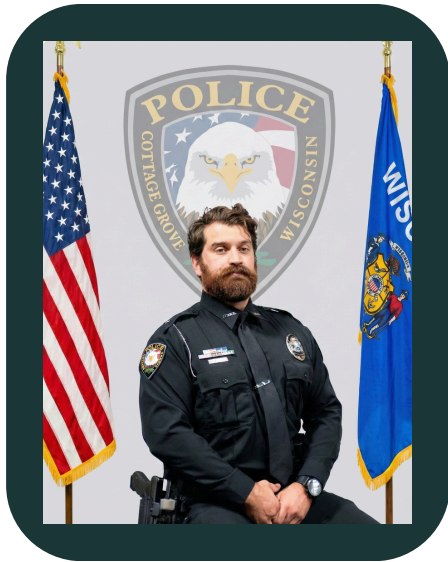
team of officers. Officer Ace became K9 Handler in October 2023. Officer Ace has been with the department since 2023.

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OFFICER K9 NASH

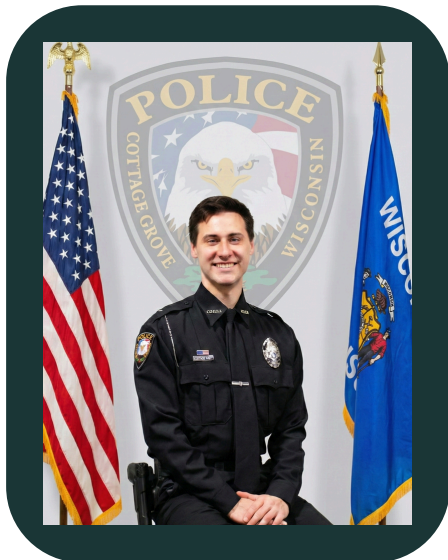
DEPARTMENT ROSTER



OFFICER RILEY GREENWALD

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the first shift team of officers. Officer Greenwald has been with the department since 2023.

rgreenwald@cottagegrovepolice.org



OFFICER ANDREW MARQUARDT

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the second shift team of officers. Officer Marquardt has been with the department since 2024.

amarquardt@cottagegrovepolice.org



OFFICER BRANDON PHILLIPS

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the second shift team of officers. Officer Phillips has been with the department since 2024.

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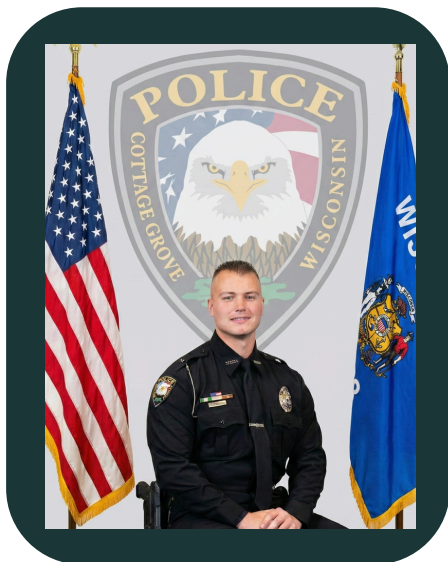
DEPARTMENT ROSTER



OFFICER LILY NORDSKOG

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the third shift team of officers. Officer Nordskog has been with the department since 2024.

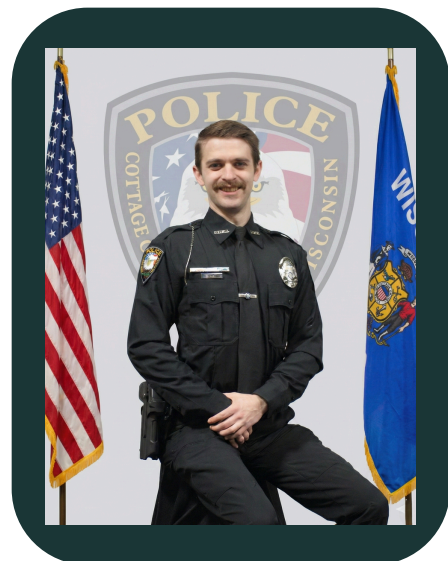
lnordskog@cottagegrovepolice.org



OFFICER BRIAN JOHNSON

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the third shift team of officers. Officer Johnson has been with the department since 2024.

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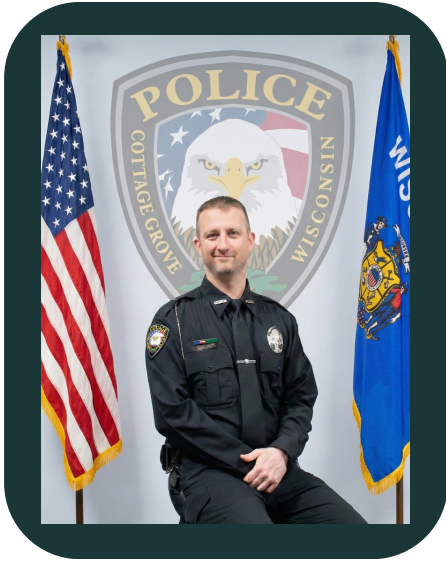


OFFICER EVAN TAPP

This is a patrol officer position that is responsible for responding to calls for service on the third shift team of officers. Officer Tapp has been with the department since 2024.

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DEPARTMENT ROSTER



OFFICER JACOB NEWMAN

Officer Newman has been with the department since 2025. Officer Newman successfully completed the Police Academy and then began the field training program.

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OFFICER KRYSTAL BRINDLE

Officer Brindle has been with the department since 2025. Officer Brindle started the field training program, however, her and her Army unit were deployed to Europe for a one-year mission. Officer Brindle will continue the field training program upon her return in 2026.

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OFFICER CARTER WATTERS

Officer Watters has been with the department since 2025. Officer Watters successfully completed the Police Academy and then began the field training program.

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DEPARTMENT ROSTER



ADMIN SERVICES MANAGER CALLIE WIEGEL

This position functions as an executive assistant to the Chief of Police and provides comprehensive administrative and clerical support services to all police department staff. This position is responsible for overseeing all records and records management, generating statistical information and monthly police department activity reports, answering non-emergency telephone calls and processing walk-in complaints/payments/inquiries. Callie has been with the department since 2017.

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POLICE/COURT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

CLAIRE ZANE

This position maintains and updates department files, enters data into the records management software, transcribes recorded dictations, answers non-emergency telephone calls and processes walk-in complaints/payments/inquiries. This position also assists the court clerk for Village Court. Claire has been with the department since 2025.

czane@cottagegrovepolice.org



CHAPLAIN BRAD MENG

Chaplain Meng has been with the department since 2022.

CHAPLAIN SHANNON COLWIN

Chaplain Colwin has been with the department since 2025.



DEPARTMENT ROSTER



OFFICER DANIEL SHEPHERD

Officer Shepherd was hired in 2023 as a patrol officer. In 2025, Officer Shepherd left the department to pursue a law enforcement career in a different state. We wish him the best and thank him for his service and dedication to the Village of Cottage Grove!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!



OFFICER JORDAN SCHULZ

Officer Schulz was hired in 2023 as a patrol officer. In 2025, Officer Schulz left the department. We wish him the best and thank him for his service and dedication to the Village of Cottage Grove!

BEST
WISHES



OFFICER ETHAN STUFFLEBEAM

Officer Stufflebeam was hired in 2024 as a patrol officer. In 2025, Officer Stufflebeam left the department to pursue a law enforcement career with another department. We wish him the best and thank him for his service and dedication to the Village of Cottage Grove!

EMPLOYEE / DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Cottage Grove Police Department had several significant accomplishments in 2025.



The Cottage Grove Police Department was awarded the Deer

Creek Innovative Program award and the Lexipol Team Leader award in February 2025 at the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Winter Conference. The program is also highlighted annually by local media outlets recognizing the police department for its work in both helping those in need and building stronger bonds in the community.

The department also invested in specialized leadership development for its supervisory staff. Sergeants attended advanced leadership programs, including the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University's Supervision of Police Personnel, and the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Executive Leadership Institute.

EMPLOYEE / DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Sergeant Comstock

graduated from Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command in April 2025, which is an intensive leadership and management education program that helps prepare experienced law



enforcement professionals for success in senior command positions.

Sergeant Frutiger completed the Northwestern University Supervision of Police Personnel program, which is an advanced course of study providing comprehensive instruction in communication, community engagement, motivation, employee discipline, performance evaluation, and other critical supervisory competencies. The curriculum places particular emphasis on understanding human behavior to effectively manage daily professional interactions with subordinates, superiors, and members of the public. It further prepares emerging supervisors to address common organizational and leadership challenges with professionalism and proficiency.



Sergeant Koratko completed a supervisory course through the FBI-LEEDA organization, which emphasizes the generational influences on leadership, essential leadership traits, the four pillars of discipline, and the development of leadership as a continuous professional lifestyle.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY



A KEY MILESTONE FOR 2025 WAS REACHED BY TAKING MAJOR STEPS TOWARD A MODERN POLICE STATION DESIGNED TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.



Entry Lobby



Community Room

The Village Board approved the \$16.27 million investment in August 2025, and awarded the construction bid to Riley Construction Company, Inc. This facility is designed to meet operational requirements and anticipated long-term needs for the agency and community.

CONCLUSION

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of the Cottage Grove Police Department are dedicated to keeping our community safe and to enhancing its quality of life through partnership and professional service

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

1. *Preserve and Advance Democratic Values*
2. *Improve the Quality of Community Life*
3. *Compassion*
4. *Professionalism*
5. *Pride*
6. *Teamwork*
7. *Commitment*
8. *Excellence*
9. *Quality Service*

66.0313 Law enforcement; mutual assistance.

(1) In this section:

(a) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. [165.83 \(1\) \(b\)](#) and includes a tribal law enforcement agency.

(b) “Tribal law enforcement agency” has the meaning given in s. [165.83 \(1\) \(e\)](#).

(2) Except as provided in sub. (4), upon the request of any law enforcement agency, including county law enforcement agencies as provided in s. [59.28 \(2\)](#), the law enforcement personnel of any other law enforcement agency may assist the requesting agency within the latter’s jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other jurisdictional provision. For purposes of ss. [895.35](#) and [895.46](#), law enforcement personnel, while acting in response to a request for assistance, shall be deemed employees of the requesting agency and, to the extent that those sections apply to law enforcement personnel and a law enforcement agency acting under or affected by this section, ss. [895.35](#) and [895.46](#) shall apply to tribal law enforcement personnel and a tribal law enforcement agency acting under or affected by this section.

(3) The provisions of s. [66.0513](#) apply to this section and, to the extent that s. [66.0513](#) applies to law enforcement personnel and a law enforcement agency acting under or affected by this section, it applies to tribal law enforcement personnel and a tribal law enforcement agency acting under or affected by this section.

