



LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 09, 2025 at 4:30 PM

**City Hall - Conference Room 106, 828 Center Avenue,
Sheboygan, WI**

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

MINUTES

- [5.](#) Approval of Minutes - March 26, 2025

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- [6.](#) R. O. No. 127-24-25 (DIRECT REFERRAL) by Police Chief Kurt Zempel pursuant to section 30-50 of the Municipal Code, submitting the annual report for the Police Department for the year 2024.
- [7.](#) R. O. No. 126-24-25 (4-2-25) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. Next meeting date - TO BE DETERMINED

ADJOURN

9. Motion to adjourn sine die

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CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES****Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Alderperson Robert La Fave, Alderperson Joseph Heidemann, Alderperson Grazia Perrella, Alderperson Daniel Peterson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chair Alderperson Zach Rust

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fire Chief Eric Montellano, Captain Michael Stelter, Assistant City Attorney Audrey Kratz, Paralegal Kathy Hoffman

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Meyer

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Alderperson Robert La Fave called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

MINUTES

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2025.

Motion made by Alderperson Peterson, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella, Alderperson Peterson.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. R. O. No. 123-24-25 (3-17-25) by Fire Chief Montellano pursuant to section 24-400 of the Municipal Code, submitting the annual report for the Fire Department, for the year 2024.

Fire Chief Montellano presented the Fire Department’s annual report for the year 2024 and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPT AND FILE R. O. NO. 123-23-24.

Motion made by Alderperson Peterson, seconded by Alderperson Perrella.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella, Alderperson Peterson.

- 7. Res. No. 186-24-25 (3-17-25) A Resolution authorizing application for the NAMI Wisconsin CIT and CIP Expansion Grant.

Captain Michael Stelter discussed the NAMI grant and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPT RES. NO. 186-24-25.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Perrella.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella, Alderperson Peterson.

- 8. R. O. No. 125-24-25 (3-17-25) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY CHANGE OF PREMISE APPLICATIONS OF JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER, CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF ALL NECESSARY PERMITS.

Motion made by Alderperson Perrella, seconded by Alderperson Peterson.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella, Alderperson Peterson.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 9. The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on April 9, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

- 10. Motion to adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:56 PM.

Motion made by Alderperson Perrella, seconded by Alderperson Peterson.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella, Alderperson Peterson.

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
R.O. 127-24-25
DIRECT REFERRAL TO LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

BY POLICE CHIEF KURT ZEMPEL.

APRIL 9, 2025.

Pursuant to section 30-50 of the Municipal Code, I herewith submit my annual report for the Police Department for the year 2024.



SPD 2024 Annual Report



Kurt Zempel, Chief of Police
1315 N. 23rd Street, Suite 101 Sheboygan, WI 53081

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Photo by Detective Paul Olsen



Our Vision

For Sheboygan to be the safest community of its size in the United States.

Our Mission

is to be the model of excellence in policing by working in partnership with the community and others to:

FIGHT crime, the fear of crime and disorder;

ENFORCE laws while safeguarding the constitutional rights of all people;

PROVIDE quality service to all our residents and visitors; and

CREATE a work environment in which we recruit, train and develop an exceptional team of employees.





