

Mount Horeb Police Department 2025 Annual Report



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Mount Horeb PD

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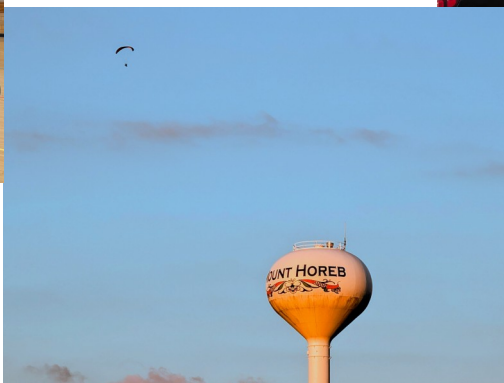


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Letter From the Chief

It has been a while since we put out this report. We were down almost 50% of our staff for a large portion of 2024. This put us behind in anything that was not service driven. We used 2025 as a catch up year, so we never put out a report for 2023 or 2024. We have finally caught up and are releasing an annual report for 2025. As I write this summary, I reflect back and cannot believe it has been six years since I was appointed chief of police in Mount Horeb. We have had great successes over the last six years and we have also learned a lot. We have experienced something as a community that no one should ever experience. But we came together, showed how we can support one another, and were resilient. In this edition of our annual report, you will get to see what some of our data and statistics were for 2023 and 2024. We will also show all of 2025 data to show how the last year went. You will see various pictures of events held during all those years as well. We are really excited to get back to sharing our story with you in this edition of our annual report. We have added two additional positions, increased training, and provided the same or better service as we always have. I am just as humbled and honored today as I was in 2020 to be the chief of police in the wonderful Village of Mount Horeb. Please enjoy our story and we can't wait to share in the great things coming in 2026.

Respectfully,

Chief Doug Vierck

Mission, Vision, Values Statement



Mission:

Developing Partnerships through S.E.R.V.I.C.E to Our Community

Vision:

We will be respected partners in our community through dedicated service and collaboration. Seeking continuous improvement to meet the ever-changing demands of our profession.

Values Statement:

Our values are internalized in the SERVICE we provide to the community.

SACRIFICE—We sacrifice and risk all to protect those we serve

ENGAGED—We will maintain high levels of initiative and commitment to our cause

RESPECT—We will treat all with dignity, understanding, and equality

VISION—We will always look to the future to constantly improve

INTEGRITY—We are part of an honorable profession and strive to do what is right

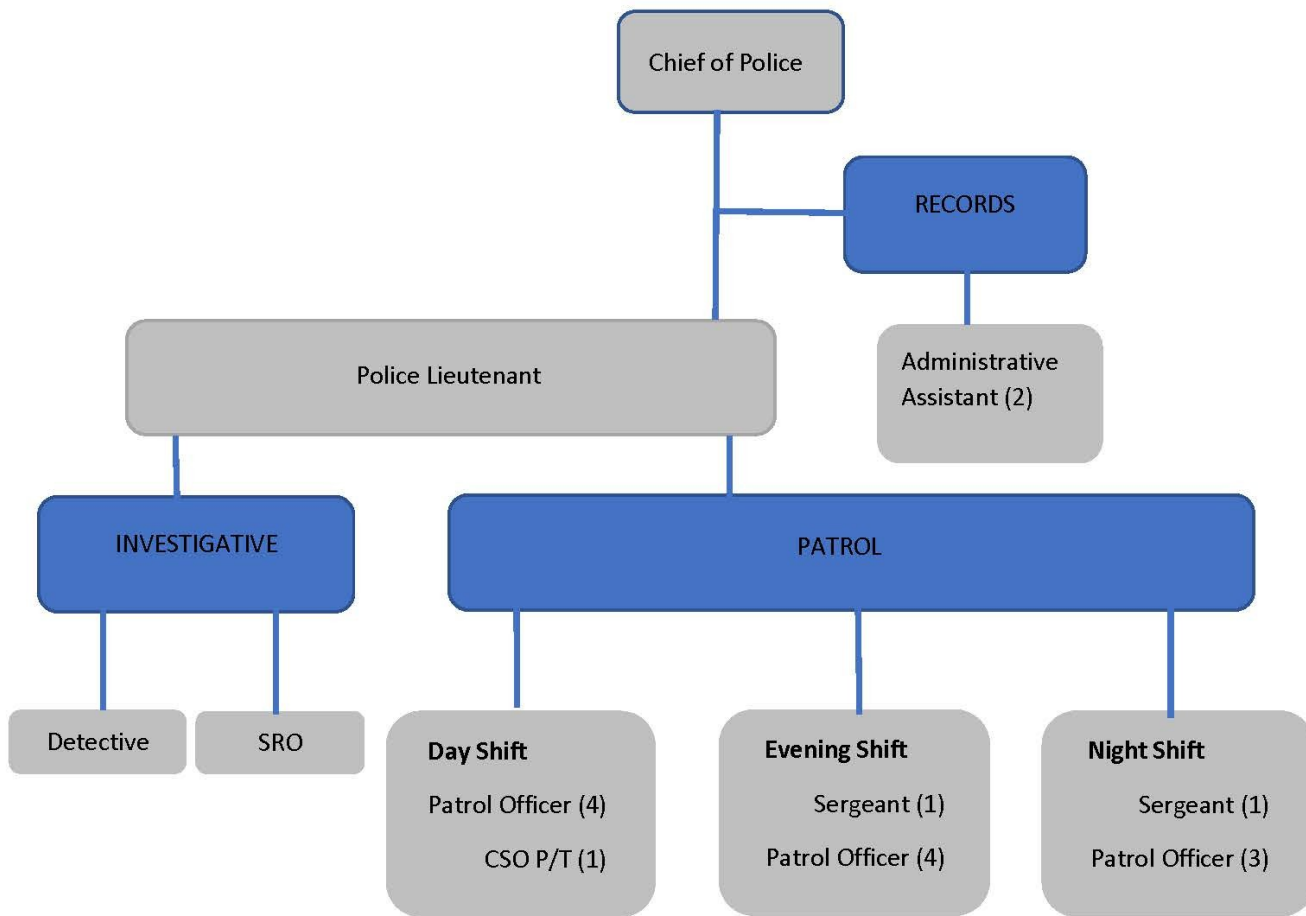
COMMUNITY ORIENTED—Our service revolves around our community partnership

EQUALITY—We will be accepting of differences and treat all equally

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

Statistics		Village – Manager Government
Population (Est. 2024))	7,967	Village Board Members Village President Randy/Little / Ryan Czyzewski Village Trustees Tim White Marc Schellpfeffer Ben Jones Nate Gauger Cathy Scott/Jason Fendrick Brett Halverson/Sarah Best Village Administrator Nic Owen
Households (2020-2024)	2,905	
City Area (2020)	3.23 Sq. Miles	
Public Schools		
Elementary (Early Learning Center, Primary Center, Intermediate Center)	3	
Middle	1	
High	1	
Income		
Per Capita Income (2020-2024)	\$52,816	
Median Household Income (in 2024 Dollars) 2020-2024	\$107,856	
Data: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/mounthorebvillagewisconsin/PST045223		





Mount Horeb Police Department Organizational Chart 2025

Full-Time Sworn:	17
Civilian Employees:	3
Total Employees:	19

Effective December 1, 2025

Department Staffing

Authorized Positions					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Chief	1	1	1	1	1
Lieutenant	1	1	1	1	1
Sergeant	2	2	2	2	2
Detective	1	1	1	1	1
School Resource Officer	1	1	1	1	1
Patrol Officer (Full-Time)	9	9	9	10	11
Patrol Officer (Part-Time)	4	4	4	4	0
Total Sworn	19	19	19	20	17
Administrative Assistant	2	2	2	2	2
Community Service Officer (Part-Time)	1	1	1	1	1
Total Non-Sworn	3	3	3	3	3
Total Employees	22	22	22	23	20



Staffing Levels

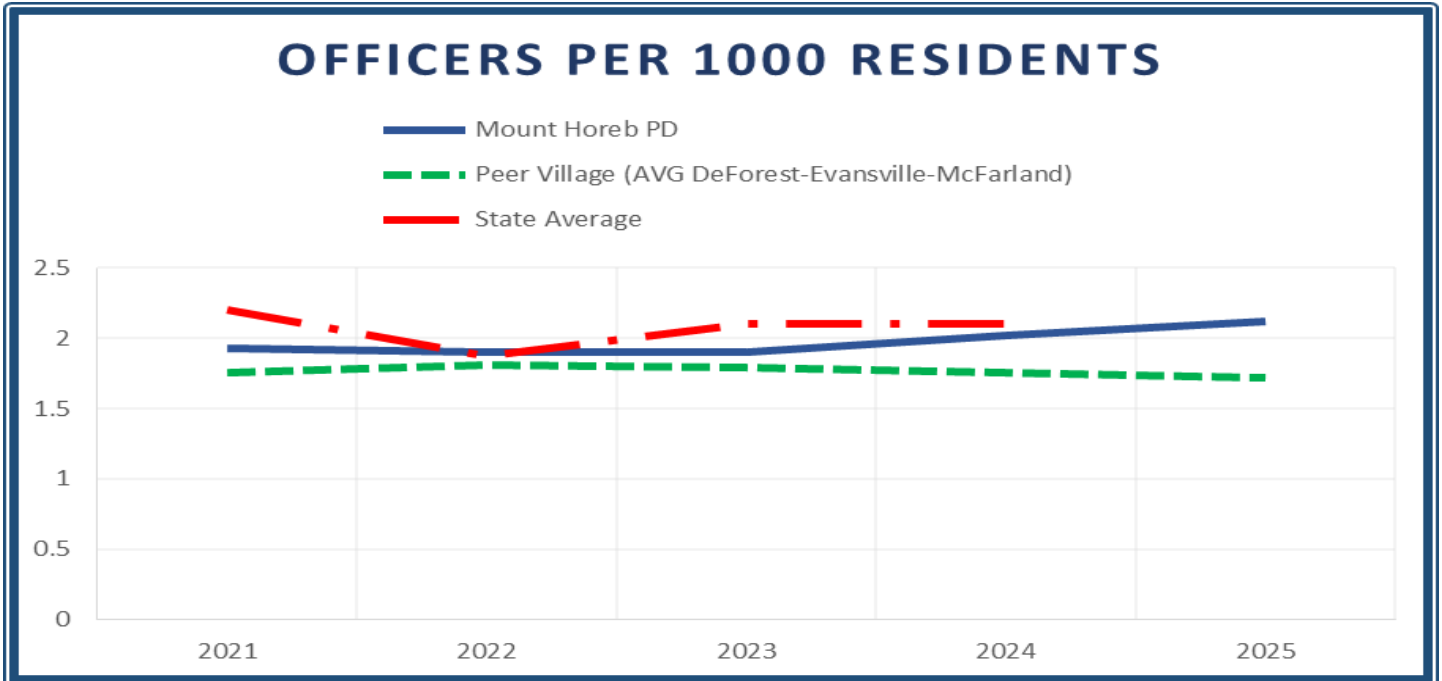


Photo (ABOVE) The entrance to the Public Safety Building.