(4) A law enforcement agency, other than a tribal law enforcement agency, may not respond to a request for assistance from a tribal law enforcement agency at a location outside the law enforcement agency’s territorial jurisdiction unless all of the following apply:

(a) One of the following applies:

1. The governing body of the tribe that created the tribal law enforcement agency adopts and has in effect a resolution that includes a statement that the tribe waives its sovereign immunity to the extent necessary to allow the enforcement in the courts of this state of its liability under sub. (2) and s. [66.0513](#) or another resolution that the department of justice determines will reasonably allow the enforcement in the courts of this state of the tribe’s liability under sub. (2) and s. [66.0513](#).

2. The tribal law enforcement agency or the tribe that created the tribal law enforcement agency maintains liability insurance that does all of the following:

a. Covers the tribal law enforcement agency for its liability under sub. (2) and s. [66.0513](#).

b. Has a limit of coverage not less than \$2,000,000 for any occurrence.

c. Provides that the insurer, in defending a claim against the policy, may not raise the defense of sovereign immunity of the insured up to the limits of the policy.

3. The law enforcement agency and the tribal law enforcement agency have in place an agreement under which the law enforcement agency accepts liability under sub. (2) and s. [66.0513](#) for instances in which it responds to a request for assistance from the tribal law enforcement agency.

(b) The tribal law enforcement agency requesting assistance has provided to the department of justice a copy of the resolution under par. (a) 1., proof of insurance under par. (a) 2., or a copy of the agreement under par. (a) 3., and the department of justice has posted either a copy of the document or notice of the document on the Internet site it maintains for exchanging information with law enforcement agencies.

History: [1999 a. 150](#) ss. [81](#), [362](#), [363](#); Stats. 1999 s. 66.0313; [2009 a. 264](#).

The statutes do not permit the creation of a separate regional law enforcement agency; neither the sheriff nor the county board has power to delegate supervisory or law enforcement powers to such an agency. 63 Atty. Gen. 596.

A request for assistance may be implicit. United States v. Mattes, [687 F.2d 1039](#) (1982).

66.0513 Police, pay when acting outside county or municipality.

- (1) Any chief of police, sheriff, deputy sheriff, county traffic officer or other peace officer of any city, county, village or town, who is required by command of the governor, sheriff or other superior authority to maintain the peace, or who responds to the request of the authorities of another municipality, to perform police or peace duties outside territorial limits of the city, county, village or town where the officer is employed, is entitled to the same wage, salary, pension, worker's compensation, and all other service rights for this service as for service rendered within the limits of the city, county, village or town where regularly employed.
- (2) All wage and disability payments, pension and worker's compensation claims, damage to equipment and clothing, and medical expense arising under sub. (1), shall be paid by the city, county, village or town regularly employing the officer. Upon making the payment the city, county, village or town shall be reimbursed by the state, county or other political subdivision whose officer or agent commanded the services out of which the payments arose.

History: [1975 c. 147 s. 54](#); [1999 a. 150 s. 367](#); Stats. 1999 s. 66.0513.

The use of the phrase "required by command" in sub. (1) plainly does not mean that officers who volunteer to go to another city, county, village, or town are excluded from worker's compensation and other benefits. A governmental body obligated to reimburse another for worker's compensation payments under this section is obligated under worker's compensation law for purposes of worker's compensation insurance coverage. *Milwaukee County v. Juneau County*, [2004 WI App 23](#), [269 Wis. 2d 730](#), [676 N.W.2d 513](#), [02-2880](#).

GENERAL ORDER

COTTAGE GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 07/13/2015

WILEAG: 1.6.2, 13.1.1.1, 13.1.1.4, 13.1.2, 13.2.1

POLICY NUMBER: 1.6.2 Mutual / CAPMAR

SUBJECT: Mutual Aid / CAPMAR Policy

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

AUTHOR: Lt. Matthew Wagner

LAST REVISION: 02/06/2024

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I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for requesting mutual aid, providing mutual aid and Capital Area Police Mutual Aid Response (CAPMAR). The policy will also define the department's mutual aid obligations as they relate to state statutes.

II. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the Cottage Grove Police Department to respond to requests for mutual aid from other law enforcement agencies and participate in the CAPMAR program.
- B. It is the intent of this department to actively participate in the CAPMAR program and to both utilize its capabilities when we are in need as well as to provide personnel to other departments when they are in need. Employees of the Cottage Grove Police Department will familiarize themselves with CAPMAR concepts and remain ready to utilize the program. The Chiefs of participating departments have agreed in advance to honor all CAPMAR requests whenever it is possible to do so, and to back-fill their agency with staffing necessary to continue with routine business in their community.

III. DISCUSSION

IV. DEFINITIONS

- A. Mutual Aid – An exchange of services, personnel, and/or equipment between law enforcement agencies.
- B. Emergency Situation – An actual or potential condition, which poses an immediate threat to life or property. In the context of mutual aid, it means a situation that exceeds the capability of a police agency to counteract successfully.

- C. CAPMAR – An acronym for Capitol Area Police Mutual Aid Response. CAPMAR is a coordinated responses protocol consisting of 23 Dane County Police agencies. It operates under existing mutual aid statutes, and requested personnel thereby operate under the authority and liability of the requesting agency.
- D. CAPMAR Activation/Callout – Refers to the act of a sworn police officer requesting a CAPMAR response.

V. PROCEDURE

A. Non-Emergency Requests for Mutual Aid

- a. Non-emergency requests from other law enforcement agencies that are not imminent shall be directed to the Chief of Police or a Supervisor. The Chief of Police or Supervisor will be responsible for evaluating the request and deciding what resources, if any, will be assigned. If the Chief of Police or Supervisor are unavailable at the time of the request, and the request is imminent, the officer on-duty has authorization to grant a request for non-emergency aid.

B. Responding to Emergency Requests for Mutual Aid

- a. Requests for providing mutual aid will be directed to the Supervisor or officers working at the time of the request.
- b. Supervisors or the on-duty officers will be responsible for evaluating the request for aid and assigning personnel and equipment.
- c. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for coordinating the assignment of manpower and resources that will be deployed in the case of a large-scale mutual aid incident (e.g. demonstration, disaster, major crime scene, etc.).
- d. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Determining the number of personnel that will respond and the support equipment needed.
 - 2. Selecting the method of transportation that will be used to convey manpower and resources.
 - 3. Identifying the staging area, as well as the safest route to that location.

4. Determining the uniform that should be worn, the equipment needed (e.g. helmet, baton, gas mask, etc.), if the standard duty uniform is not appropriate.
5. Identifying the radio frequency that should be used by responding personnel.

C. General Responsibilities

- a. When taking law enforcement action when responding to a mutual aid request, including the use of force, officers shall adhere to the policies and procedures of the Cottage Grove Police Department and utilize only those weapons and tactics with which they have qualified.
- b. Officers responding to mutual aid requests shall as much as possible, inform the Dane County Communications Center of the continued status of the incident, officer injury, and the need for relief.
- c. Officers shall terminate their assisting role when:
 1. The incident has drawn to a safe conclusion.
 2. Relieved of their duties by another officer from the requesting agency.
 3. Recalled to the jurisdictional boundaries of the Village of Cottage Grove by a supervisor.

D. Requesting Mutual Aid

- a. If our resources immediately available at the time of an incident are not adequate, supervisors or the on-duty officers shall estimate the amount of assistance needed and direct the Communications Center to contact specific law enforcement agencies for assistance.
- b. When possible, the following information should be provided by the communications center to those law enforcement agencies that are contacted:
 1. Description of incident/situation/emergency.
 2. Amount of manpower requested.

3. Additional equipment needed.
 4. Specific tasks to be accomplished by responding personnel, if known.
 5. Radio frequency to be utilized by responding personnel.
- c. When the Cottage Grove Police Department initiates a request for mutual aid, the Supervisor or the on-duty officers will direct law enforcement personnel from responding agencies to assist in reduced-liability positions, if possible.
- E. Request for Specialized Units
- a. Certain situations may require the response of specialized units (e.g. S.W.A.T. etc.). If practical and if time permits, requests for specialized units shall be made with the approval of the Chief of Police or a Supervisor. If the Chief of Police or Supervisors are unavailable, the officers on duty have authorization to initiate a request for a specialized unit.
- F. Request for Federal and State Law Enforcement Assistance
- a. Certain situations may require the assistance of a federal or state agency. The Chief of Police or Supervisors will be responsible for approving requests for non-routine emergency mutual aid from state and federal agencies.
 - b. Federal and state resources available to the department include, but are not limited to the Wisconsin State Patrol, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Drug Enforcement Agency, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation.
 - c. In an extreme emergency, the Chief of Police or Supervisors may contact the Village Administrator or County Emergency Management Director and request the services of the National Guard. The Village Administrator or Emergency Management Director is required to seek approval from the Governor or his/her designee for final authorization.
- G. Concurrent Jurisdiction

- a. Resources permitting, all requests for police services in the Village of Cottage Grove shall initially be handled by the Cottage Grove Police Department.
 - b. Enforcement of municipal ordinances within the Village of Cottage Grove shall be the responsibility of the Village Departments having authority thereof. Ordinances relating to traffic control, public peace and safety, and civil order are primarily enforced by the police department.
 - c. County, state, and federal agencies shall maintain concurrent jurisdiction within the Village of Cottage Grove when conducting investigations and taking enforcement action, as guaranteed by state and federal statutes.
 - d. The serving of civil process within the Village of Cottage Grove shall be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office except as noted in the **SERVING LEGAL PROCESS** Policy.
- H. Utilization of CAPMAR
- a. The intent of CAPMAR is to provide immediate mutual aid assistance.
 - 1. All sworn Cottage Grove police employees are authorized to initiate a CAPMAR callout, and at their discretion.
 - 2. If a supervisor is on duty and able to immediately decide to initiate a CAPMAR callout, they will do so.
 - 3. If no supervisor is on duty or they are not able to make an immediate decision, such as they are in a meeting, the senior officer on duty will make this decision, and there is no requirement to seek permission from a supervisor in this instance.
 - 4. Officers shall not delay in making this callout decision; rather the decision should be made quickly. Delay contradicts the intent of the CAPMAR program.
 - b. How and when CAPMAR will be utilized by the Cottage Grove Police Department
 - 1. The CAPMAR system is designed to provide anywhere from 5 to 40 police officers, depending on the type of incident, and in an expedient and systematic manner.

2. CAPMAR is not intended to replace the customary system of assisting other agencies. Ordinary, routine backup to typical incident types will be handled as it has been in the past.
 - Example 1: Requesting one DCSO unit to assist with a traffic stop or domestic would not be appropriate for a CAPMAR callout.
3. Examples of incidents that would be appropriate for a CAPMAR callout (not exhaustive, examples only):
 - Large civil disturbance or protest.
 - Large fight in progress.
 - Lost child or endangered adult.
 - Active shooter incident.
 - Natural disaster (tornado, flood, etc.).
 - Serious traffic accident requiring major roadways to be shut down.
 - HAZMAT or environmental emergency.
 - Barricaded subject.

I. Initiating a CAPMAR Response to the Village of Cottage Grove

- a. Responding officer(s) will quickly develop an “approximate estimation” of their personnel needs over the next one to two hours, taking into consideration:
 1. Supervisory needs.
 2. Staffing of staging areas, command post, media staging, etc.
- b. Advise dispatch that you are requesting level __ CAPMAR response.
- c. Advise dispatch where units are to respond (i.e. predetermined staging area, the scene, command post, police department, etc.).