Our Values

Integrity

Teamwork

Leadership

Competence

Accountability

Professionalism

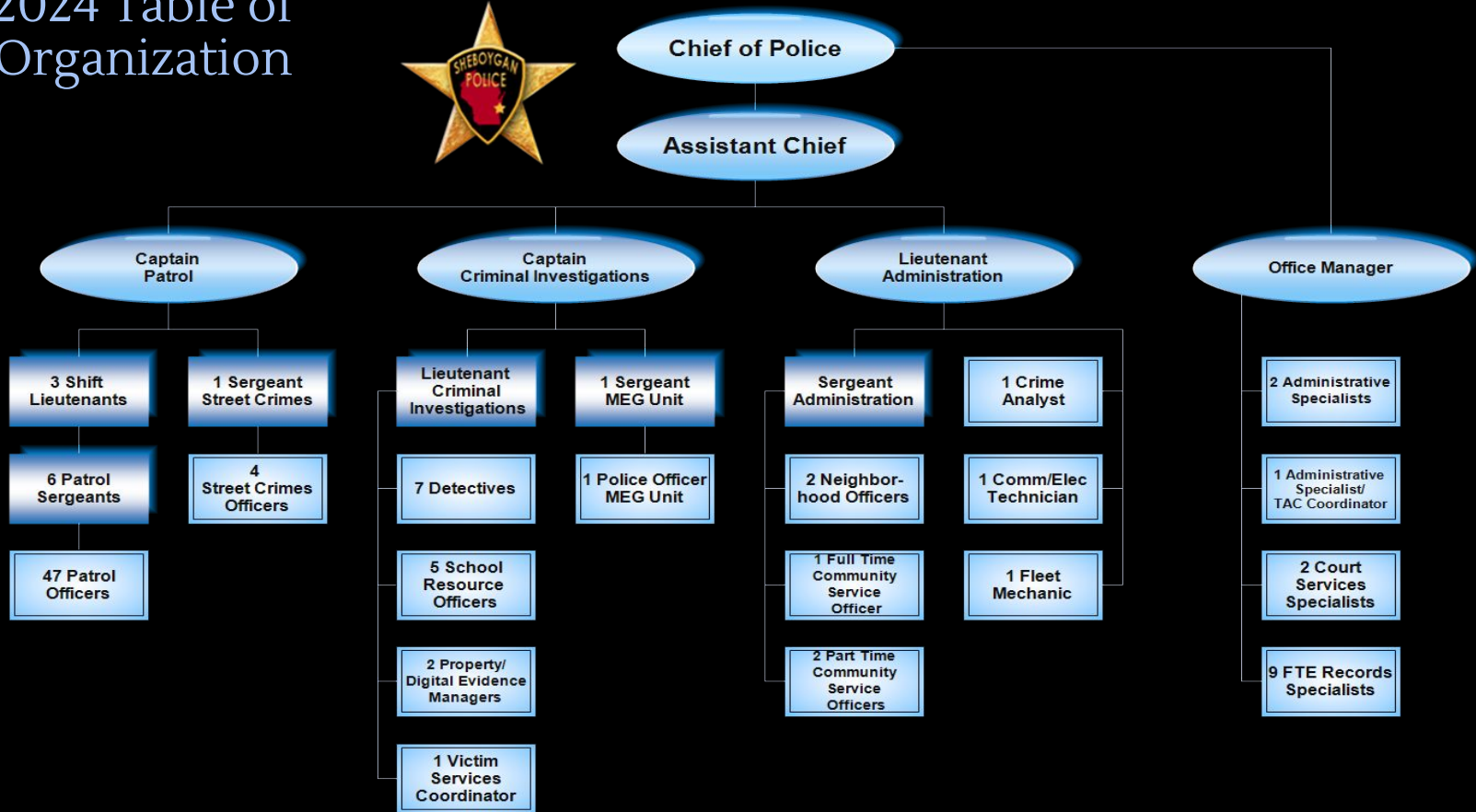


City of
Sheboygan
spirit on the lake.

Mayor Ryan Sorenson
City Administrator Casey Bradley

District	Wards	Aldersperson	District	Wards	Aldersperson
1	1, 2	Barb Felde	6	11, 12	Dean Dekker
2	3, 4	John Belanger	7	13, 14	Grazia Perrella
3	5, 6	Daniel Peterson	8	15, 16	Zach Rust
4	7, 8	Robert La Fave	9	17, 18	Trey Mitchell
5	9, 10, 21	Angela Ramey	10	19, 20	Joe Heidemann

2024 Table of Organization



Police & Fire Commission 2024-2025

President Larry Samet

Secretary Gerald Jones

Commissioner Kristin Stearns

Commissioner Corrado Cirillo

Commissioner Ann Steenwyk



Message from the Chief

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2024 saw the promotion of one new lieutenant and three new sergeants due to retirements as well as the creation of an administrative lieutenant position. This position was viewed as a necessary addition to the administrative staff of the department to focus on better coordination and oversight of training and professional standards, as well as to prepare the department for future accreditation. We look forward to continuing progress on these initiatives to enhance the professionalism and capabilities of our staff and to ensure that the department operates consistent with industry best practices as well as accountability and transparency for our community.

Six officers also completed training to become new police training officers, responsible for leading on-the-job training of new officers following their graduation from the academy or of experienced officers joining the department from other agencies. With these additions, we have approximately 15 trainers who ride with our newest officers during patrol operations, helping them to gain the practical experience and skills necessary to succeed as guardians for our community.

In 2024, we experienced an increase in crimes against persons of approximately 34%, most of which was the result of an increase in aggravated assault. The majority of aggravated assaults reported in Sheboygan are the result of intimate partner violence. We continue to work with other service providers and agencies in Sheboygan to address repeat victimization and reduce recidivism, including participation in high-risk domestic abuse and sexual assault response teams as well as support of drug court and other offender-focused interventions. Property crimes continued to trend down beyond historic lows, with a reduction of around 7%. Last year city residents and businesses experienced just 42 burglaries, compared to 65 the year before and over 400 in the late 2000s.