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Village of Mount Horeb Population	7,754	7,874	7,900	7,967	8,006 (EST.)
Total Full Time Sworn officers	15	15	15	16	17
Full Time Sworn Officers per 1,000 Pop.	1.93	1.90	1.90	2.02	2.12
Peer City Average Full Time Sworn Officers per 1,000 Pop.	1.76	1.81	1.79	1.76	1.72
State Average Full Time Sworn Officers per 1,000 Pop.	2.1	2.2	2.14	2.23	-

Recruitment

We hired one officer and one sergeant in 2023. The officer position replaced an officer that resigned and took a job at another agency. The current trend in most job markets shows it is an employee's market. Employees will jump from job to job to find what they are looking for. It is the nature of the market today, neither bad nor good. But it does make recruitment challenging. Our focus has been, "What can Mount Horeb PD offer to retain and recruit." That will continue to be a focus in 2026.

Hiring Process

We continued our new hiring process through 2025. A few parts were changed, there were some different questions added, and we will continue to assess and modify as needed to maintain the best screening processes. We included a community panel interview, and had over 16 different people involved in rating candidates to ensure we had the best candidate selected. Our process included a written test, an interview with the Police Commission, and an Assessment Center. An assessment center is a series of exercises (interviews, presentations, scenarios, etc.) that test the skills of a candidate against the skills needed for the job. While it might seem over the top, current events over the past two years have shown how important hiring the right person is to an agency.

Personnel Changes

Appointments		
Jerron Wetter	Patrol Sergeant	June 07, 2023
Gavin Lankey	Patrol Officer	August 07, 2023
Braden Folbrecht	Patrol Officer	January 15, 2024
Kyle Dix	Patrol Officer	January 15, 2024
Position Eliminations		
Nick Zimpel	Part-Time Patrol Officer	January 01, 2025
Cody Pharo	Part-Time Patrol Officer	January 01, 2025
Resignations		
Matthew DerManuelian	Patrol Officer	April 14, 2023
Natalie Wyss	Patrol Officer	November 14, 2023
Hannah Derrickson	Patrol Officer	September 12, 2025

Highlight Bios for Appointments

WELCOME!!!

Jerron Wetter

Sergeant Wetter Graduated from Western Wisconsin Technical College in Lacrosse with an associates degree in Police Science and from Winona State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He began working for the City of Dodgeville in 2001. Sergeant Wetter has also assisted in teaching Police Academy at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College since 2004. In 2023, he began with the Village of Mount Horeb. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children as well as hunting, golf, carpentry and Handyman work. Sergeant Wetter looks forward to continuing his Community Oriented Policing approach and bringing his many years of experience to the Village of Mount Horeb.

Photos: (RIGHT) Sergeant Wetter is sworn in by the Village Clerk at Village Hall.

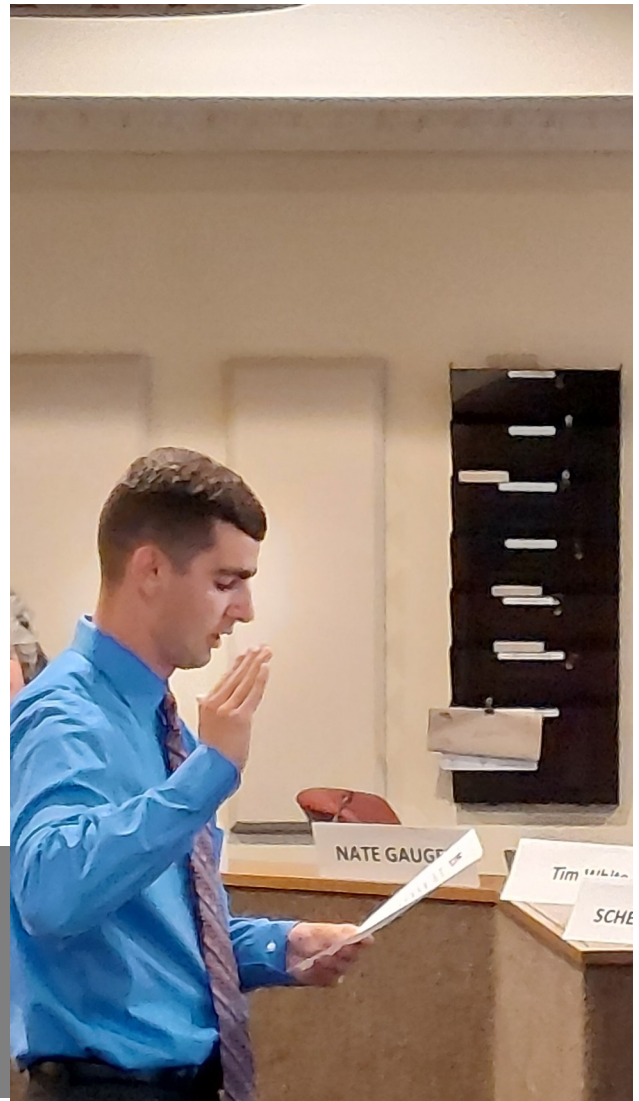


Highlight Bios for Appointments

WELCOME!!!

Gavin Lankey

Officer Lankey graduated from UW-Platteville with a Bachelor's degree in both Criminal Justice and History. Officer Lankey started with the Mount Horeb Police Department in August of 2023 and shortly thereafter graduated from the 720 Hour Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College, where he achieved the academic excellence award. While off duty Officer Lankey enjoys wrestling, hiking, golfing, ice fishing, and spending time with friends and family. Officer Lankey looks forward to building relationships in the community and is proud to serve the Village of Mount Horeb.



Photos: (RIGHT) Officer Lankey is sworn in at a Village Board meeting.

Highlight Bios for Appointments

WELCOME!!!

Braden Folbrecht

Officer Folbrecht graduated from Ripon College with a double major in History and Politics. He graduated the 720-Hour Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2024. Officer Folbrecht comes from a small town and loves the small-town atmosphere of Mount Horeb. In his free time he loves to hunt, fish, and play any sport that he can. He also likes to spend time with his family and friends.



Photos: (RIGHT) Officer Folbrecht reading the IACP Oath of Honor during his swearing in ceremony at a Village Board Meeting.

Highlight Bios for Appointments

WELCOME!!!