- d. Advise dispatch whether you are requesting an emergency or non-emergency response.
- e. CAMPAR is designed to be flexible. You can:
 - 1. Specify only a certain number of officers within a level (i.e. level one, but only need three officers).
 - 2. Add, subtract, or disregard level or units at any time as the incident develops.
- f. Upon the arrival of a Cottage Grove police supervisor that is not actively engaged in point of contact field operations, or another supervisor requested to assist at the command post, mutual aid decision authority will then be transferred to that supervisor for the remaining life of the CAPMAR callout.
- g. Notification requirements following a CAPMAR callout in the Village of Cottage Grove
 - 1. If a CAPMAR callout has been initiated in the Village of Cottage Grove, the Chief of Police or designee will be notified as soon as practically possible.
 - 2. If a CAPMAR callout has been initiated in the Village of Cottage Grove of a level three or higher, the Chief of Police shall be notified as soon as practical.
- J. Responding to a CAPMAR Callout Requested by Another Jurisdiction
 - a. It is the intent of the Cottage Grove Police Department to respond to all CAPMAR callouts from other departments when requested by dispatch. That said, all participating departments understand that circumstances at the time of callout could prevent a department from responding. Below are examples of circumstances in which Cottage Grove officers will not respond to a CAPMAR request:
 - 1. All available staff are out of service handling an incident in Cottage Grove that is of equal or greater seriousness than of the requesting agency.

2. All available staff are out of service handling an incident in Cottage Grove that is of a serious nature and must be dealt with immediately.
3. Some other circumstance exists, such as a mechanical or equipment problem or failure that would render you of no use to the incident.
4. In the event one of the circumstances exist and you are unable to respond, notify dispatch of this immediately following their request for your response. Dispatch is trained to handle this situation and will simply move ahead on the list until they have secured the number of personnel requested.

K. Response

- a. Upon request by dispatch, the requested officer will respond immediately to the request. Supervisory approval is not required.
- b. Each time our agency is requested, one officer from the Cottage Grove Police Department will respond.
- c. If a supervisor is on duty and able to immediately designate who will respond, they will make this decision.
- d. If a supervisor is on duty but unable to immediately designate who will respond, such as in a meeting, the most senior officer on duty will respond.
- e. Officers shall not delay in their response, as delay defeats the intent of the CAPMAR program.

L. How to Respond

- a. Officers will respond in adherence to the wishes of the requesting agency, emergency, or non-emergency.
- b. Officers will respond to the specific location directed by dispatch.
- c. Responding officers will do so with due regard and in accordance with department policy, training and State Statute related to emergency vehicle operation. Officers will drive with due regard.

- d. Officers will respond to a CAPMAR callout only if specifically requested. Officers will not self-initiate their response unless they happen to be in very close proximity to the incident location. In this instance officers will notify dispatch of their location and ask if they are needed.

M. Actions When on Scene in Another Jurisdiction

- a. CAPMAR operates under the authority of the State of Wisconsin Mutual Aid Statutes, and as such you are acting under the authority and liability of the requesting agency.
- b. Officers will function under the direction and supervision of the requesting department, or under the direction and supervision of a supervisor from an outside agency as authorized by the requesting department.

N. Post-CAPMAR Callout Staffing Considerations

- a. The police chiefs of the departments participating in CAPMAR have agreed in advance to backfill staffing in their own agencies following a CAPMAR callout.
- b. Upon being notified of or becoming aware of a CAPMAR request to which Cottage Grove Police personnel have responded, the supervisor will assess the immediate staffing needs of the department, taking into consideration:
 - 1. The incident type and likely length of time Cottage Grove staff will be out of service.
 - 2. Where the incident is occurring and what the likelihood is of additional Cottage Grove units being requested soon, referencing the CAPMAR incident card for the requesting agency as a resource and considering what level of callout has already been activated.
 - 3. The current needs of the Cottage Grove Police Department and availability of staff.
- c. Supervisors are pre-authorized to backfill staffing as they see fit, and in accordance with standard procedures typically used to call in staff.

O. Notification Requirements When Responding to a CAPMAR Callout from another Jurisdiction

- a. In the event an officer is requested to respond to a CAPMAR callout, they will notify the Chief of Police or designee as soon as practically possible. If another officer is working, other than the one requested, that officer will make this notification.
 - b. If two or more Cottage Grove officers have been requested, the Chief of Police or designee will determine if the incident requires additional Cottage Grove Police resources.
- P. Reporting Requirements
- a. Officers responding to a CAPMAR callout will complete an incident report, documenting their actions at the scene, amount of time spent at the scene and any injuries or equipment problems, or damage experienced.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

APPENDIX A

CAPMAR AGREEMENT
Revision Date: July 2, 2014

THE DANE COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION
CAPITAL AREA POLICE MUTUAL AID RESPONSE
PLAN
CAPMAR

PURPOSE

The Capital Area Police Mutual Aid Response (C.A.P.M.A.R.) is a law enforcement mutual aid system operating in Dane County Wisconsin. The purpose of the program is:

1. To provide extra law enforcement personnel and equipment at the scene of law enforcement emergencies.
2. To provide for automatic response of law enforcement personnel from participating law enforcement agencies.
3. To provide for contractual responsibilities and liabilities.
4. To foster a cooperative spirit for law enforcement emergency planning.
5. To provide Dane County Communities with an extra layer of protection and service in the face of law enforcement and community emergencies.

CAPMAR does not relieve a community or law enforcement agency of their responsibility to provide adequate personnel and equipment for day to day law enforcement operations. Each community must have its own adequate defense and reserves. A community should only resort to CAPMAR when a law enforcement emergency has caused its law enforcement agency to exceed its own capabilities and additional resources are needed in order to insure life safety, incident stabilization, and property preservation. Communities must use its own available resources first.

DEFINITIONS

Aiding Agency – An agency furnishing law enforcement personnel and/or equipment to a requesting agency.

Response Log – A form used by the CAPMAR dispatcher to record the response to a mutual aid request under this program.

Incident – A situation that threatens or causes loss of life and/or property and exceeds the physical and organization capabilities of a unit of local government. Generally, the word “Incident” within this

document refers to situations (emergencies) connected to a law enforcement response to major crimes, public disorders, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, terrorist activities, severe storms, floods, transportation accidents, other disasters and similar occurrences.

Mutual Aid – A prearranged agreement and plan whereby regular response and assistance is provided in the event of incidents from a requesting agency by the aiding agency in accordance with law and/or written agreement of the participating agencies.

CAPMAR Dispatcher – Predetermined law enforcement communications centers responsible for the coordination and assignment of law enforcement mutual aid personnel under this plan. The Primary Dispatch Center will handle most requests for mutual aid. The Alternate Dispatch Centers will handle the activities should the primary dispatcher become involved in the incident.

Primary Dispatch Center: Dane County Public Safety Communications Center

1st Alternate: Fitchburg Police Department

2nd Alternate: Middleton Police Department

Police Incident Area – A geographic area in which a Police Incident Location exists.

Police Incident Assignment – A predetermined listing of personnel and equipment that will respond to aid a requesting agency.

Law Enforcement Officer – Any certified law enforcement officer who has the power to arrest and authorized to carry a service weapon.

Self-Dispatching – Any time an officer responds to a complaint outside of his or her jurisdiction without being formally requested by mutual aid.

Squad Car – A law enforcement vehicle that is equipped with mounted or portable warning lights and has communications equipment.

Staging Area – A location outside the immediate incident area where law enforcement personnel and equipment will assemble.

Staging Area Manager – Individual assigned to coordinate activities at the staging area.

Requesting Agency – The municipality or jurisdiction in which an incident occurs that is of such magnitude that it cannot be adequately handled by the local law enforcement agency.

THE CAPMAR INCIDENT RESPONSE MATRIX

CAPMAR consists of a series of personnel response levels designed to meet the needs of varying degrees of emergencies. At the same time, the plan insures that aiding agencies maintain adequate personnel levels in their own communities. Predetermined response of personnel and equipment from participating communities is listed on the Incident Response Matrix.

A CAPMAR Level 1 incident would be expected to be handled by five (5) or less aiding agency officers responding to the scene. If the incident is larger and/or escalates and more personnel are needed, the aiding agency can initiate additional levels. Each additional level brings five (5) more officers and equipment to the staging area.

The Police Incident Response Card contains the following information:

1. *Agency name and Phone Number*
2. *Police Incident Assignments*

Shows responding units for each level
3. *Police Incident Staging areas*

Responding units will respond to the requesting agencies law enforcement department unless otherwise requested.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A CAPMAR RESPONSE

1. CAPMAR response should only be requested with the approval of Police Administrative Commanders. If they are unavailable for contact, the shift commander/supervisor (or as otherwise provided by department policy) is authorized to call for such assistance.
2. After determining the scope of the incident and plan level needed to bring the situation under control, the requesting agency will contact the Dane County Public Safety Communications Center and provide the following information:
 - A. The name of the requesting agency.
 - B. The Police Incident Staging Area to be used.
 - C. The Police Incident Plan level requested.
 - D. The nature of the incident.
 - E. Any other special details or instructions for responding personnel.
 - F. Respond as emergency or non-emergency vehicle.
3. The DCPSCC shall designate a CAPMAR Dispatcher who will be primary communication coordinator for the incident. DCPSCC will be responsible for coordination of the incident until completed.

4. A PSAP community, in whose jurisdiction the incident has occurred, may request to handle a CAPMAR Incident on their own. However, the PSAP community will then assume responsibility for coordinating the incident.
5. The CAPMAR Dispatcher will check the Police Incident Response Card and notify those departments due to respond to the requesting agency's incident.
6. Agencies due to respond will acknowledge the mutual aid request and, unless otherwise directed, immediately dispatch the required personnel to the appropriate staging area.
7. The Dane County Public Safety Communication Center Dispatcher will either activate the CAPMAR designated radio channel or direct responding unit to an alternative talk group.
8. If an agency cannot, because of an existing situation, immediately send the required personnel, they must notify the CAPMAR dispatcher immediately so that fill-in personnel can be assigned from the next plan level or elsewhere.
9. The Incident Commander will assign someone to act as the Staging Area Manager. The Staging area coordinator will report to the Staging Area and deploy the CAPMAR personnel as appropriate.
10. Unless otherwise directed, each law enforcement officer assigned to respond to a Police Incident will respond in uniform in a squad car. No police officer will respond to a mutual aid request unless directed by his/her agency.
11. Self-dispatching:
 - A. When CAPMAR has been requested, self-dispatching should not occur. CAPMAR is a formal mutual aid event and carries with it formal obligations.
 - B. Emergency Assistance for shots fired, or some other emergency broadcasts that indicates imminent danger, may precede CAPMAR activation and trigger an officer to self-dispatch prior to CAPMAR request.
 - C. The officer who self-dispatched shall only respond if they are in the immediate area to the officer calling assistance.
 - D. The self-dispatched officer shall inform dispatch of his/her activities and that they are responding.
 - E. The self-dispatched officer shall respond in a safe manner using due regard and consistent with Wisconsin Statutes and their agencies policies.