Also, as a result of our partnership with Sheboygan County Health and Human Services and Elevate, our co-responder program has been overwhelmingly successful at reducing the need for mental health commitments. The co-responders are trained mental health professionals who assist officers in their interactions with those experiencing behavioral health diagnoses or who are in crisis, connecting them with community treatment resources and supports. This means they are often able to intervene before a community member reaches the point of crisis and find a means to keep the person safe without having to conduct an emergency detention, providing for better outcomes and reducing the cost to the county. As a result of this partnership, there were just 51 involuntary commitments compared to 110 in 2023.

We continued to invest in our neighborhood policing and outreach efforts in 2024 to build relationships with the community we serve, including a successful citizen's academy, two Junior Police Academy classes, National Night Out, and numerous "brat with a cop" and other neighborhood events throughout the year. We also maintained our partnership with Black American Community Outreach in holding the annual Walk for Unity and Community Barbecue in August.

We are proud of the high level of proactive, problem-solving work and quality investigations our officers conduct to increase the safety and vibrancy of our neighborhoods. We also appreciate the strong support we receive from the City of Sheboygan leadership, the residents and businesses in our neighborhoods, and our partner agencies who share our dedication to making Sheboygan the safest city of its size in the country. Thank you for your interest in our public safety work and initiatives.

Sincerely,



Kurt Zempel, Chief of Poli

SPD Budget

	2020 Adopted Budget	2021 Adopted Budget	2022 Adopted Budget	2023 Adopted Budget	2024 Adopted Budget
Total Budget	\$12,875,964.00	\$12,907,179.00	\$13,111,676.00	\$13,582,624.00	\$14,260,615.00



Only total budget numbers are displayed.

Internal Investigations



23 internal investigations were conducted in 2024. Of those investigations, 12 were initiated by the department, and 11 were citizen complaints.

DEPARTMENT INITIATED INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS BY YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SUSTAINED	11	20	11	5	7
NOT SUSTAINED	1	0	1	1	4
UNFOUNDED	1	2	1	0	0
EXONERATED	3	0	0	0	0
NO FORMAL COMPLAINT	0	2	3	0	1
TOTAL	16	24	16	6	12

Sustained = The allegation is supported by sufficient proof.

Not Sustained = The evidence is not sufficient to prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded = The allegation is false or otherwise not based on valid facts.

Exonerated = The incident that occurred or was complained against was lawful and proper.

Internal Investigations



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS BY YEAR

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SUSTAINED	2	0	5	7	2
NOT SUSTAINED	1	2	1	0	1
UNFOUNDED	5	0	0	2	0
EXONERATED	3	5	1	0	7
NO FORMAL COMPLAINT	0	0	0	2	1
TOTAL	11	7	7	11	11

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Use of Force



USE OF FORCE BY YEAR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DEADLY FORCE	1	0	0	0	2
DISPLAY FIREARM	72	51	80	75	66
DISPLAY ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE	27	27	52	30	40
DEPLOY ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE	15	13	15	10	13
EMPLOY ACTIVE COUNTERMEASURES	11	5	5	5	7
APPLY HOBBLE DEVICE	7	6	4	10	4
DEPLOY SPECIALTY IMPACT MUNITIONS	1	1	4	0	1
DEPLOY OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY	4	2	0	0	1
DEPLOY IMPACT WEAPON	1	0	2	3	6
CANINE BITE	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	139	105	162	133	140

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Search Warrants



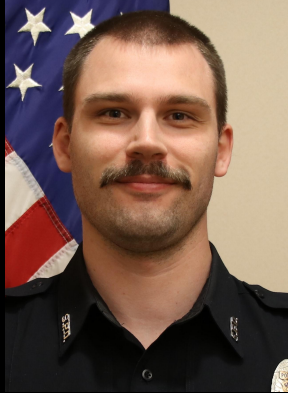
Search Warrants are utilized to obtain evidence related to a criminal offense. A search warrant is obtained for a person or place but can also be for records and digital data on electronic devices.