Kyle Dix

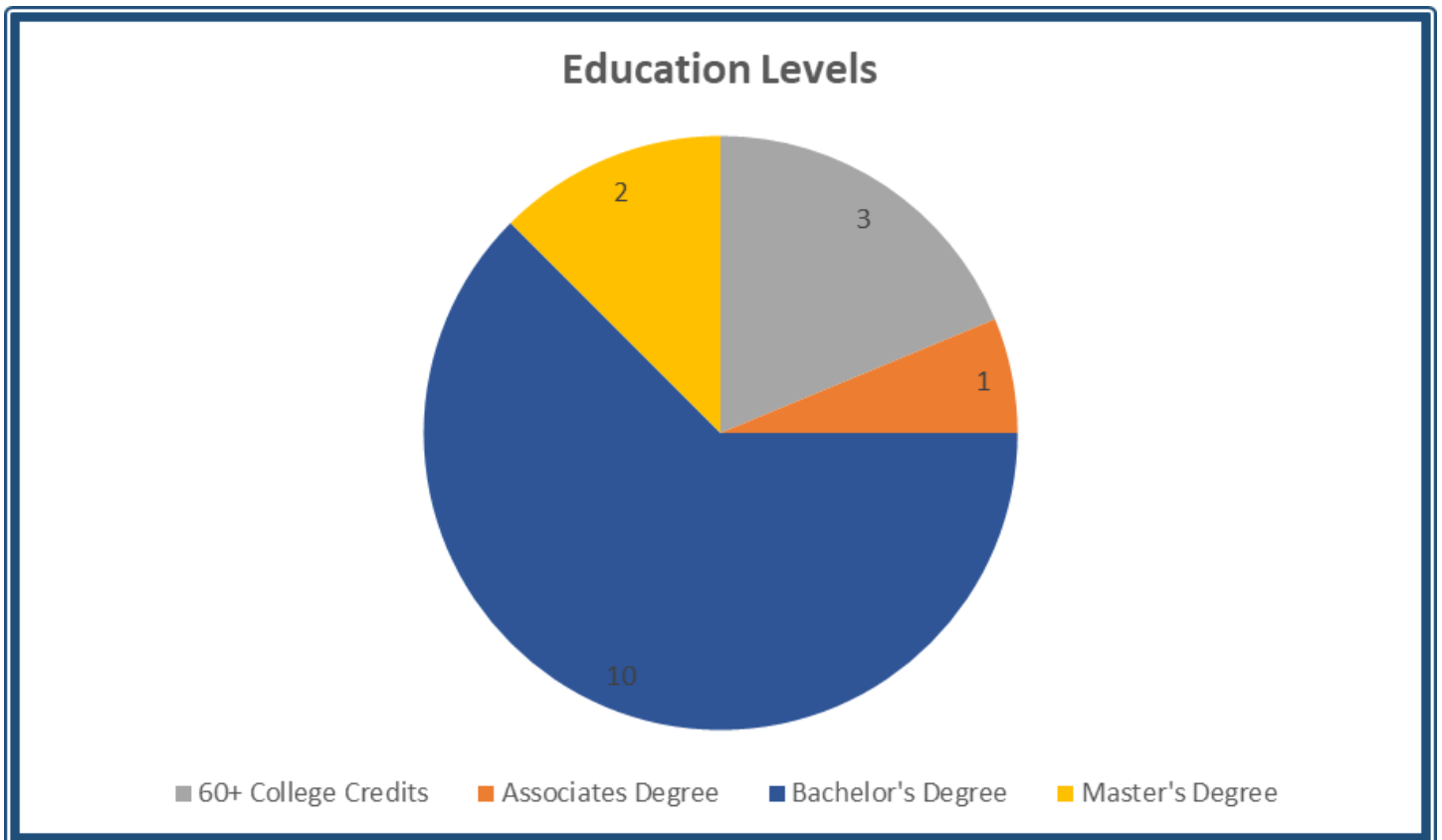
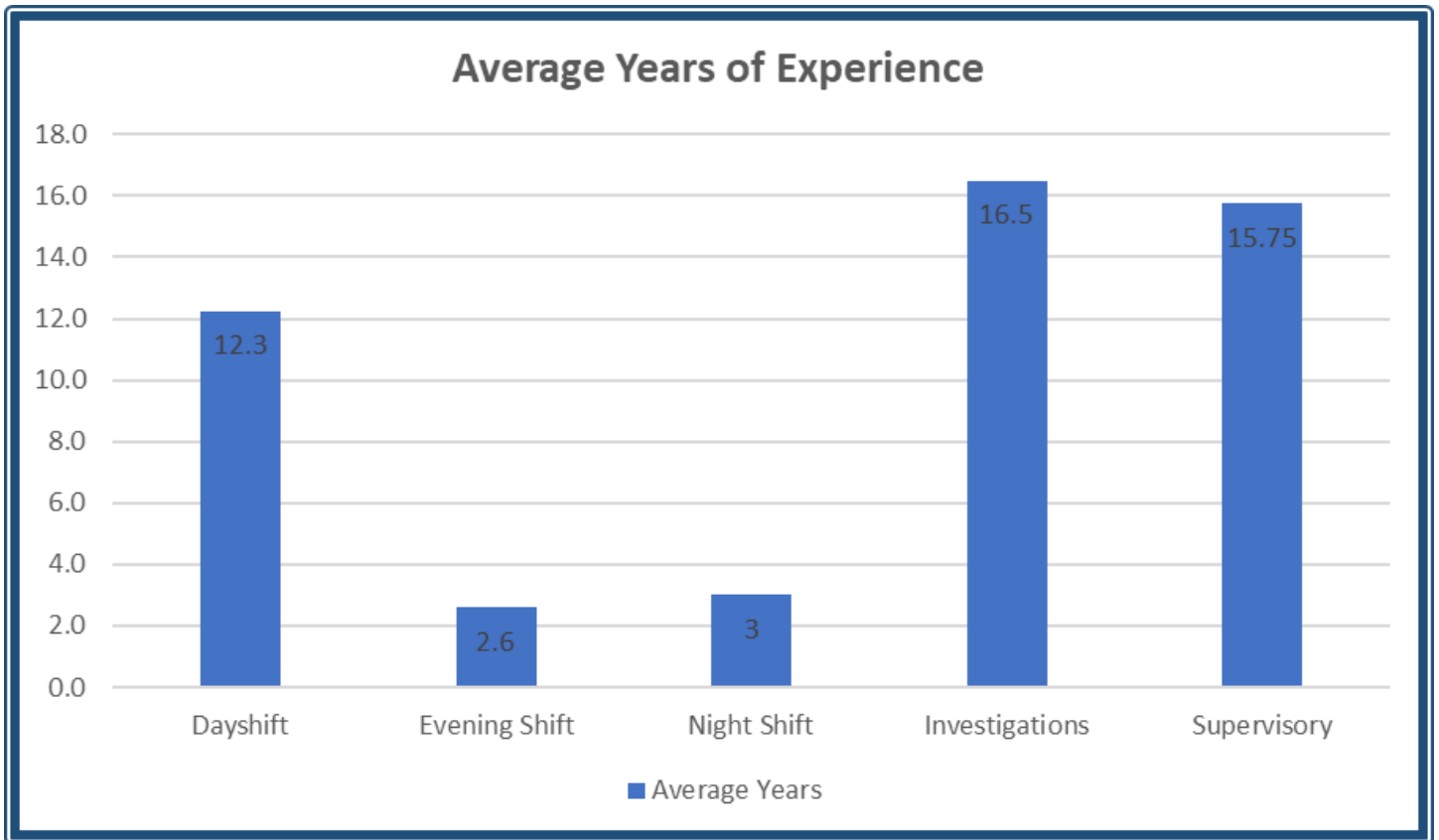
Officer Dix began his law enforcement career shortly after completing a 9 year enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. In July 2022, he joined the Iowa County Sheriff's Office, where he served for a year and a half as a corrections officer and completed Jail Academy at Southwest Technical College. In early 2024, Officer Dix continued his professional development by attending the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College to become an officer with the Mount Horeb Police Department.

Officer Dix was recently selected as the K9 handler for the Mount Horeb Police Department, a program he has dedicated significant time and effort to reestablish for the Mount Horeb community. Outside of his duties, Officer Dix enjoys visiting small towns throughout Wisconsin with his young family. Although he works night shifts, he remains actively engaged with the community **and** frequently participates in local events.



Photos: (RIGHT) Officer Dix reading the IACP Oath of Honor during his swearing in ceremony at a Village Board Meeting.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE



Department Training

Total Training Hours by Group					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Administrative	201	310	199	74	232
Supervisory	282	223	134	23	133
Patrol Division	1,049	550	629	407	1169
Investigations	162	150	173	59	193
Grand Total	1,694	1,233	1,135	563	1,727

*** Administrative group includes Chief Vierck and Lieutenant Jarvis. Supervisory group includes Sergeant Rehfeldt and Sergeant Wetter. Patrol Division group includes all patrol officers. Investigative Division includes Detective Schaaf and SRO Rosemeyer ***

Field Training

Field training is an integral part in law enforcement. In Wisconsin, to become an officer you have to complete at least 60 college credits. Then you must complete a 720-hour law enforcement academy. Once that is complete, you still have to complete on the job, field training. This includes riding with specially trained officers who are certified to teach, mentor, and evaluate performance. Our field training program is 15 weeks or 90 working days of on-the-job training. This includes an orientation week, four phases of three weeks each, and two weeks (midway and end of training) of evaluation. If an officer has prior experience and shows the proper skills, abilities, and knowledge in a shorter period of time, field training may be shorter. If an individual struggles, they may be extended to a longer time of training. If they are unable to perform the job, their employment may be terminated. Officers must show skills, abilities, and knowledge to complete the training.

We have eight certified field training officers on staff currently. They are currently on all three shifts and include all supervisors for oversight of the program. Our program has been reviewed, updated, and is constantly analyzed to ensure we are training to the highest standards.

Inservice Training

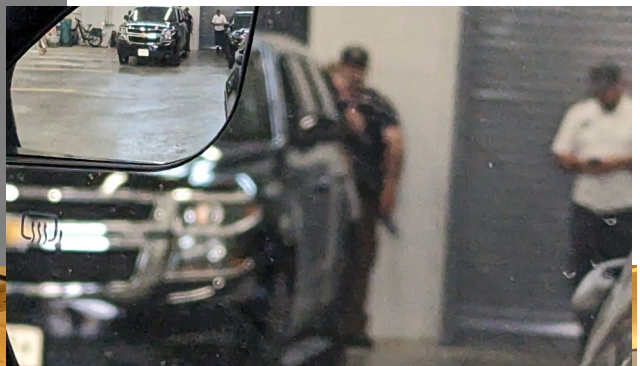
We conducted seven (7) Inservice Trainings in 2023, two (3) Inservice Trainings in 2024, and four (4) Inservice Trainings in 2025. Inservice training helps keep officers up to date on policy changes, changes in laws, and best practices. They also help improve the skills of all officers. The following is a summary of our Inservice Trainings over the past three years.

Report Writing and Defensive Tactics – Our officer We also completed an update on report writing to improve the abilities of officers to document better cases and improve follow through on investigations.

Team Building and Expectations – With the changes in staffing over the past several years, we use this chance to bring our staff closer together and get an understanding of where we are headed as an agency.

Photos: (RIGHT) Officer practice tactics for high risk incidents involving vehicles.

(BELOW) Officers work together on team building exercises during an in-service.

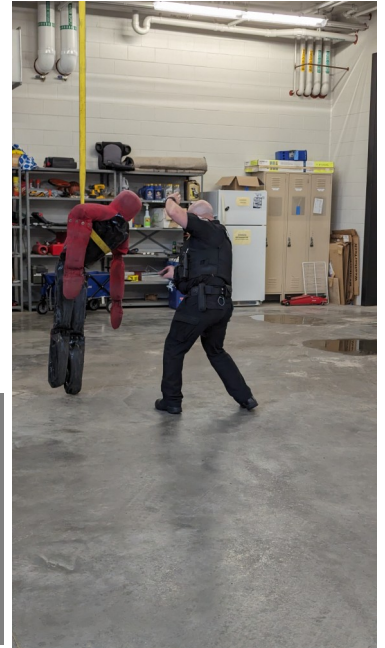


Inservice Training Continued

Handgun Qualification – Wisconsin State Statutes require a minimum of one qualification a year. Qualification is a set course of fire established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standards Board. In Mount Horeb, Officers practice firearms and use of force decision making multiple times a year. This includes skills building and timed exercises.