OPERATIONS AT THE EMERGENCY SITE

1. The initial responsibility of the requesting agency at the incident site is to evaluate the extent of the emergency situation and take immediate steps to ensure that adequate law enforcement

personnel and equipment are made available. Incident Command will be established and followed regarding NIMS protocols.

2. The Incident Commander of the requesting agency shall assume full responsibility and command for operations at the scene if possible. No responding agency will take command for operations at the scene unless the requesting agency specifically requests same and relinquishes their command, which in return is accepted by said responding agency. The incident commander will assign personnel and equipment of the aiding agency to positions when and where he/she deems necessary.
3. Some suggested uses of mutual aid personnel are:
 - A. Provide care and aid to injured
 - B. Search and Rescue Operations
 - C. Evacuation
 - D. Traffic and Crowd Control
 - E. Perimeter Security
 - F. Maintain Regular Law Enforcement Service
4. As a general rule, mutual aid personnel will supplement the requesting agency's forces, and as such, should not be assigned to hazardous duties when adequate personnel from the requesting agency exist.
5. Common English language will be used in contrast to codes and ten-signals.
6. The Incident Commander shall insure that mutual aid personnel are released and returned to duty in their own communities as soon as the situation is restored to the point which permits the requesting municipality to satisfactorily handle it with its own resources. When possible, the requesting agency should call responding agencies and advise how long they will be keeping their personnel.

LIMITING/TERMINATING A CAPMAR RESPONSE

1. Whenever a Response has been implemented, the Incident Commander shall terminate or limit the incident as appropriate. Limiting the need for more units to respond may occur when the situation is properly contained but the emergency is not necessarily terminated. Notice of said limiting or termination shall be made to the CAPMAR dispatcher.
2. The order in which personnel are returned to duty in their own communities is at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

MUTUAL AID & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Absent individual mutual aid or other individual agreements between agencies, state statutes governing mutual aid costs and responsibilities will apply. Any costs and/or responsibilities (except 2 below) will belong to the requesting agency as governed by statute.
2. Aiding agencies will absorb up to 4 hours of wage costs per officer for each response. After 4 hours, responding agencies will have the option of billing such costs to the requesting agency.
3. Responding units may be called back by their departments to their own jurisdiction under emergency or extenuating conditions.
4. All participating CAPMAR jurisdictions agree to accept the above conditions.

LEVEL 1	DCSO	Marshall PD	McFarland PD	Monona PD	Madison PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 1. _____
Available Supervisors		1	1		1	2. _____
LEVEL 2	Town of Madison PD	Stoughton PD	Madison PD	Deforest PD	Fitchburg PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 3. _____
Available Supervisors		1		1	1	4. _____
LEVEL 3	UW Madison PD	DCSO	Sun Prairie PD	McFarland PD	Madison PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 5. _____
Available Supervisors			1			6. _____
LEVEL 4	Maple Bluff PD	Oregon PD	Shorewood Hills PD	Stoughton PD	Middleton PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 5. _____
Available Supervisors	1	1		1		6. _____
LEVEL 5	DCSO	Sun Prairie PD	Verona PD	Waukegan PD	Deforest PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 7. _____
Available Supervisors	1	1	1			8. _____
LEVEL 6	Madison PD	UW Madison PD	Oregon PD	Monona PD	Fitchburg PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 9. _____
Available Supervisors		1	1			10. _____
LEVEL 7	DCSO	Brooklyn PD	Marshall PD	Shorewood Hills PD	Stoughton PD	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 11. _____
Available Supervisors						12. _____
LEVEL 8	Middleton PD	Waukegan PD	Sun Prairie PD	Cross Plains PD	DCSO	Supervisor(s) Assigned: 11. _____
Available Supervisors		1				12. _____

Staging Areas

Staging Area 1	
Location	Cottage Grove Fire Department
Address	4030 County Highway N
Brief Directions	From north or south, take CTH N. Building on the eastside of road

Staging Area 2	
Location	Cottage Grove Village Hall
Address	221 E. Cottage Grove Rd.
Brief Directions	From north or south, take CTH N to E. Cottage Grove Rd.

Staging Area 3	
Location	Cottage Grove Park and Ride
Address	4708 Co Hwy TT
Brief Directions	From north or South, take CTH N. Park and Ride is right off of TT and N

Staging Area 4	
Location	Cottage Grove Police Department
Address	210 Progress Dr.
Brief Direction	Progress Dr. west off on N. Main St. (CTH N)

Staging Area 5	
Location	Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store
Address	421 W. Cottage Grove Rd.
Brief Direction	W. Cottage Grove Rd in the west Village Business Park



Off-Highway Motorcycle

A 2-wheeled motor vehicle that is straddled by the operator, equipped with handlebars, and designed for off-highway use regardless of whether also designed for on-highway use.

Includes:

Limited Use Off-Highway Motorcycle

An Off-Highway Motorcycle not registered with WI DOT for highway use.

Wis. Stat. 23.335(1)(o).



Does not include electric bicycles.

Wis. Stat. 23.335(1)(q).

Traffic Permitted	Traffic Not Permitted	Citation Options
<p>Limited Use Off-Highway Motorcycles may be used on the Roadway Portion of any Highway if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Necessary to cross the Roadway. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)1. - Necessary to cross Bridge, Culvert, Railroad Right of Way unless Roadway closed to Off-Highway Motorcycles Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)2. - Operation is on Roadway or Shoulder of any Highway for purpose of crossing Bridge 1,000 ft in length or less and that Bridge permits off-highway motorcycle traffic by municipal or county ordinance. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)2m. - Operation is on Roadway which is not maintained, or minimally maintained, on a seasonal basis for motor vehicle traffic and is authorized only during seasons when no maintenance occurs and only unless Roadway is not closed to Off-Highway Motorcycles. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)3. - Operation is on Roadway that is designated as an Off-Highway Motorcycle Route. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)4. - Operation is on Roadway by person holding Class A or B hunting permit traveling for the purpose of hunting or authorized activity. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)5. - Limited Use Off-Highway Motorcycle is registered for private use and is used exclusively as an implement of husbandry for agricultural purposes. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)6. - Operation is on Roadway Portion of Highway which is blocked off for a special off-highway motorcycle event. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a)7. <p>Off-Highway Motorcycles may be operated Adjacent to Roadways of Highways in a city, village, or town, and Adjacent to Roadways of U.S. numbered, state, or county Highways which are designated as an Off-Highway Motorcycle Route or an Off-Highway Motorcycle Trail. Wis. Stat. 23.335(11)(a).</p> <p>Off-Highway Motorcycles may use Sidewalk when it is designated as Off-Highway Motorcycle Route under s. 23.335(1)(u). Wis. Stat. 346.94(1).</p>	<p>Limited Use Off-Highway Motorcycles may not be used on the Roadway Portion of any Highway generally. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a).</p> <p>Limited Use Off-Highway Motorcycles may not be operated on any part of any Freeway part of the federal interstate system, or any other Freeway unless WI DOT has authorized the use on that freeway. Wis. Stat. 23.335(10)(a).</p>	<p>Wis. Stat. 346.94(1): Driving on Sidewalk. (When sidewalk not designated as “off-highway motorcycle route”)</p> <p>Wis. Stat. 346.94(12): Driving on Bicycle Lane or Bicycle Way. (except to enter a driveway, to merge into a bicycle lane before turning at an intersection, or to enter/leave a parking space located adjacent to the bicycle lane/way.)</p> <p>MGO 12.751(1): Licensing of Off-Road Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>MGO 12.752: Regulation of Off-Road Motor Vehicles. (several subsections to choose from, depending on circumstances)</p>

Electric Bicycles

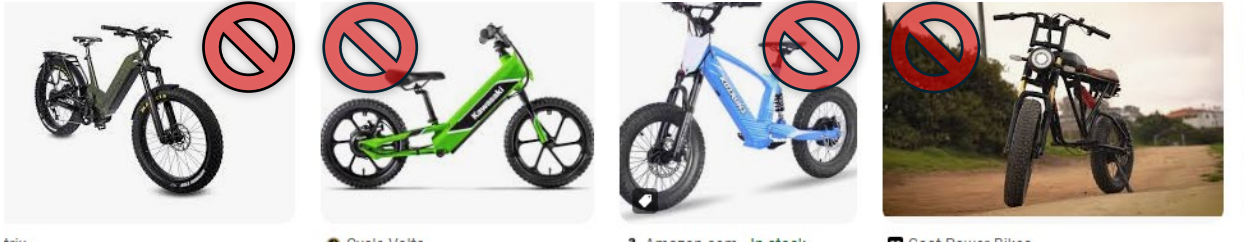
Any bicycle equipped with fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor of 750 watts or less, and one of these three classes:

Class 1: Equipped with motor that assists only when pedaling and ceases to assist at 20 MPH.

Class 2: May be powered solely by motor but ceases to assist at 20 MPH.

Class 3: Equipped with motor that assists only when pedaling and ceases to assist at 28 MPH.

Wis. Stat. 340.01(15ph).



Traffic Permitted	Traffic Not Permitted	Citation Options
<p>Electric Bicycles may be used with the power unit in operation upon a Bikeway under the jurisdiction of the WI DNR, WI DOT, a municipality, or a county. Wis. Stat. 346.806(3)(a), (b).</p> <p>Bikeway “means a public path, trail, lane or other way, including structures, traffic control devices and related support facilities and parking areas, designated for use by bicycles, electric scooters, electric personal assistive mobility devices, and other vehicles propelled by human power.”</p> <p>It includes both “Bicycle Lane” and “Bicycle Way.” Wis. Stat. 84.60(1)(a).</p>		<p>**All 4 bikes above are not technically e-bikes under the statute. Either the motor is greater than 750 watts or they don’t have pedals, or both.</p> <p>Based on the word “integral” in the Motor Bicycle definition, I’d argue these are not Motor Bicycles, either.</p> <p>Motor Bicycles A bicycle in which a power unit that is not an integral part of the vehicle has been added to permit the vehicle to travel up to 30 MPH in specific circumstances and which has a seat for the operator. Does not include electric bicycles. Wis. Stat. 340.01(30).</p> <p>ADA Jason Donker and I think- for now- these are most likely to fall under “Off-Highway Motorcycles”. (see above)</p>

Electric Scooters

A device weighing less than 100 lbs. with handlebars and an electric motor, powered solely by the motor and human power, with a maximum speed using solely the motor of 20 MPH on paved surface.

Does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

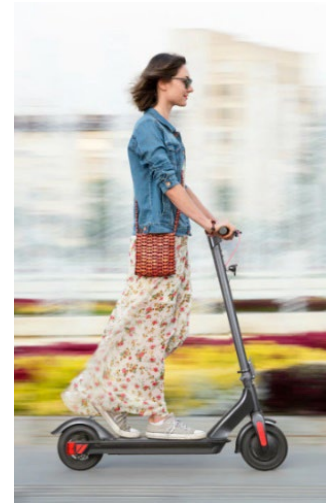
Wis. Stat. 340.01(15ps).