BY YEAR	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	8	4	4	6	9
February	8	9	8	10	4
March	5	5	10	10	11
April	9	7	15	12	9
May	16	5	11	1	8
June	10	7	5	8	13
July	6	7	2	9	9
August	8	4	5	8	7
September	4	5	4	5	7
October	4	6	12	7	10
November	4	3	13	10	9
December	13	6	7	10	4
Total	95	68	96	96	100

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NEW HIRES IN 2024

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Officer Brenden Hunt



Officer Charles Jumes



Officer Holly Kehoe



Officer Brandon Wilterdink



Officer Benjamin Thoms



Officer Caleb Fuller



Officer Payton Danen



Officer Justin Harris



Officer Jonathan Dobias

NEW HIRES IN 2024

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Officer Jennifer Bryant



Officer Antonio Martinez



Officer Alexis Contreras



Officer Landyn Helmer



Officer Sierra Kroening



CSO Noah Hausler



CSO Ethan Hocevar



Background Inv. Eric Edson

2024 RETIREES

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Officer Timothy McMullen



Officer Jeffrey Fitzpatrick



Sergeant Tim Patton



Admin Specialist Troy Stahl



Officer Piotr Gordziej



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Assistant Chief Douglas Teunissen

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for a variety of support services, including training, recruiting and screening police officer candidates, managing the police facility, managing the offices of the Sergeant of Administration, Crime Analyst, Police Fleet Services, Radios and Communications, and the Volunteers in Police Service Corps.

The Sergeant of Administration is responsible for training, supervising Beat Officers, Community Service Officers and School Crossing Guards, managing parking enforcement and traffic functions, and coordinating the Sheboygan Police Citizens Academy.

The Crime Analyst specializes in data analysis, providing support in identifying trends, assessing solvability factors, and directing proactive crime prevention strategies.

The Police Fleet consists of 43 different motor vehicles. Our Fleet Mechanic is responsible for general maintenance and repairs of all vehicles, and for fitting newly purchased vehicles with necessary equipment to operate as a police car. In 2024, our Fleet Mechanic outfitted 4 new squad cars and changed out three of our traditional vehicles with hybrids to help us operate more efficiently.

The Radio and Electronics Technician supports and maintains the Sheboygan County radio communications network, with radio service to over 300 mobile and portable radios within the City. Working with the IT department, the technician maintains several communication and security networks throughout the city. In addition, this position manages mobile data systems for the police department and services and installs various electronic equipment systems.

In 2024 our Radio and Electronics Technician was promoted to the City IT Director position. With Matt Greenwood moving to the IT Department, it was decided that his old position would be absorbed into his new department so that he continues to serve first responders and provide direct support to his replacement.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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In 2024, the department conducted 32 hours of in-service training to maintain the skills and knowledge of all officers on:

- Defense and Arrest Tactics
- Use of Force Scenarios
- Victim Services
- AED and CPR Certification
- Investigating Strangulation Cases
- Firearms
- Anti-Harassment
- Dementia

In addition to in-service training, officers attended advanced courses or specialized schools offered outside the department. 81 officers received more than 9,026 hours of training were provided for sworn personnel, an average of 112 hours per officer.

For non-sworn personnel, 19 team members received 287 hours of training.
About 15 hours per person on specialized or in-service training.

4 members of the Police Department attended Leadership in Police Organizations courses.
7 new officers hired in 2024 attended the 720-hour recruit academy.
In total, SPD personnel completed 14,353 hours of training.

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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Lt. Mike Stelter started training in August 2023 in the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College. This is a joint venture of the Certified Public Manager® Program and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau. This intense, eight-week in-residence leadership and management development program prepares law enforcement leaders for the challenges facing their profession. The group attends classes in eight five-day sessions held at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy, becoming Certified Public Managers together. Mike finished the training and graduated as a Certified Public Manager in June of 2024.



The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Sgt. Joel Hendrikse attended the National Academy in 2024 and graduated on December 12th.



VIPS are led by Coordinator Penny Weber. Other members who volunteered during 2024 were Barb Straus, Doug Strauss and Bill Young. Services provided were fingerprinting of the public, prescription drug collection services and city organization contact information updates.

Volunteers also include our three current police department chaplains, Chaplain Michael Thomas, Chaplain William Bulson and Chaplain Kristin Berglund. The Sheboygan Police Chaplaincy program was developed to serve as a resource to provide spiritual and emotional support to members of the department, their families and members of the public.

During 2024, VIPS donated
348 hours



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Assistant Chief Douglas Teunissen

The Criminal Investigation Division encompasses the Detectives, School Resource Officers, MEG Unit, the Victim Services Coordinator, the Property Manager and the Digital Evidence Manager. The Division is responsible for the more complex investigations including homicide, robbery, sexual assault, identity theft, forgery and burglary. 2024 brought change to the Criminal Investigation Division with Det. Rebecca Rupnick being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, the promotion of Detective Trisha Saeger, and Mike Wynveen and Jeremy Kegler being chosen to fill SRO vacancies.