Domestic Abuse Investigations and Electronic Control Device Recertification – We brought in a domestic violence specific prosecutor to review requirements to arrest with officers to improve investigations in this area. We also have to recertify every year on our tasers (electronic control devices).

Photos (RIGHT):
Officer Fell working on
Defensive Tactics
Skills.



High Risk Vehicle Stops – The State of Wisconsin added a new model for High Risk Vehicle Stops. We trained all staff on the new model to make sure we are up to date on the highest standards.

CPR/AED Recertification and Gas Line Safety Awareness – The Mount Horeb Fire Department staff gave us a recertification course in CPR/AED as required every two years. We also had a training by MG&E on gas line safety and awareness to help us respond to gas line emergencies safely.

Leading Without Rank – We brought in a national trainer to talk to patrol staff about culture and leadership. This training helped teach patrol staff that regardless of formal authority/rank, they are leaders and can take an active role in our culture and mission.



Photo (ABOVE): Officers practiced emergency vehicle operation skills. We focused on understanding vehicle dynamics and movements.

Inservice Training Continued

2024 Inservice Training

Staff Meeting / Vortex Simulator—We hold a full staff meeting early each year for reflection, goals for moving forward, and staff development. The other half of that day is spent on other training topics. In this instance, it was a 270 degree screen simulator for use of force decision making drills.

Fair and Impartial Policing—We have staff certified as instructors in Fair and Impartial Policing, a way to educate on implicit bias and decision making. All staff attended an Inservice training on this topic and how it relates to investigations and policing.

Emergency Vehicle Operation – Wisconsin statutes require officers to train in pursuit driving and emergency vehicle operation training every other year. This training must include a review of policy and the state curriculum. This year officers focused on high risk vehicle contacts, core skills such as cornering, parking, and serpentine, as well as pursuit radio communications. This training takes place in Fennimore at the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College driving track. We have one officer certified as an instructor in Vehicle Contacts and Emergency Vehicle Operations training.

Photos: (BELOW) Officers completing firearms training.



Inservice Training Continued

2025 Inservice Training

Staff Meeting / Taser Transition—We hold a full staff meeting early each year for reflection, goals for moving forward, and staff development. The other half of that day is spent on other training topics. In this instance, it was transition training to Taser10. Due to aging technology and an expired contract/warranty, we upgraded out Taser Devices to the newest model. This included virtual reality training options as well. We certified 5 instructors in the new device and in January we provided updated training to complete the transition and upgrade.

SALT Triage, Stop the Bleed, and Firearms—We partnered with the Mount Horeb Fire Department and trained on triaging patients and understanding how to manage a mass casualty incident better from the life-saving standpoint. We also learned about Stop the Bleed, which is program of applying tourniquets and other life-saving tools in the event a person has severe wounds.

C4C—Ground Fighting—We partnered with the DNR and trained on ground fighting. This is a newer program that helps officers better defend themselves if they are attacked or have to fight with someone. These are perishable skills that we use rarely. So any chance we can practice them to stay masters of our craft, we take that opportunity.

Below 100—Below 100 is a national program designed to remind officers about WIN - What is Important Now. This focuses on wearing your best, wearing your seatbelt, not getting distracted, and focusing on the job so preventable deaths do not occur. The title is based on getting the number of officer deaths below 100 in any given year. This is something that has not happened in several decades.

Officer Involved Critical incident update—The department of Justice and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association came to the Police Department to provide officers an updated training on how an officer involved critical incident is investigated to reduce stress and confusion during a very stressful time after an officer involved death. Statutes and rules are in place for impartial investigations. Knowing how that process works increases efficiency and reduces problems in the future.

Breaching and Room Clearing —We were fortunate to have the opportunity to use a building designated for demolition to practice door breaching and room clearing to allow safe entry into locked rooms or buildings during an emergency. We partnered with Dane County Sheriff's Office to learn the skills needed and practice with tools we have in our squads.

Advanced Training

In addition to Inservice Training, officers will also be sent to advanced training to improve specialized skills or bring new trainings and experience back to the police department. There were **twenty-four (24) different trainings** attended by **fifteen (15) different officers** in 2023. The additional trainings are listed below.

Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer's Conference – This is an annual conference covering many traffic safety topics. Officers learn of resources to improve traffic safety, safety considerations for traffic incidents (traffic stops, traffic crashes, road closures, etc.), and changes in law, policy, etc., that can affect communities. Chief Vierck attended this conference in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Winning Mind—Excellence in Training – This training on leadership focuses on developing staff and understanding how to lead by example. The instructor was an international presenter from Canada with a background in law enforcement. The training will help continue a positive change in culture in the agency by having all command staff being trained with the same message and vision for the agency. Sergeant Wetter attended this training.

Basic Fire Investigations – In the past three years, we have had several fires that occurred within the Village. We sent Detective Schaaf to this 40-hour course to learn more about investigating fires to help determine if there are suspicious elements or not to better enable us to seek out help for criminal arson cases when needed.

Robert Borkenstein Drug Course – Chief Vierck had the opportunity to attend the internationally recognized Borkenstein Drug Course that covers toxicology, physiology, and the overall way that drugs affect the human body. This course had students from all over the world and is 36-hours long over a week. Normally the course is held in Indiana or Pennsylvania. It was offered in Madison during 2023. This course will help to keep Chief Vierck's expert skills up to date for drug impaired driving investigations.

Fair and Impartial Policing Train the Trainer – This national course is very relevant today, more than ever. This training certifies officers to train other officers on implicit bias to be fair and impartial in their enforcement efforts. This course is based on scientific principles and gives realistic examples of how implicit bias affects others and how to not let it affect decision making through understanding and awareness.

Advanced Training Continued

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)— Officers are trained to detect drug impaired drivers in addition to refreshing their skills to detect alcohol impaired drivers. The class includes drug trends, statistics, and field sobriety testing skills. The goal is to get all officers trained in this course.

School Safety Training—Dane County schools work together to put on at least two school safety trainings each year. These trainings cover response to threats, reunification, safety essentials, prevention, ETC. Officers from Mount Horeb PD attended at least one of these trainings each year, over the past three years.

Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management—The Wisconsin Officer of School Safety puts on a training for schools and law enforcement on how to manage threats and conduct behavioral assessments to determine danger of an active threat. Mount Horeb PD sent several officers to this training after May 1, 2024 along with members of the MHASD. This helped us to better collaborate on future threats.

Public Records for Law Enforcement – We hosted an attorney from the Wisconsin Department of Justice at our police department. This training was open to all agencies in Dane County. This training covered open records for law enforcement to better assist out agency in responding to requests for records from the public. Administrative Assistants Brenda Wienkes and Helen Conrad attended along with Lieutenant Jarvis.

Drugs and Impaired Driving Conference – A national level conference covering topics surrounding preventing impaired driving. The focus is on enforcement, prevention, and public policy. This conference is held by the International Association of Chiefs of Police each year in different parts of the United States. Chief Doug Vierck attends each year at no cost to the village due to his association with the Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Program. The information brought back to the agency is invaluable to the community for policy recommendations and knowledge passed on to officers and the community.

Various Online Webinars – The Training and Standards Bureau offers many online, two hour webinars as options for officers to complete online training. These topics include wellness, stress management, active shooter incidents, fraud, elder abuse, sexual assault, culture competence, leadership, and other current, relevant training topics. Almost every officer in the agency has completed at least one of these webinar trainings to enhance their skills and abilities. Some have completed ten or more hours worth.

Advanced Training Continued

Field Training Officer—Basic — Officer Molburg attended a 24 hour training to become a field training officer. Field training officers evaluate and confirm newly hired officers are prepared for the job through mentoring and training staff. This is one of the most important positions in a police department. At this time, we have 5 officers certified as FTOs.

Supervising Critical Incidents — This is a national level course for supervisors on how to manage critical incidents. The premise is to bridge the gap on a critical incident between initial arrival and when a tactical team arrives on scene. Supervisors learn tactics to lead personnel during events and manage the scene. This training will help our supervisors better respond to serious incidents from major car accidents to mass casualty incidents. Lieutenant Jarvis and Sergeant Rehfeldt attended this course.

Peer Support — Officer Fell attended a training to start establishing a peer support team in Mount Horeb, giving us five officers trained at this point. Peer support pairs officers with someone who was involved in a critical incident or is struggling. This allows for support and wellness care for officers by their peers, which promotes more trust and buy-in.

Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) — We sent Officer Wyss to CIT training in 2023. This course helps officers understand how to approach individuals in crisis to de-escalate and reduce chances of using force.

Active Threat Conference – Each year, Wisconsin holds a conference on Active Threat Response in Oshkosh. Officers Rosemeyer and Molburg attended in 2023. This conference is a statewide collaboration to share information with all agencies on current trends, response best practices, and other information to better prepare officers for an active threat in their jurisdiction. Officers Erickson and Stoddard attended the conference in 2024. Chief Vierck, School resource Officer Rosemeyer, and Lieutenant Jarvis attended as well as presented at the conference in 2025. They gave a presentation on the May 1, 2024 incident at the Mount Horeb Middle School.

Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) – There are three levels to this course. The levels are basic, advanced, and instructor. Almost all staff have completed the basic ASIM course for patrol officers. Lieutenant Jarvis was able to complete the advanced course through an online grant with Dane County Emergency Management. This class was also offered to fire departments to allow greater team efficiency at large scale events. Officers Hugill and Koeller attended this training in 2023.

Advanced Training Continued

Leadership in Police Organizations—LPO focuses on leadership at all levels. Officers are often times working alone and have to make split second decisions. This requires leadership without titles. A goal of Mount Horeb PD is to have as many officers as possible attend this course. Officer Molburg and Officer Koeller attended in 2024. The course is three weeks long (one week a month for three months) with very minimal costs to the agency. The course is very bene-

Detective Bootcamp—This course certifies officers to train other officers the skills needed for on the job patrol work. We switched to the PTO model in 2025, which is a more student centered learning model. We now have six officers certified in the new model of training.