Considered a vehicle for certain provisions of Chapter 346.

Wis. Stat. 346.02(12).

Electric Scooters Speed Limit of 15 MPH on any **Roadway**.

Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s)(c).



Traffic Permitted	Traffic Not Permitted	Citation Options
<p>Electric Scooters may go upon a portion of a hiking trail, cross-country ski trail, bridle trail, or bicycle trail which is incorporated into the Highway Right of Way and which crosses the Highway if the portion is constructed under s. 84.06(11). Wis. Stat. 346.16(2)(b).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may ride on the Shoulder of a Highway unless prohibited by authority in charge of maintenance of highway. Wis. Stat. 346.05(1m).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Roadway under the jurisdiction of the WI DOT or a local authority, subject to restrictions by municipal ordinance. Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Sidewalk unless restricted by DOT rule or local regulations. Wis. Stat. 346.805.</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Sidewalk if under the jurisdiction of WI DOT, under the jurisdiction of local authorities, or is open to operation of Bicycles. Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s)(a)-(b).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Bicycle Lane that is under the jurisdiction of WI DOT, under the jurisdiction of local authorities, or is open to operation of bicycles. Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s)(a)-(b).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Bicycle Way if under the jurisdiction of WI DOT, under the jurisdiction of local authorities, or is open to operation of bicycles. Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s)(a), (b).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may be operated on any Bicycle Path at a speed not to exceed 15 MPH. Wis. Stat. 346.803(4).</p>	<p>Electric Scooters not permitted on Expressway or Freeway when signs indicate persons from Wis. Stat. 346.16(2)(a) are prohibited. Wis. Stat. 346.16(2)(am).</p> <p>Electric Scooters may not go on Expressways except to cross despite Wis. Stat. 346.16(2) where a county has adopted an ordinance under s 59.84. Wis. Stat. 59.84.</p>	<p>Wis. Stat. 346.80(4): Operating upon a roadway where a sign is erected prohibiting same.</p> <p>Wis. Stat. 346.94(18s)(c): Operating in excess of 15 mph on roadway, sidewalk, bicycle lane or bicycle way.</p>



TBD!

I have reached out to DOT for their interpretation on these. So far, they defy classification in our statutes or ordinances.

Closest thing would be an “Electric personal assistive mobility device”, but because it’s only one wheel, it technically is not an EPAMD under Wis. Stat. 340.01(15pm).

Per the DMV, these are “not intended for operating on roadways”, but that’s not real helpful. Once I hear back, I’ll update!

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Proposal: Adoption of a Village of Cottage Grove Ordinance ; Regulating E-Scooters and E-Bikes

Summary

The Village of Cottage Grove is experiencing an increase in the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) and electric bicycles (e-bikes) as these modes of transportation become more common.

The Dane County Traffic Safety Committee has been reviewing the use and regulation of electric scooters (e-scooters) and electric bicycles (e-bikes) within Dane County. While **Wis. Stat. § 346.02(12)** addresses the applicability of certain traffic laws to electric scooters and electric personal assistive mobility devices, this statute does not provide a comprehensive framework for local jurisdictions.

As such, municipalities retain the authority to enact local ordinances that govern operational rules, safety requirements, and enforcement protocols for these devices.

Pursuant to **Wis. Stat. § 349.237**, the Village has authority to regulate electric scooters and electric personal assistive mobility devices, including where and how they may operate on highways, sidewalks, and paths. Additionally, **Wis. Stat. § 346.80 and § 346.803** govern electric bicycles, and **Wis. Stat. § 347.489** establishes equipment and classification standards.

This proposal recommends drafting a local ordinance regulating e-scooters and e-bikes that aligns with state law while addressing the Village of Cottage Grove's specific public safety and quality-of-life needs.

Statutory Authority

Electric Scooters and Micromobility

Wis. Stat. § 349.237 authorizes local municipalities to regulate the rental and operation of electric scooters, generally aligning them with bicycle regulations. Local governments may restrict scooter use on roads with speed limits over 25 mph, prohibit them from sidewalks/bicycle ways, set parking rules, or restrict commercial rentals.

Classifications

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Electric Bicycles

Definition Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ph): means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power and an electric motor of 750 watts or less and that meets the requirements of any of the following classifications:

(a) Class 1 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(b) Class 2 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle that may be powered solely by the motor and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(c) Class 3 electric bicycle is an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

Electric Scooters

Definition Wis. Stat. § 340.01(15ps): means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power, and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. “Electric scooter” does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

Equipment and Safety Standards

Wis. Stat. § 347.489 establishes equipment requirements, including:

- Lighting and reflector standards
- Braking systems
- Motor and power limitations
- Use of any siren or compression whistle

A Village ordinance may reinforce or reference these requirements to ensure compliance and clarity of enforcement.

Village of Cottage Grove Specifics

The Village of Cottage Grove continues to grow as a residential community with active neighborhoods, parks, schools, shared-use trails, and commercial areas. E-scooters and e-bikes are increasingly observed operating on:

- Village roadways
- Sidewalks in residential and business districts
- Multi-use trails and park pathways
- Routes used by students and families

Public Safety and Risk Considerations

Key public safety and risk considerations include:

- Conflicts between riders and pedestrians, including seniors and children
- Speed-related incidents in high-foot-traffic areas
- Inconsistent helmet use and rider awareness of traffic laws
- Improper riding behavior, including reckless or impaired operation
- Unclear legal expectations for riders and enforcement officers

A local ordinance can establish enforceable rules regarding operating locations, yielding behavior, speed limitations, and compliance with traffic laws, consistent with **Wis. Stat. ch. 346** .

In September 2024 (Case No. 2024-400237), Village officers responded to a crash with substantial injuries involving an electric scooter being operated at an unsafe speed on a shared bicycle/pedestrian path, resulting in loss of control and significant bodily injury to the operator, who was not wearing a helmet.

Pedestrian, ADA, and Sidewalk Protection

Wis. Stat. § 349.237(3) authorizes the Village to restrict sidewalk riding where necessary to protect pedestrian safety.

An ordinance can:

- Limit or prohibit sidewalk operation in business districts or high-pedestrian areas
- Require yielding to pedestrians on shared-use paths
- Regulate parking of devices to prevent obstruction of sidewalks, curb ramps, or building entrances
- Support ADA accessibility and inclusive mobility

Infrastructure and Trail Management

Wis. Stat. § 349.237 and § 346.803 , municipalities may regulate the use of e-bikes and e-scooters on:

- Bicycle paths
- Multi-use trails
- Park and recreation pathways
- Local streets and controlled roadways

A Village ordinance can clarify:

- Where e-scooters and e-bikes may operate
- Speed limits or restrictions on trails
- Yielding and passing standards
- Seasonal or location-based limitations

Enforcement Benefits for the Cottage Grove Police Department

Establishing local standards will:

- Provide clear legal authority for enforcement actions

- Improve consistency in officer decision-making
- Reduce ambiguity about lawful operation and penalties
- Strengthen legal defensibility of citations and warnings
- Support public education and voluntary compliance

Community Expectations and Quality of Life

Residents increasingly express concern regarding:

- Fast-moving devices on sidewalks
- Unsafe or disruptive riding behavior

Attachments

- [City of Madison Guidance on Electric Vehicles](#)
- [City of Wausau - Electric Scooters](#)
- [City of Wausau - Go-Carts, Mini Bikes, and Motorized Scooters](#)
- [City of Wausau - Motorized Bicycles](#)
- [Village of McFarland - Electric Scooters](#)
- [Village of Ashwaubenon - Bicycles, Motorbikes, and Similar Vehicles](#)
- Madison Guidelines PDF - separate attachment

	January 2026	December 2025	November 2025	October 2025	September 2025	August 2025	July 2025	June 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	Total	
911 Abandoned Call	6	9	5	5	5	6	5	6	9	11	2	6	0	3	73
911 Call Playing w/Telephone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
911 Call Question	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	6	2	24
911 Call Silent	5	5	4	2	5	5	5	14	12	2	4	1	4	3	66
911 Call Unintentional	14	13	10	10	10	25	19	30	22	28	16	21	19	16	243
911 Disconnect	7	6	2	2	2	1	5	2	3	5	1	7	0	4	45
911 Misdial Call	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Accident Citizen Report	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Accident Hit and Run	4	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	3	0	0	4	1	24
Accident Mv/Deer	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Accident Private Property	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6
Accident Property Damage	1	8	15	8	5	9	2	3	9	3	5	8	11	87	87
Accident Unknown Injuries	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3
Accident w/Injuries	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	4	0	1	2	20
Adult Arrested Person	6	1	3	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	3	1	3	34
Alarm	3	1	1	4	6	3	3	6	3	13	5	3	6	9	63
Animal Bite	2	2	0	3	2	2	0	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	18
Animal Complaint/Disturbance	2	1	0	1	2	0	5	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	23
Animal Found	1	2	0	2	5	0	2	3	3	3	0	0	1	1	20
Animal Lost	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	10	10
Animal Stray	0	1	6	5	5	6	6	4	4	3	2	1	3	2	42
Animal Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Assist Citizen	53	46	57	50	54	53	53	47	42	46	59	64	53	60	684
Assist Citizen Vehicle Lockout	4	2	1	3	0	3	1	4	3	2	1	1	3	28	28
Assist Dane County Sheriff	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	5
Assist EMS/Fire	36	52	56	56	46	58	44	54	43	51	65	61	63	685	685
Assist K9	2	2	1	1	7	3	1	4	4	3	3	2	4	37	37
Assist Police	20	17	12	19	20	24	26	25	25	25	26	34	19	23	290
Assist Wisc State Patrol	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
ATL Person	3	5	3	7	7	2	2	3	3	3	0	1	2	41	41
Battery	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6
Burglary Non-Residential	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Burglary Residential	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Check Parking Postings	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Check Person	19	29	12	22	29	30	37	44	54	43	34	28	28	409	409
Check Property	443	360	390	423	366	435	409	329	390	414	342	373	487	5161	5161
Child Abuse	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Child Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Civil Dispute	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	4	4	0	2	2	1	26	26
Community Outreach	19	27	20	23	28	51	19	37	45	28	26	31	27	381	381
Conveyance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Conveyance Mental Health	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
CPS Info	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Damage to Property	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	6	1	0	20	20
Death Investigation	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	11	11
Disturbance	5	8	9	5	9	11	7	17	12	9	19	7	13	131	131
Disturbance Unwanted Person	2	1	1	1	2	3	4	1	3	2	2	3	0	25	25
Domestic Disturbance	8	1	3	5	5	4	7	7	11	6	6	1	3	67	67
Drug Incident/Investigation	4	2	4	3	5	8	4	4	2	2	3	2	2	45	45
Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
False alarm	8	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	28
Fire Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Follow-Up	28	31	27	24	32	24	28	25	22	22	22	26	18	25	332
Foot Patrol	47	53	46	74	82	123	151	113	118	103	68	32	54	1064	1064
Found Person	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	10	10
Fraud	4	3	1	3	5	5	4	3	5	4	4	7	3	51	51
Information	20	19	27	25	26	42	20	30	32	37	22	21	8	329	329
Intoxicated Person	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Juvenile Arrest	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3
Juvenile Complaint	3	0	2	3	2	3	3	5	9	5	7	2	6	50	50
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3
Liquor Law/Bar Check	21	9	7	12	12	13	25	35	67	72	4	5	1	283	283
Local Ordinance Violation	1	1	4	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	20	20
Medical Examiner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Missing Adult	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	7
Missing Juvenile/Runaway	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	9	9
Neighbor Trouble	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	7
Noise Complaint	4	7	4	3	3	1	6	4	7	2	4	9	5	59	59
OMVWI Arrest/Intoxicated Driver	4	2	1	3	0	3	0	8	4	3	5	2	2	37	37
Parking Complaint On Street	217	331	18	55	29	20	28	29	17	12	87	191	285	1319	1319
Phone	35	39	46	37	43	24	30	50	38	46	41	38	48	515	515
PNB/AED Response	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	5	5
Preserve the Peace	1	3	3	4	2	3	6	5	4	13	6	11	2	63	63
Problem Solving Person	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	4
Problem Solving Property	13	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	11	38	38
Property Found	1	3	6	8	10	6	5	9	9	4	4	2	2	69	69
Property Lost	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	8	8
Recovered/Stolen Outside Agency	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Repo	2	2	2	1	4	6	2	3	1	3	1	8	5	40	40
Road Rage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	2
Safety Hazard	15	12	14	9	20	12	18	11	6	8	8	14	7	154	154
Sex Offense Miscellaneous	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	5
Sexual Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3
Sexual Assault of a Child	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	4
Silent Case Number	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	4
Special Event	3	1	1	12	4	2	0	4	3	3	1	1	0	35	35
Stalking Complaint	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	9	9
ST-Assist Citizen Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2
Stolen Auto	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	5
Stratified Policing	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Suspicious Person	3	1	3	8	7	9	8	7	6	3	6	3	4	68	68
Suspicious Vehicle	15	19	22	18	15	30	21	33	24	26	16	25	31	295	295
Test 911 Call	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Theft	0	6	1	1	2	1	2	5	3	1	2	18	4	46	46
Theft from Auto	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	6
Theft Retail	4	3	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	16	16
Threats Complaint	2	2	1	5	3	4	3	2	5	2	8	2	5	44	44
Towed Vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Towed Vehicle/Abandonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Traffic Arrest	67	58	60	90	145	158	146	89	138	122	147	83	116	1419	1419
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	4	33	17	33	19	17	32	44	49	36	47	46	50	427	427
Traffic Incident	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
Traffic Proactive	1	0	1	0	2	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	15