Crime Scene Processing—To partner with the detective bootcamp training, we also sent an officer through crime scene processing school. This class works directly with staff from the state crime lab to learn best practices for handling the different types of evidence. This will assist in collection, documentation, processing, and preservation of evidence.

FBI—LEEDA Supervisory Training—This is part of a 3-session training series to enhance leadership. Lieutenant Jarvis attended this first session and hopes to complete all three in the coming years.

LE Phlebotomy Training— In 2024, Wisconsin approved a Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program. At times, hospitals are very busy and a blood draw for an impaired driving arrest can take hours when you factor in travel and wait times. Having officers in our agency that can draw blood for this can reduce expenses and time. Officer Hugill, who is certified in EMS and phlebotomy attended this course. Officer Hugill was the first one certified in Dane County and showed the progressive vision we have towards training in Mount Horeb. This will help in the long term for efficiency and improved resources.



Photo (ABOVE): Lieutenant Jarvis sits in a vehicle during a training scenario.

Advanced Training Continued

Resilience and Endurance for the Policing Professional –

This was a two day conference held by the Wisconsin Association of Women Police. Officer Wyss attended this conference and learned about resiliency and wellness in policing. This will help officers to have a long career and stay mentally and physically well throughout.

FTO/PTO Course – This course certifies officers to train other officers the skills needed for on the job patrol work. We switched to the PTO model in 2025, which is a more student centered learning model. We now have six officers certified in the new model of training.

Traffic Incident Management (TIMs) – When there is a road closure or a major incident on the highway, safety is of utmost importance. Officers are trained in best practices for where to park, when to shut down the road, and where to divert traffic to keep everyone safe. We had six officers attend this course that we hosted at the police department in Mount Horeb. The fire department also had staff attend.

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

(CRASE) Train the Trainer – This course certifies officers to teach civilians how to plan and respond to active threat events. Officer Molburg attended this training in 2023. He has held at least one class in 2023 and one in 2025.

Other Trainings – Over the past three years we have also sent officers to training topics such as domestic violence updates, emergency management, various other leadership courses, conferences, drug investigation courses, etc.

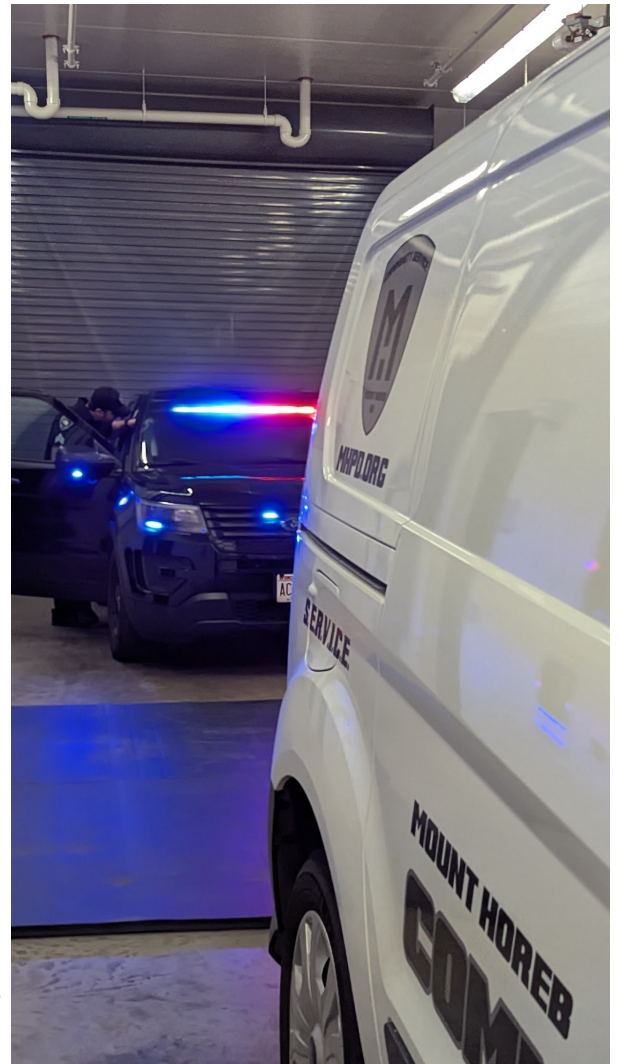


Photo (ABOVE): Sergeant Rehfeldt is working with an officer who is participating in a training exercise.

“Training is not an expense, but an investment in human capital.” - Roy H. Williams

Future Planned Training

As mentioned in other areas of this report, our focus is on community engagement and training. We will continue to improve and increase our training as much as possible each year. 2026 is going to continue building on the past three years and keep increasing the skills and knowledge level of our training.

Instructor Certifications —Instructors help the agency in many ways. Instructors can review reports, teach new officers, become an informal leader, establish subject matter experts, and reduce costs for sending officers outside the agency for training. We hope to add additional instructors in Defense Tactics Tactical Response, Vehicle Contacts, and Emergency Vehicle Operation. Growing our instructor cadre will help continue our commitment to excellence. It is also key to strategic planning to have multiple instructors in case an officer leaves or retires. We can also reduce workload to prevent burnout.

Rookie to Retirement - A wellness course to help new and veteran officers understand how to survive the law enforcement career field. From mental health, the financial wellness, this course can help officers build resiliency to make it to a well deserved and enjoyable retirement. We had attempted to hold this course a couple years ago and the class fell through. We hope to have the class in the near future.

Leadership Training - We will continue to increase our leadership training for future development and succession planning. All officers are in a position at some point to be a leader, whether formal or informal. Giving them skills to help with decisions making, trust, and communication is critical to our success as an agency.

Inservice Trainings - We will cover topics in domestic violence investigations, gas line events (by MG&E), CPR/AED, Integrated Communications and Tactics (ICAT) for decision making and de-escalation, and some simulator training at VORTEX. These topics are chosen at the end of the previous year based on calls for service, concerns by supervisors, needs of the agency, and current events to stay up to date on the latest events facing law enforcement.

“Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.” - Jim Rohn

MHPD Library

Everyone learns differently. At MHPD we strive to continue learning and give opportunities for growth from many different sources. One of our learning options for officers and staff is the MHPD library. Our library consists of books on various topics relevant to law enforcement. These topics include Leadership, Officer Safety, Deceptive Behaviors, Patrol Procedures, Legal Issues, Officer Wellness, and Risk Management. We plan to continue to grow this library to continue our growth in skills, knowledge, and abilities.

Leadership — Officers often work on cases by themselves, they are making decisions with a lot of autonomy based on the speed and nature of the work. All officers need leadership skills to help with the job.

Officer Safety — This career is inherently dangerous. Any help in improving safety can go a long way.

Deceptive Behaviors — Learning how to tell if someone is lying from body language can help solve cases and bring closure to victims of crimes.

Patrol Procedures — During training, officers are not able to learn all aspects of the job. Having access to other information sources can improve knowledge and skills.

Legal — Understanding the laws is a must. Resources on case law and legal decisions are a good quick reference for officers.

Officer Wellness — If officers are not well physically or mentally, they will not be able to help others. Having resources available to improve physical and mental well being are a key component to wellness. The books are also available to significant others of officers to have extra support.

Risk Management — High stress decision making can lead to risks. Understanding risk management can prevent problems before they happen. These books are one piece of the puzzle to reducing risk in the police department.

Other Functions / Activities of the Police Department

Steering Committee

When implementing change, one of the biggest hurdles is buy-in from staff. To help with the changes and allow for better input, a Steering Committee was created. The steering committee is comprised on a diverse group of staff from the police department spanning all shifts, civilian and sworn staff. The purpose is to get input from all levels on our vision, mission, policies, training, and systems as we make decisions.

The Steering Committee has met several times over the past couple years. They have completed a review of policies, suggested trainings, and worked to help implement our standards across the entire department. They will continue to work towards pushing our agency towards greatness in the future.

Awards

We currently do not have a formal awards program. We will be implementing one in the near future. The awards program will include awards for officers who achieve excellence, staff recognition, as well as awards for members of the public. There will be a nomination process that will be available once it is up and running. There will also be a method for the community to recognize positive performance by officers. One plan will be a messaging system we hope to link to our website to send messages of thanks to officers. Will have more detailed updates in 2026 as we work to keep improving our agency.

National Night Out (NNO)



2025

In 2025 we paired with Wednesday Night Live again to bring a fun-filled event with music and community engagement. Agencies included Mount Horeb Fire Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office, Verona PD, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Dane County Emergency Management, Blue Mounds PD, and UW-Medflight. We also hosted a dunk tank to raise money for our future K-9 program. We anticipate continuing this fundraising event again.



Mount Horeb Police Department

Plans for Future

Next year (2026) We plan to have Mount Horeb FD, Dane County, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Dane County Emergency Management back again. We are going to work on having a helicopter again and partner with Wednesday Night Live again. Our hope is to have free food, free music, and other fun activities for all to enjoy.

Cops and Bobbers



We hosted the fifth annual Cops and Bobbers event in 2025. This was a partnership with Mount Horeb Recreation Department, Mount Horeb Optimists, Dane County Sheriff's Office and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This event is held during a free fishing weekend in the Spring to help introduce kids to fishing while getting to know local community members. The event was very well attended, in spite of the rain and we anticipate hosting another one in 2026. SRO Steve Rosemeyer is instrumental in planning and hosting this event.



Trunk or Treat



We hosted our second Trunk or Treat Event. This was a combined effort of all Village Departments to get out into the community so residents can get to know the Village employees.



Photo (ABOVE): Staff and residents enjoying Trunk or Treat at the Public Safety Building.

Photo (RIGHT): Officer Wyss, Sergeant Rehfeldt, and Officer Hugill pose prior to the start of Trunk or Treat.



Shop with a Cop

Officers participated in Shop with a Cop again this year. In 2025, officers were able to go shopping with the children in contrast to previous years where officers went shopping without the children and delivered the gifts. This is a partnered event between the Mount Horeb Area School District, the Mount Horeb Police Department, and the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Officers went shopping and then helped wrap the items. The officers all donated their time to the wonderful cause. We are happy to take part in giving back and supporting the community.



Expenditures and Budget

	2023	2024	2025
Wages and Benefits	\$1,894,217	2,170,010	2,236,626
Contractual Services	\$28,679	39,632	\$35,107
Supplies and Materials	\$68,132	39,623	\$39,107
Capital Expenditures	\$85,579	96,367	\$103,322
General Expenses	\$178,710	177,981	\$183,356
Total Expenditures	\$2,255,317	2,523,613	\$2,597,519

As you can see, the major funding for the police department goes to Wages and Benefits to put men and women in the community to help provide service. The increases in Expenditures is related to increased utility fees, increased clothing allowance due to increased new hires, and overtime costs related to open positions and new officer training.

Capital Expenditures increased from 2023 to 2025. This was due to the costs of squad equipment, having to replace the taser systems, and unplanned maintenance issues.

Our long term plan is to spread out upgrades and improvements in technology so we are only buying 1-2 items a year at a lower cost, rather than buying everything at once. This will help us avoid having to buy large quantities at a large cost, every 5-10 years . This also helps with changes in technology so we can keep up to date without large costs. Things that will fall into this category are Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), Computers, Radios, Electronic Control Devices (ECDs A.K.A. Tasers), etc. We are starting to see the benefits of long-term strategic planning. It is easier and more efficient to plan and budget each year. We are also having less technological issues and repair costs.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division consists of three shifts covering 24 hours of patrol each day. The shifts consist of Day shift, Evening Shift, and Night Shift. Each shift has four different officers, including a supervisor, that work on a rotating basis of six days on and three days off.

Day Shift

Day shift patrol has three assigned officers that are supervised by the Lieutenant. Day shift spends a lot of time at businesses and schools (where most of the population is during these hours). They also work hard at self-initiated activity like traffic enforcement and proactive activities to prevent crashes and problems.

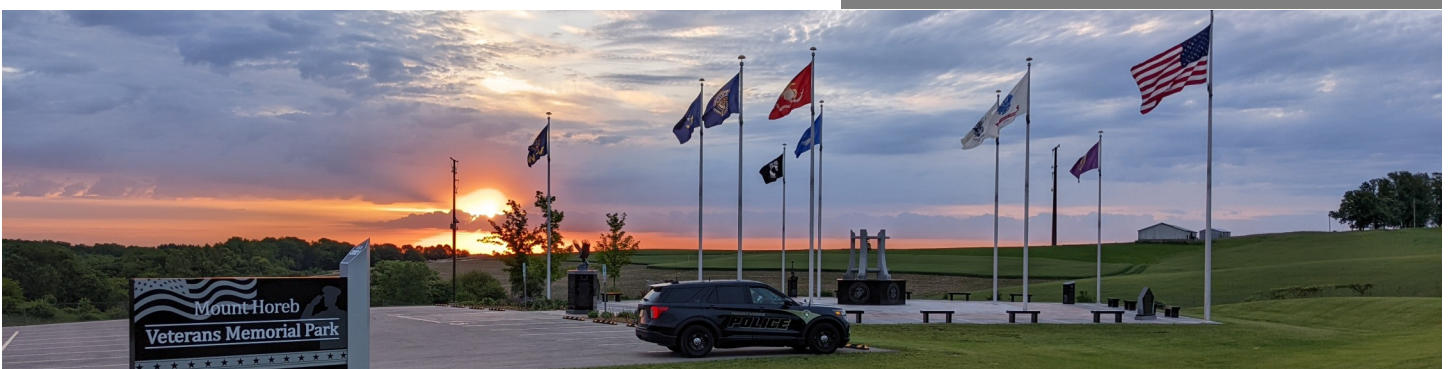
Evening Shift

Evening Shift has three assigned officers that are supervised by a sergeant. Evening shift is one of the busiest shifts because everyone is home from work and school. During these times of day, people may return home from work to find damage to their property or a burglary. In addition to calls for service, evening shift spends time conducting traffic enforcement to prevent crashes, improve safety, and identify criminal activity.

Night Shift

Night Shift has three assigned officers that are supervised by a sergeant. These officers work hard to prevent crimes from happening while everyone is sleeping. They notify residents of open garage doors or suspicious activity. Common incidents are alarms, burglaries, impaired driving, and domestic violence incidents to name a few.

Photo (BELOW): A night shift officer took this photo as the sun started to rise on a cold windy morning. We patrol all areas of the village to keep people and property safe.

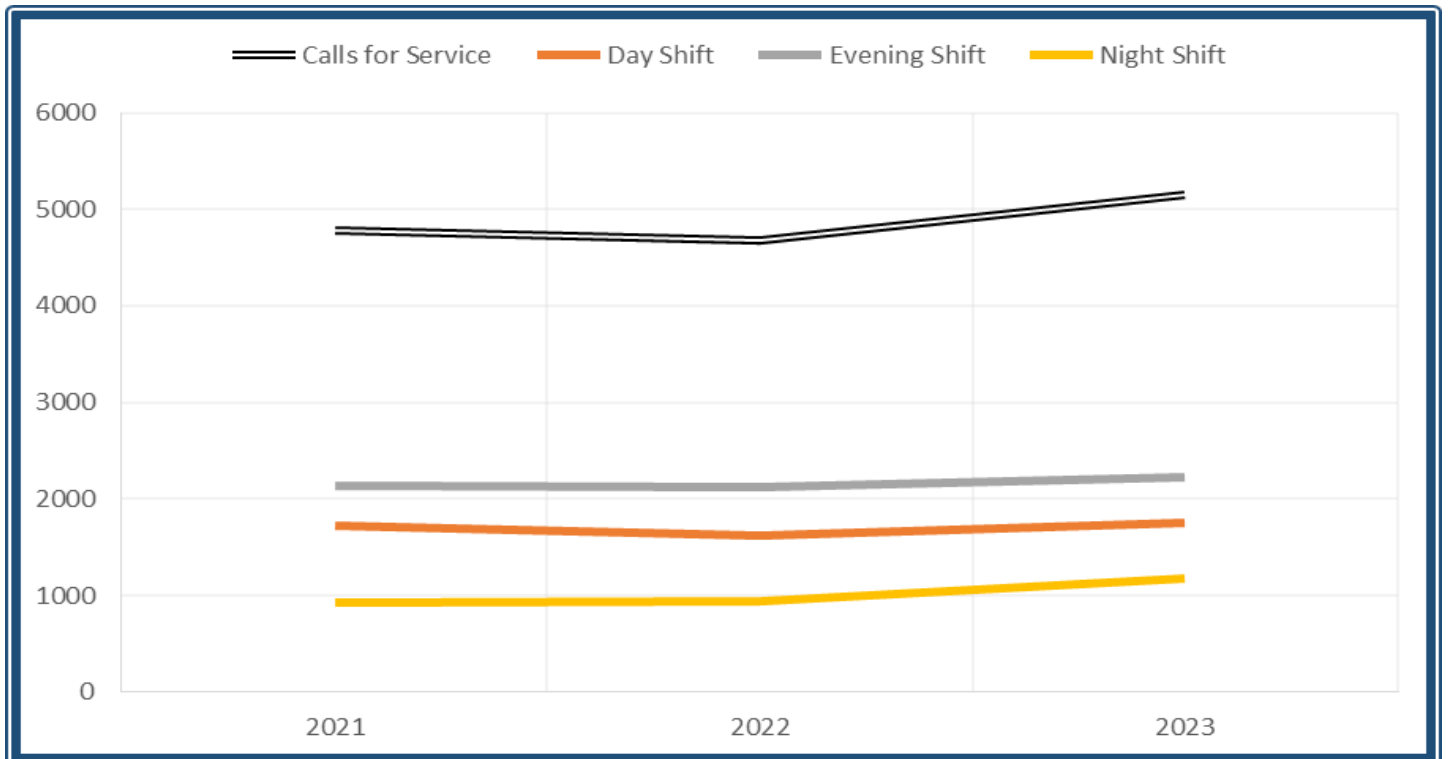


Calls for Service

Year	Calls for Service	% Increase	Staff Levels	% Increase
2021	4,782	10%	15	+7.1%
2022	4,681	-2%	15	0.0%
2023	5,145	-2%	15	0.0%
2024	4,602	-10%	16	+6.6%
2025	4,901	+6%	17	+6.3%
2021—2025	+ 119	+2.5%	+2	+13.3%

The call for service increase that we have seen the past several years has leveled off on average. We have still increased by two and a half percent over the five years, with some years growing by ten percent. Our staffing has increased to meet the demand and in the past five years increased by 13%. This has been a way to reduce overtime costs while increasing wellness for officers. The staffing increases over the years has included a detective, school resource officer, and a supervisor that does not necessarily assist in the daily call volume. The past two years it has been an increase to patrol to assist in the call volume and reduce overtime. We are continuing to analyze and find better ways to be efficient and improve our service to the community. 2022 showed a slight reduction in call volume. This is likely due to two officers being in field training. When an officer is training, they can take longer on calls and tend to be less proactive while they are learning.