Traffic Stop	232	157	148	195	246	230	235	177	172	193	204	179	170	2538
Trespass	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	10
Violation of Court Order	2	4	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	20
Weapons Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Weapons Offense Person w/Gun	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1439	1435	1107	1311	1383	1522	1488	1364	1496	1434	1395	1379	1645	18398

Call Type	Date	Who Initiated	Incident	Disposition	Student Interaction	Citation/Referral
Rapport Building	1/6/2026	Student	Students approached me and we talked about break.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Student approached me and we talked about our break.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Threats	1/9/2026	Administration	School Administration approached me and advised a student had reported another student threatened them via social media and sent a photograph of a firearm. No further action taken.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
911 Call Silent	1/12/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	911 Call Silent at GRS. Checked area, no distress.	Non-Law Enforcement	No	No
Rapport Building	1/12/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	Received email from student stating they had the wrong student and the student who showed the firearm was from Waunakee HS. Located suspect student. No further action taken.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/12/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	Pulled student out of class to talk to him about the previous incident and how the student reported he had the wrong student. Discussed to student as to why School Administration had to still talk to the student at the time. Student understood.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Harassment/Bullying	1/13/2026	Student	Student approached me to report inappropriate emails. Student advised a random student had been emailing their friend from MG21 some mean emails. I talked to MG21 student who stated they wanted nothing done with incident and only wanted us to be aware. No further action taken.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Students approached me and we chatted. Learned they didn't want to be at school.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Student approached me and asked me to walk with them to the main office to retrieve their chromebook.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Students approached me and asked if I could be their adult so they could enter the IMC.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Student asked me to walk with them to class. We chatted and learned student was failing two classes.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Verbal Counseling	1/15/2026	Administration	School Administration approached me and advised they received two reports of two students open lockers and taking items. School Admin asked me to reviewed cameras. Informed School Admin of what I saw on camera and was asked to sit in on counseling.	Counseling	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Student	Student called for me in the office. Student and I chatted. Student advised they had a presentation for me tomorrow during their lunch detention.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/15/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	Went to GRS to have lunch with a student. Learned student had taken a school radio and asked for help prior to my arrival. We ate lunch together	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No

			and discussed the importance of safety.			
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	AANHPI Club Meeting and assist with SCU Book drive.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Harassment/Bullying	1/16/2026	Administration	School Administration asked me to review video of kid's kicking each other.	Non-Law Enforcement	No	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Administration	School Administration asked if I could help transport a student home due to being sick. Guardian gave the okay.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Student	Student approached me and wanted me to join their PE class. Student was out on OSS today, walked and talked to other students and checked doors.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Student	Students approached me and asked me to be their adult for the IMC.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	I approached a group of students and chatted with them. Learned they had ACCESS testing and didn't want to do it.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Student	Student approached me and advised they were looking for me to give me some McDonalds, but couldn't find me in time and gave it all away.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/16/2026	Student	Student approached me and advised they were done with ACCESS testing.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/20/2026	Student	Student approached me and we chatted. Student and I went through their family tree.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/20/2026	Student	Student approached me and we chatted. Student eventually asked if I had any snacks, I advised I did not have any.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Harassment/Bullying	1/20/2026	Student	Student emailed me and advised they were being added into a group chat they did not want to be in. I learned the students leaving were actively being added back into the group chat. I advised student on how to leave and block the group chat.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Parent Safety Night	1/20/2026	Administration	Winnequah Parent Safety Night	Non-Law Enforcement	No	No
Rapport Building	1/21/2026	Student	Student approached me and asked about probable cause. I explained probable cause, reasonable suspicion, and search warrants.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/21/2026	Student	Student approached me and asked for Police Swag. Explained I was out and still waiting to get some more.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Information	1/21/2026	Building Staff	Teacher approached me and advised a student was crying by their locker. I attempted to talk to the student. Student ignored me and walked away to class. I advised Teacher and school administration.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/21/2026	Student	Students approached me and we chatted. Students showed me how to do solve the rubik's cube.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/26/2026	Student	Students approached me and asked for help on locating French room. Assisted students as needed	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No

Drug/Alcohol Offense	1/26/2026	Administration	School Administration approached me and advised they received report of three students possibly being high. School admin interviewed and had students empty pockets.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Child Abuse	1/26/2026	Other	SUSO tip of child possibly being mentally abused. Informed School Administration and School Counselor. School Counselor advised it was a bad timing. I emailed School Counselor the SUSO tip and School Counselor advised they will follow up with student at a later time.	Non-Law Enforcement	No	No
Unwanted Person	1/26/2026	Administration	School Administration radioed me for assistance with a student not willing to leave classroom after being told to do so. I chatted with student and we came to the main office. Student and I chatted and discussed their behavior. Check in with student formed for next day.	Non-Law Enforcement, Counseling	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/27/2026	Building Staff	Building staff informed a student was in the 8th grade boys bathroom for a long time and asked me to check in with student. No suspicious activity, student had phone on them and placed it in their locker after building staff told them to.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/27/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	Check in with student from yesterday. Chatted and learned they liked to draw.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Information	1/27/2026	Building Staff	Building staff reported that a student had showed them a video of two boys fighting at MGHS bathroom. Will follow up and inform SRO Wunsch.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Information	1/27/2026	Officer (No Enforcement)	Chatted with student about video of high schoolers fighting. Student has video but declined sending video to me. Will let SRO Wunsch know.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Drug/Alcohol Offense	1/29/2026	Administration	SUSO Tip of student showing another student a vape. School Administration pulled student and asked student to empty pockets. Nothing located.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Rapport Building	1/29/2026	Student	Student approached me and wanted to chat. We chatted and learned they have been doing well.	Non-Law Enforcement	Yes	No
Drug/Alcohol Offense	1/30/2026	Administration	School Administration approached me and asked me to sit in on their investigation of multiple students vaping on the bus. Students advised it was herbal vapes that they ordered from SHEIN and had no nicotine and/or THC. No LEO action.	Non-Law Enforcement, Counseling	Yes	No



Cottage Grove Police K-9 Monthly Report

January 2026

January 1, 2026,

- On January 1, 2026, at approximately 1659 hours the Dane County Sheriff's Office requested Officer Ace and K9-Nash to the address of 2376 Happy Valley Rd in the Town of Bristol to conduct an exterior vehicle sniff for illegal narcotics on a vehicle they had stopped for a traffic infraction. K9-Nash was detailed around the vehicle but did not provide a final indication for illegal narcotics.

January 8, 2026,

- On January 8, 2026, at approximately 0844 hours Officer Ace conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had expired registration located at E Gaston Rd and Landmark Dr in the Village of Cottage Grove. It was learned that the driver had open cases related to possession of narcotics. K9 Nash was detailed around the vehicle and provided significant behavioral changes for the odor of narcotics coming from the vehicle. The driver advised there was THC in the vehicle that was ultimately seized. The driver was arrested and taken to the Dane County Jail for violating bail conditions for his open case.

January 16, 2026,

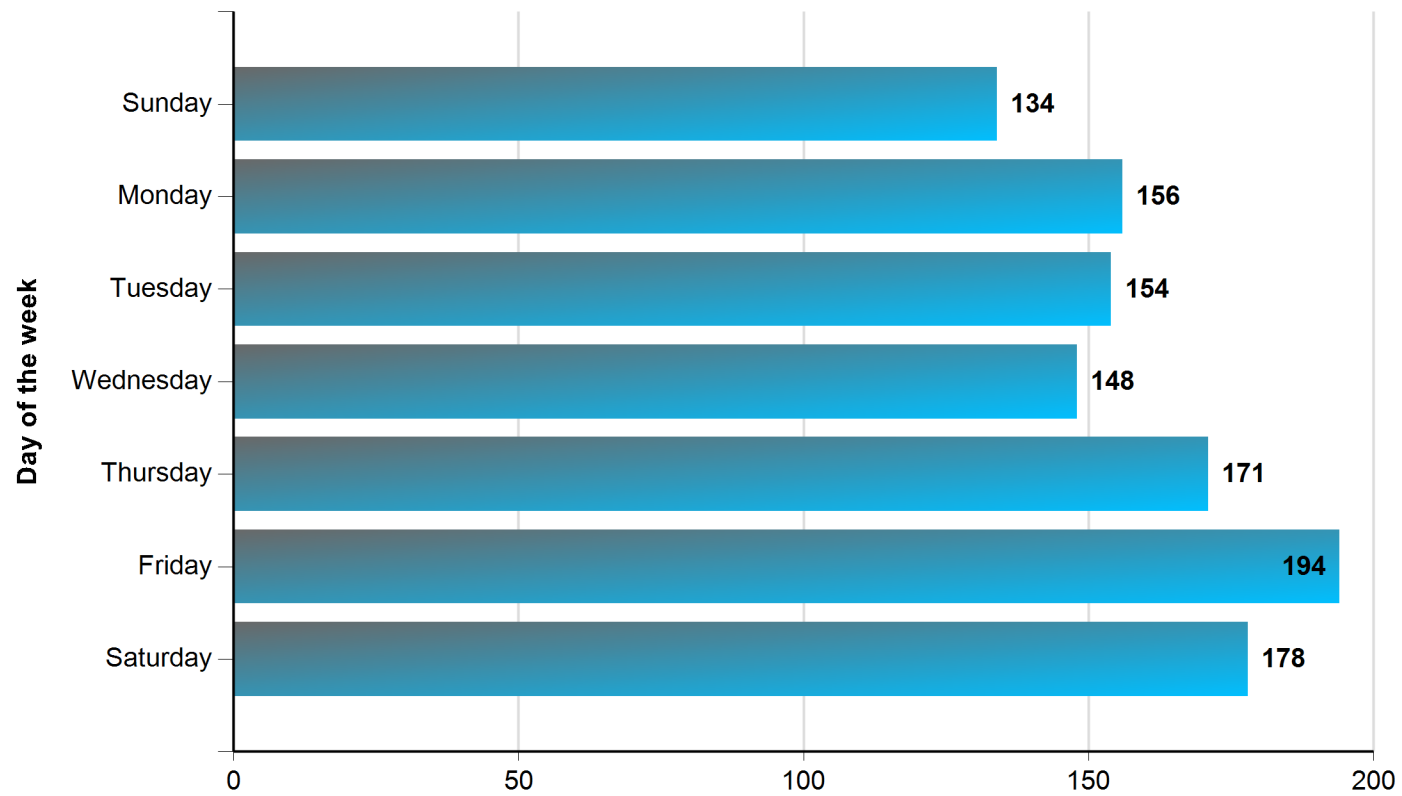
- On January 16, 2026, at approximately 0751 hours Officer Ace conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had suspended registration located at W Cottage Grove Rd and Crawford dr in the Village of Cottage Grove. The driver had previous narcotic charges. K9 Nash was deployed and conducted an exterior vehicle sniff for illegal narcotics but showed no behavioral changes.

January 19, 2026,

- On January 19, 2026, K9 Nash underwent a minor surgery for a mass that was growing on his neck. The surgery was successful, but K9 Nash was unable to work for two weeks following the procedure.

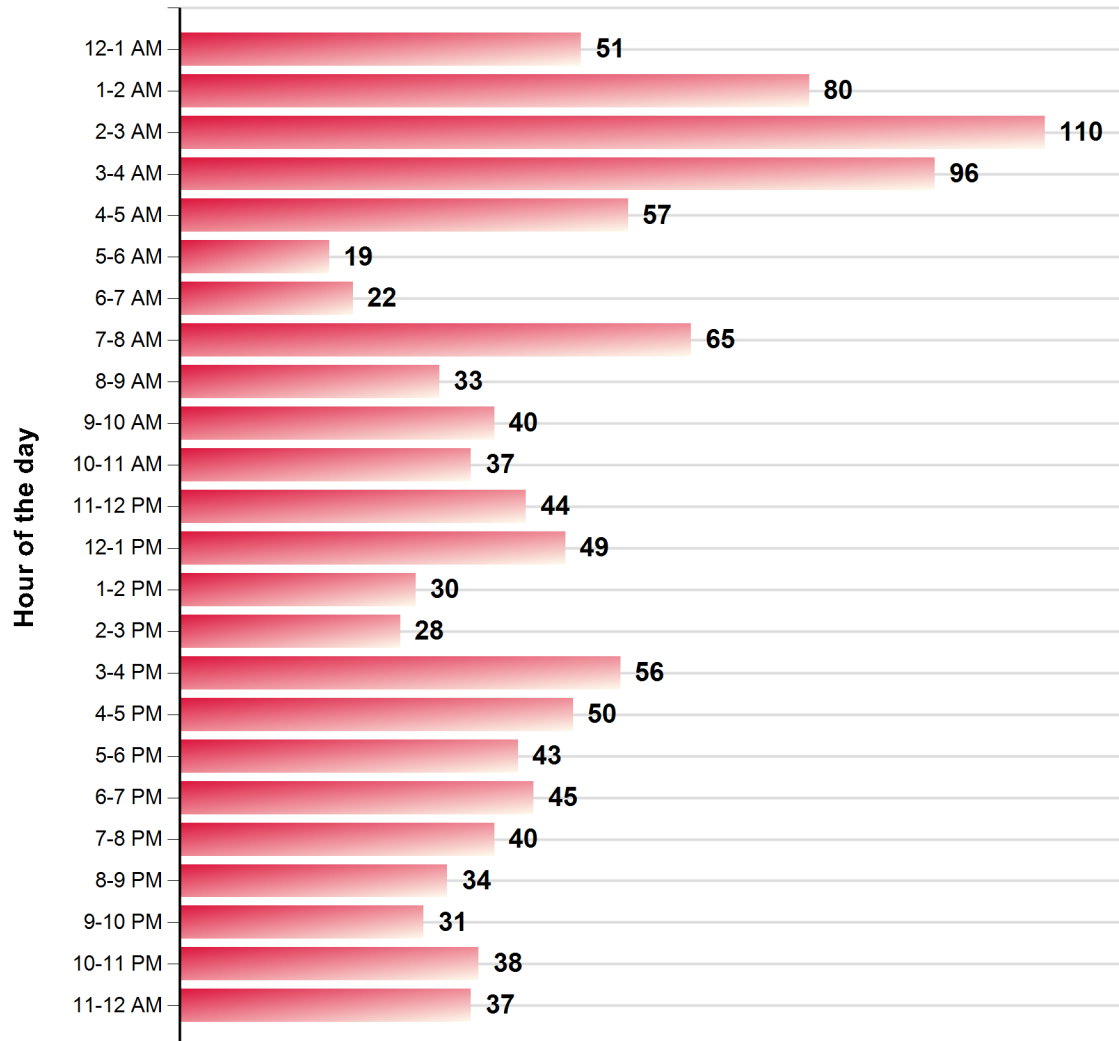
Non-Traffic Incident Summary by Weekday

1135 calls for the month of January



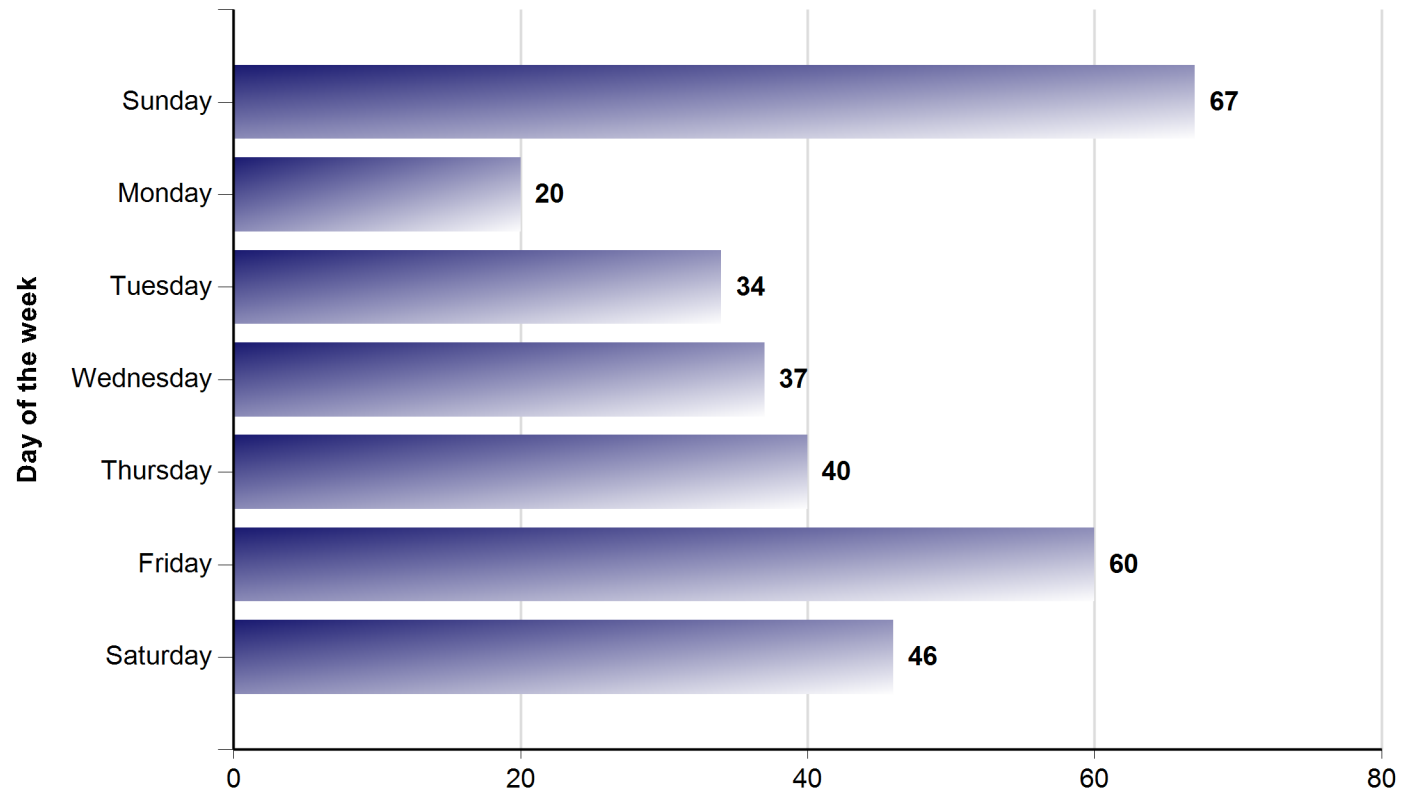
Non-Traffic Incident Summary by Hour of the day