*** There may be differences in numbers of the next few pages. Due to three different systems (Dispatch, Records System, Ticket System), which include different coding, the numbers may not completely match depending on the source of the numbers. All efforts were made to be consistent.***



2025 Calls for Service

Problem Type	Total
911 Abandoned	39
911 Abandoned Text Message	0
911 Disconnect	24
911 Misdial	12
911 Multiple/Nuisance	0
911 Open Line	35
911 Question	21
911 Test	2
911 Unintentional/Caller Contact	149
AA-Assist Ambulance	948
AC-Assist Citizen	233
Accident-Bicycle	0
Accident-Deer	2
Accident-Hit/Run	12
Accident-Injury	11
Accident-No Injury	54
Accident-Past Report	5
Accident-Private Property	7
Accident-Unknown Injury	5
AFD-Assist Fire Department	141
Alarm	41
Alarm Cancelled	0
Alarm-Business	0
Animal-Barking	15
Animal-Bite	5
Animal-Disturbance	15
Animal-Found	9
Animal-General/Stray	37
Animal-Lost	2
Annoying Phone Calls	2

Problem Type	Total
AOA-Assist Other Agency	154
Arrested Adult	14
ATL-Person	4
Attempted Homicide	0
Battery	4
Burglary-Non-Residence	0
Burglary-Residence	0
Check Area/Foot Patrol	139
Check Person	191
Check Property	319
Civil Dispute	8
Commitment/Chapter 51	0
Confidential/Silent	4
Damage to Property	13
Death Investigation	7
Disabled Vehicle	40
Disturbance	41
Domestic/Family Trouble	33
Drug Investigation	15
Enticement/Kidnap	0
Extortion	2
Fight in Progress	2
Follow Up	50
Forgery	0
Found Person	2
Found Property	54
Fraud	29
Graffiti Complaint	1
Gun Call	0
Harassment	12
Information (Law)	251

2025 Calls for Service Cont.

Problem Type	Total
Intoxicated Driver	10
Intoxicated Person	4
Juvenile Complaint	32
Lost Property	8
Medical Examiner Call	1
Meeting	0
Missing Adult	6
Missing Juvenile	4
Murder/Homicide	0
Neighbor Trouble	3
Noise Disturbance	13
Overdose	0
Phone Message (Law)	194
PNB/AED Response	4
Preserve Peace	22
Private Parking	5
Recovd Stolen-Outside Agency	0
Repossessed Vehicle Info	11
Robbery-Armed	0
Robbery-Strong Armed	0
Safety Hazard	38
Sex Offense-Misc	5
Sexual Assault-Adult	1
Sexual Assault-Child	3
Special Event	60
Street Parking	53
Suspicious Person	29
Suspicious Vehicle	44
Theft	21
Theft-Auto	2
Theft-From Auto	2
Theft-Other Vehicle	0

Problem Type	Total
Theft-Retail	2
Threats	20
Towed Vehicle	1
Traffic Complaint	54
Traffic Incident-Past	20
Traffic Incident-Road Rage	2
Traffic Monitoring	0
Traffic Stop	960
Traffic-Citizen Concern	1
Trespass Complaint	3
Unwanted Person	9
Vehicle Lockout	0
Violation Of Court Order	5
Weapons Violation	1
Total	4902

Photos (BELOW): Troll Cop at the Police Department. You may have seen Troll Cop out and about in 2024.



Traffic Enforcement 2025

Problem Type	2025 Total	2024 Total	Difference
Traffic Complaint	54	74	-20 (27%)
Traffic Incident—Past	20	9	+11 (122%)
Traffic Incident—Road Rage	2	2	+/-0 (0%)
Traffic Stop	960	917	+43 (5%)
Total	1,036	1,002	+34 (3%)



Photo (RIGHT) - Our Patrol Mount Bike parked before the Frolic Parade.

Photo (ABOVE) - One of our Squad Cars in our garage.

Citations and Warnings 2025

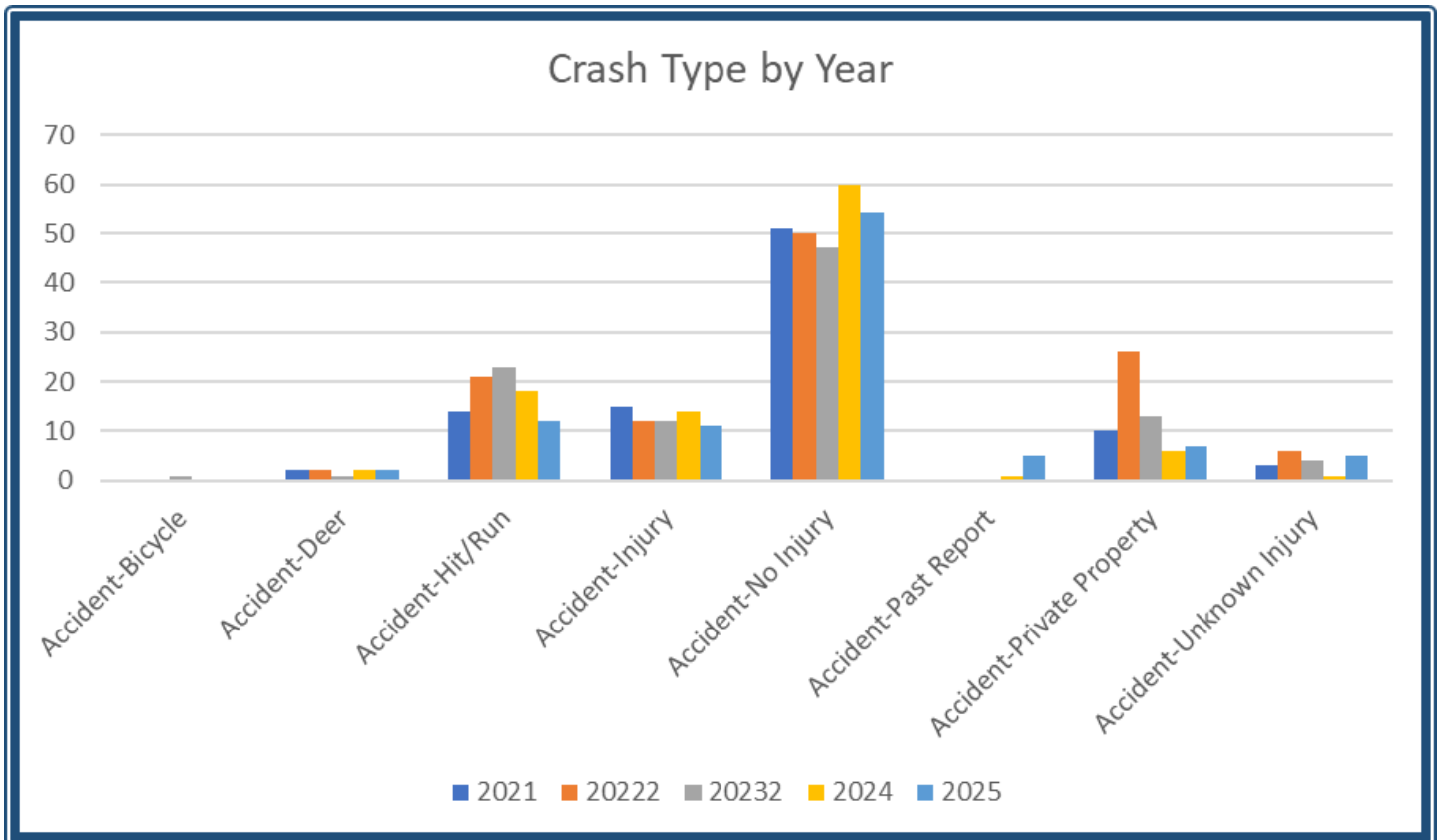
Violation	Citations 2024	Citations 2025	Difference
Accident	15	47	+32 (213%)
Driver's License	31	48	+17 (55%)
Light	1	3	+2 (200%)
Miscellaneous	0	0	0 (0%)
Moving Traffic	13	8	-5 (-38%)
Operating While Intoxicated	20	32	+12 (60%)
Other Equipment	0	0	0 (0%)
Oversized/Overweight Motor Carrier	1	1	0 (0%)
Safety Belt	1	1	0 (0%)
Speeding	36	42	+6 (17%)
Traffic Sign or Signal	12	37	+25 (208%)
Vehicle Registration Plates	19	18	-1 (-5%)
All Other Categories	1	53	+52 (5,200%)
Total	150	290	+140 (93%)

	2024	2025	Difference
Traffic Warnings Issued	906	920	+14 (1.5%)
Non-Traffic Citations Issued	51	71	+20 (39%)
Parking Citations Issued	455	496	+41 (9%)



Traffic Accidents

Problem Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2024-2025
Accident—Bicycle	0	0	1	0	0	0 (0%)
Accident—Deer	2	2	1	2	2	0 (0%)
Accident—Hit and Run	14	21	23	18	12	-6 (-33.3%)
Accident—Injury	15	12	12	14	11	-3 (-21%)
Accident—No Injury	51	50	47	60	54	-6 (-10%)
Accident—Past Report	0	0	0	1	5	+4 (400%)
Accident—Private Property	10	26	13	6	7	+1 (16.6%)
Accident—Unknown Injury	3	6	4	1	5	+4 (400%)
Total	95	117	101	102	96	-6 (-5.8%)



Traffic Accidents in 2025



Problem Type	2024	2025
Accident—Bicycle	0	0
Accident—Deer	2	2
Accident—Hit and Run	18	12
Accident—Injury	14	11
Accident—No Injury	60	54
Accident—Past Report	1	5
Accident—Private Property	6	7
Accident—Unknown Injury	1	5
Total	102	96

Photos (ABOVE): Two crash pictures taken during investigations. One was aa vehicle versus pedestrian.

Photos (BELOW): The pictures below are from two impaired driving crashes that occurred in the past two years.



Investigations Division

The investigations division consists of one full time detective. Detective Schaaf handles all major investigations such as death investigations, sexual assaults, financial crimes, etc. She assists other officers as needed and is also an instructor to help patrol staff improve their investigative skills. Detective Schaaf works on Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigations, oversees our TIME (Transaction Information for the Management of Enforcement) system, and Pre-hire background investigations.

Detective Schaaf works flexible hours based on cases and the need for investigative services. During the last three years she has worked on several potential child abuse cases, assisted patrol on several electronics/internet based crimes (teaching them about search warrants), a higher number of ICAC cases (a national trend for all agencies), a business fraud that included consulting with the Secret Service, a stalking case, and a large scale missing child case.

In 2025 we added Cellebrite Digital Investigations hardware and software to download and forensically review electronic devices for cases. This was made possible through a grant from OUR Rescue and the Department of Justice. We are working to find other funding sources to maintain this ability. It is an annual expense to maintain certification and software.