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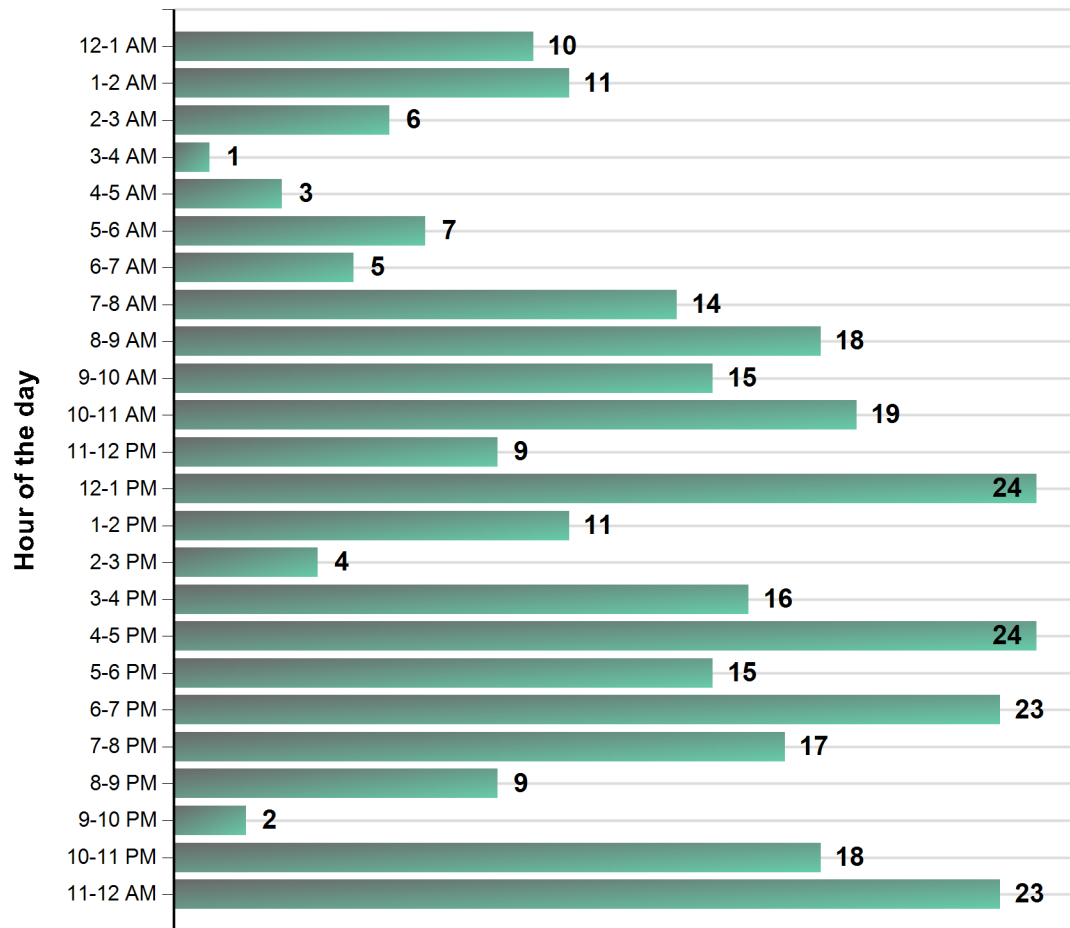
Traffic-Only Incident Summary by Weekday

304 calls for the month of January



Traffic-Only Summary by Hour of the day

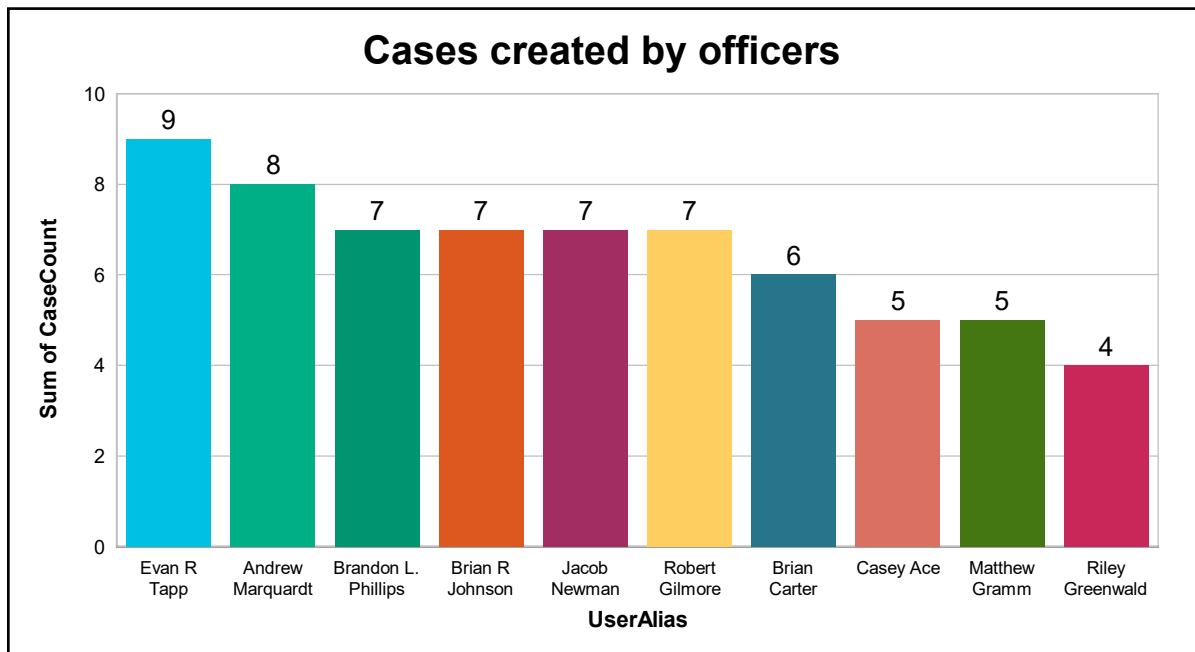
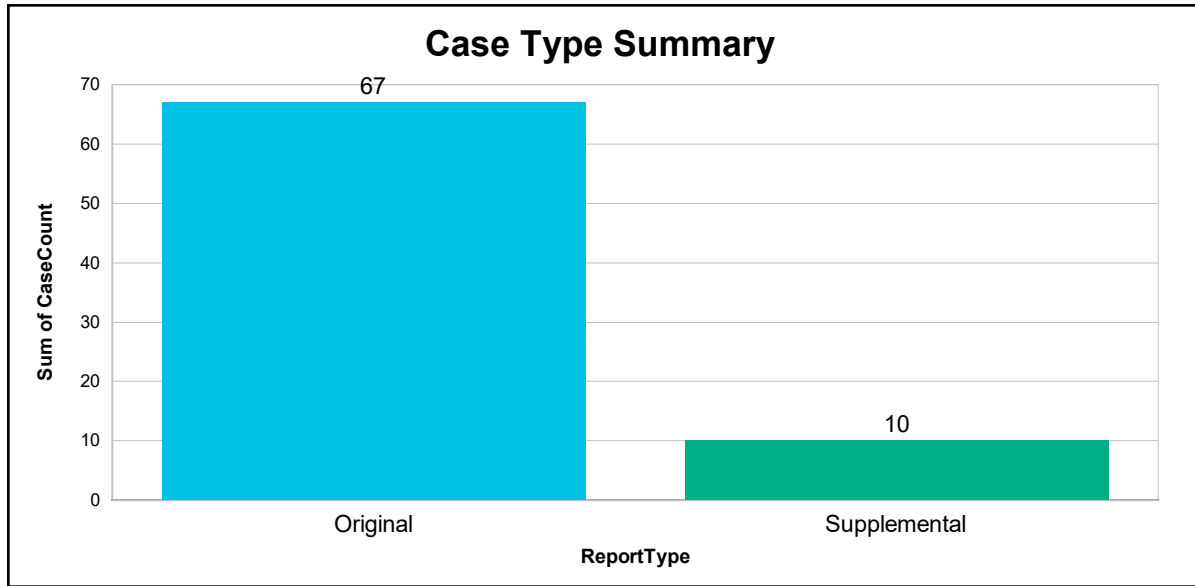
304 calls for the month of January



Officer Field Reports for January

77 Total field reports created between 1/1/26 and 1/31/26

Andrew Marquardt	8
Original	6
Supplemental	2
Brandon L. Phillips	7
Original	7
Brian Carter	6
Original	2
Supplemental	4
Brian R Johnson	7
Original	7
Carter Watters	3
Original	3
Casey Ace	5
Original	5
Claire E. Zane	2
Original	1
Supplemental	1
Evan R Tapp	9
Original	9
Jacob Newman	7
Original	7
Jeffrey Comstock	2
Original	2
Jessica Frutiger	2
Original	1
Supplemental	1
Lily R Nordskog	2
Original	1
Supplemental	1
Matthew Gramm	5
Original	4
Supplemental	1
Riley Greenwald	4
Original	4
Robert Gilmore	7
Original	7
Zenas Lee	1
Original	1



Monthly Incident Summary Report for January of 2026

1439 calls from 1/1/2026 through 1/31/2026

911 Abandoned Call	6
911 Call Silent	5
911 Call Unintentional	14
911 Disconnect	7
Accident Hit and Run	4
Accident Private Property	1
Accident Property Damage	1
Adult Arrested Person	6
Alarm	3
Animal Bite	2
Animal Complaint/Disturbance	2
Animal Found	1
Assist Citizen	53
Assist Citizen Vehicle Lockout	4
Assist Dane County Sheriff	1
Assist EMS/Fire	36
Assist K9	2
Assist Police	20
ATL Person	3
Battery	1
Check Person	19
Check Property	443
Civil Dispute	1
Community Outreach	19
Conveyance Mental Health	1
Damage to Property	2
Disturbance	5
Disturbance Unwanted Person	2
Domestic Disturbance	8
Drug Incident/Investigation	4
False alarm	8
Follow-Up	28
Foot Patrol	47
Fraud	4
Information	20
Juvenile Complaint	3
Liquor Law/Bar Check	21
Local Ordinance Violation	1
Missing Juvenile/Runaway	1
Noise Complaint	4
OMVWI Arrest/Intoxicated Driver	4
Parking Complaint On Street	217
Phone	35
Preserve the Peace	1
Problem Solving Property	13
Property Found	1
Property Lost	1
Recovered/Stolen Outside Agency	1
Repo	2
Safety Hazard	15
Sexual Assault of a Child	1

Special Event	3
Stalking Complaint	1
Suspicious Person	3
Suspicious Vehicle	15
Theft from Auto	1
Theft Retail	4
Threats Complaint	2
Traffic Arrest	67
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	4
Traffic Proactive	1
Traffic Stop	232
Violation of Court Order	2

January, 2026 Calls conducted by each officer

324 Traffic Stops & Traffic Arrests

Brandon Phillips

Traffic Arrest	11
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	1
Traffic Stop	30

Jacob Newman

Traffic Arrest	11
Traffic Stop	31

Brian Johnson

Traffic Arrest	15
Traffic Stop	22

Matthew Gramm

Traffic Arrest	11
Traffic Stop	26

Casey Ace

Traffic Arrest	4
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	1
Traffic Stop	30

Robert Gilmore

Traffic Arrest	6
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	1
Traffic Stop	27

Evan Tapp

Traffic Arrest	3
Traffic Stop	23

Carter Watters

Traffic Arrest	7
Traffic Stop	18

Riley Greenwald

Traffic Arrest	5
Traffic Stop	10

Lily Nordskog

Traffic Arrest	3
Traffic Stop	10

Andrew Marquardt

Traffic Arrest	3
Traffic Proactive	1
Traffic Stop	5

Anthony Koratko

Traffic Arrest	1
Traffic Stop	7

Jessica Frutiger

Traffic Stop	1
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