Photo (LEFT) - Two Fire Department Members helping open a safe that was part of an investigation.

Photo (BELOW) - Several firearms taken during a search warrant.



School Resource Officer

Officer Rosemeyer continued his focus on being a RESOURCE to the school. He gave many presentations on social media. He has been involved in drivers education and continues to partner with the school district. Officer Rosemeyer presents and learns from the Admin Council that meets on a regular basis. Working with and getting to know all district administration at all levels. Table top exercises, tours, safety briefings and assessments, as well as responding to safety and security issues within the schools. Officer Rosemeyer still visits different schools at lunch times and recesses. He also works with social workers and counselors to help in case of a mental health crisis so everyone is on the same page. The police department and school administration have had regular meetings to give and accept feedback from both sides to ensure we are meeting expectations from both ends. The partnership between the school and police department has been very enlightening and engaging. We are happy to partner with the schools to be a resource to the community.

In addition to his school functions, Officer Rosemeyer helps to organize Shop with a Cop and Cops and Bobbers to combine the school function of being a resource with our agency value of community oriented. Officer Rosemeyer helps create community events and functions to bridge the relationships between the community, the police department, and the schools through these events.



MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Service Officer



Our community service officer is Lonnie Drinkall. He works 75% of full time and is a civilian, or non-sworn position. CSO Drinkall has prior work history in law enforcement and is perfect for this position, based on his knowledge and background. His focus is parking enforcement, code enforcement, animal control, and assisting administration with tasks that help keep patrol officers available for calls for service and public safety tasks.

There are no tasks that CSO Drinkall cannot handle. He not only spends time on parking enforcement, nuisance abatement, traffic control, and managing the speed trailer; he also helps with walk in complaints, managing records surrounding parking violations, and run errands such as taking squads in for maintenance, changing out lights and fuses in squads, and being a role player for trainings. Without CSO Drinkall, we would not be nearly as efficient as we are today.

We have noticed a downward trend in parking citations written by CSO Drinkall. Parking tickets in general have gone up, mostly due to alternate side parking violations. But the reduced parking citations are likely due to increased enforcement starting in 2019, when CSO Drinkall started in Mount Horeb. 2019-2020 citations skyrocketed due to lack of enforcement prior to CSO Drinkall (part of the reason he was hired). Now, entering into 2025, everyone is aware of CSO Drinkall (we are told he is quite popular when he walks downtown). This reduces the violations, the main reason for having a parking enforcement officer. But, CSO Drinkall is using his time wisely with all the other tasks listed above that more than makes up for the reduced time spent on parking violations.

Records Division

We have two administrative assistants that work the front office and manage our records. One is full time, the other is part time. Brenda Wienkes started in 2022 and is the full-time administrative assistant. Alma Frame started in 2025 and works part-time. The records division is the backbone of this agency. Without them, the phones would go unanswered, the reports would not be typed and organized in our records system, emails and daily communication would cease to exist, and too many other processes to mention would come undone.

The records division is the face of the police department for anyone that visits the building. They help answer questions, solve problems, direct officers to where services are needed, assist the administrative team, and are a part of almost every function of the police department. Without them, we would be lost for sure.

Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting (WIBRs)

Mount Horeb PD participates in Wisconsin Incident based Reporting (WIBRS). The Wisconsin Incident-Based Reporting System (WIBRS) is the Wisconsin-specific version of the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). These data collections are part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, but offer much more detail and information compared to the Summary-Based Reporting (SBR) system. Mount Horeb Police Department has participated in this program since 2016.

Every month we certify data, close incidents accordingly, and send all the data to the Wisconsin Department of Justice. This data is entered into the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to document crime levels and reported incidents.

Wisconsin Department of Justice recently created a new dashboard website for the data. This way the information is easily accessible and more transparent to the community.

For more information go to:
<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/bjia/wibrs-data>

Mount Horeb PD						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2023—2025 % Change
Aggravated Assault	4	5	5	6	1	+25%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Burglary	2	1	1	1	0	-50%
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking Commercial Sex	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Human Trafficking Involving Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Larceny Theft	24	12	12	12	9	-50%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	1	0	0	+100%
Rape – Prior to 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape – revised 2017	2	0	0	2	2	-200%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Simple Assault	5	8	8	11	1	+60%

Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting 2025

These are the 2025 numbers that were reported to the WIBRs system for MHPD. A call through dispatch that we investigate may ultimately have the offense code changed once it is investigated, dependent on the facts of the investigation. We also have to take our coding of calls based on our system and fit those into the federal level incident codes. Since they are federal codes based on NIBRs, some of them are not used or may be zeros since they don't apply to us.

DESCRIPTION	# OF OFFENSES
Murder and Negligent Manslaughter	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Rape	2
Sexual Assault with an Object	0
Fondling	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	1
Simple Assault	1
Intimidation	2
Arson	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0
Pocket-Picking	0
Purse-Snatching	0
Shoplifting	2
Theft from Buildings	0
Theft from Coin Operated Machine or Device	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	0
All Other Larceny	7
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2
False Pretense/Swindle	5
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0
Impersonation	0
Wire Fraud	2
Identity Theft	3
Hacking / Computer Invasion	0
Embezzlement	0
Stolen Property Offenses	0

DESCRIPTION	# OF OFFENSES
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	3
Drug/Narcotics Violations	14
Drug Equipment Violations	8
Statutory Rape	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	2
Betting/Wagering	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting	0
Gambling Equipment	0
Prostitution	0
Assisting or Promoting	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0
Bribery	0
Weapons Law Violations	1
Human Trafficking,	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary	0
Animal Cruelty	1
Bad Checks	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0
Disorderly Conduct	33
Driving Under the Influence	15
Family Offenses/Nonviolent	0
Liquor Law Violations	1
Peeping Tom	0
Trespass of Real Property	1
All Other Offenses	31
TOTAL IBR REPORTABLE OFFENSES	138

Use of Force

Use of force is a tough topic. There are times where officers have no choice but to use force. These include when force is used against the officer or someone else. In Mount Horeb, there are very limited times we use force, and then it is only when necessary and within our training, experience, and the law.

In 2021, we completed an assessment of our Use of Force Policies through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Our policies were found to be in compliance with Wisconsin and Federal standards. We train consistently and continuously in de-escalation and use of force to reduce the chance of using force. When Chief Vierck was appointed in 2020, there were no reporting mechanisms for the number of use of force incidents in our records system. Starting in 2021, we added a report to track use of force in our records reporting system. This is one of the many safeguards to ensure early detection of excessive use of force or other problems relating to use of force. We train officers in de-escalation to reduce the need for force, we added a Defensive Tactics Instructor in 2022 to better train officers, review incidents, and create additional support for the goal of minimizing force to the best of our ability, and we have incorporated scenario based training to help with stress inoculation and reduce the likelihood of excessive force and improper responses under stress.

Our policy defines non-deadly force as any force used that is not deadly force, but force that in normal circumstances can cause bodily harm. Our reporting process requires a report for use of force for any amount of force beyond handcuffing. Some of the reports of force include restraining someone even though there were no injuries. Other reports of force include the threat of a taser, but the taser was not used. The numbers below do not necessarily mean there were injuries or physical force was used. If you would like to know more about our Use of Force policies, please go to www.mhpd.org/policies.

In 2025, there were 4,902 (5,149 in 2023, 4,600 in 2024) calls for service documented through the Dane County Communications software. During 2025, officers with Mount Horeb PD used force only 13 times (20 in 2023, 13 in 2024). That is using force, on average, once for every 377 calls for service or 0.26% (1 in 257 for 2023 (0.38%) and 1 in 353 for 2024 (0.28%)). The number went up slightly because in 2023, there was a reporting discrepancy where not all use of force calls were coded in our records system. These uses of force included cases involving impaired drivers, domestic violence, assisting other agencies, assisting fire/EMS, and disturbances.

Complaints Against Officers

Just like use of force, complaints against officers are relatively rare in Mount Horeb. But, we want to be as transparent as we can be with information.

All complaints are taken seriously. Investigations are conducted fairly and impartially before a disposition is made.

We want to ensure that we are accepting of complaints so we can improve our service to the community and address any concerns brought to our attention.

In 2023, we received Four (4) complaints against officers. In 2024, we received one (1) complaint. In 2025, we received two (2) complaints.

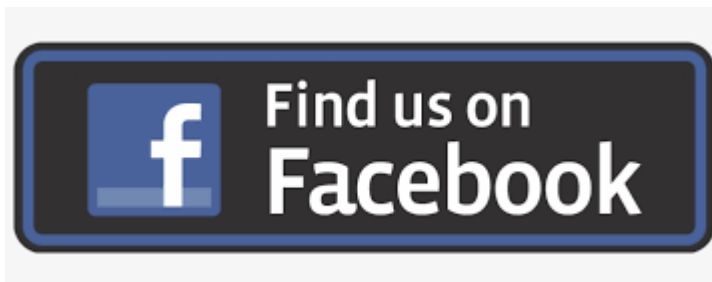
- 3 Were Unfounded (2023 (1) and 2024 (1))
- 1 Was Not Sustained (2023)
- 3 Were Sustained (2023 (2) and 2025 (1))
- 1 Were Exonerated (2025)
- 0 Related to Policy Failure

The definitions of the dispositions are:

- **Unfounded:** Investigation indicates that the allegations are false.
- **Not Sustained:** Insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegations.
- **Sustained:** The allegations are supported by sufficient evidence to conclude they are true.
- **Exonerated:** Investigation indicates that the incident occurred, but were justified, lawful, and proper under the circumstances.
- **Policy Failure:** The investigation reveals that the allegations are true; however, the employee was acting in accordance with established department policy.

Complaints listed above include anonymous complaints, complaints that are sent to us, but the reporting person does not follow up or cooperate to gather more information, informal , and formal complaints. Regardless of the type or manner of complaint, a supervisor is assigned to review the information, speak to the officer, and determine the outcome based on the definitions above. Then, if there is a violation of policy or law, our disciplinary policy is followed to ensure accountability.

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