The Criminal Investigation Division handles priority investigations. The investigations primarily are sexual assaults, exploitation of children, robbery, burglary, fraud, theft and overdose deaths. Supervision continues to monitor sex offender waivers and handled 48 applications for waivers in 2024. With the help of our SROs in the summer months of 2024 we completed a citywide audit of sex offenders to ensure that all persons living within the jurisdiction were complaint with our local ordinance and the rules of the WI DOC.

Breakdown of the Cases Assigned to CID

Total	351
Cleared by Arrest	84
Closed	2
Active	59
Inactive	22
Situation Resolved	164
Unfounded	11
Information Only (Intel)	9
Referred to Other Agency	3
Void	2
Other	17

Breakdown of Cases Assigned to School Resources Officers

Total	388
Cleared by Arrest	279
Closed	0
Active	5
Inactive	0
Situation Resolved	89
Unfounded	4
Information Only (Intel)	1
Referred to Other Agency	7
Void	2
Other	1

Cleared by Arrest: An investigation resulting in at least one arrest.

Closed: An investigation that is closed with no arrests.

Active: Currently assigned and under investigation.

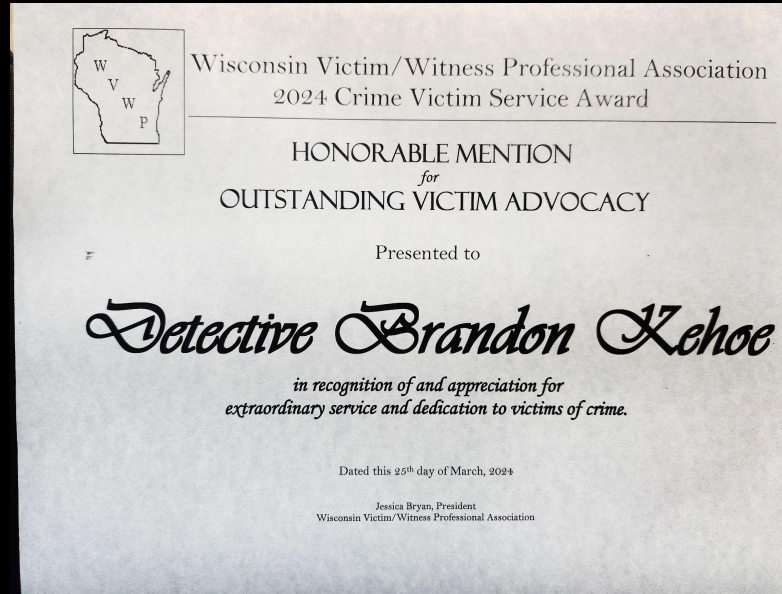
Inactive: A case in which all current investigative leads have been exhausted, but will be reopened if new information is obtained.

Situation resolved: A case in which law enforcement assisted in resolving an incident, no arrests were made, and no additional investigation was anticipated.

Unfounded: A case reported to law enforcement but investigation revealed the incident did not occur as reported, deemed false or baseless.

Information: A report used to compile information, often criminal intelligence.

*Unable to locate, false alarm, exceptional clearances are "Other"



In 2024, Detective Brandon Kehoe received an "Honorable Mention" for the Wisconsin Victim/Witness Professional Association (WVWP) 2024 Crime Victim Service Award.

WVWP presents awards to persons who have demonstrated exemplary assistance to crime victims and promoted fair treatment, dignity and respect for victims. This award is given to those who go above and beyond the call of duty for crime victims by nominating someone you feel is worthy of special recognition.

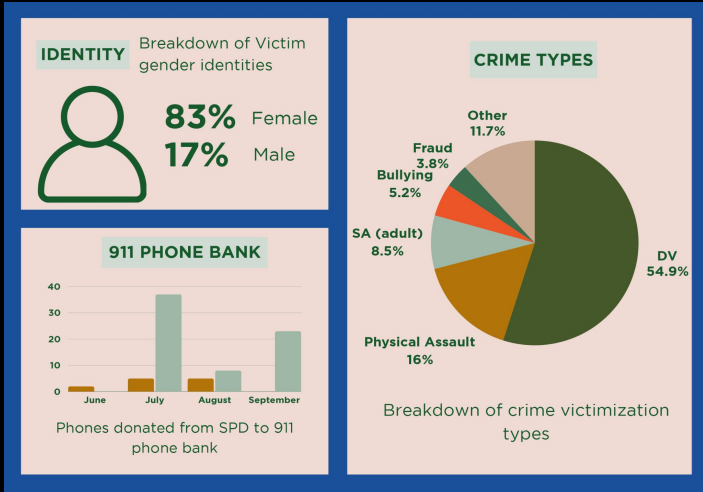
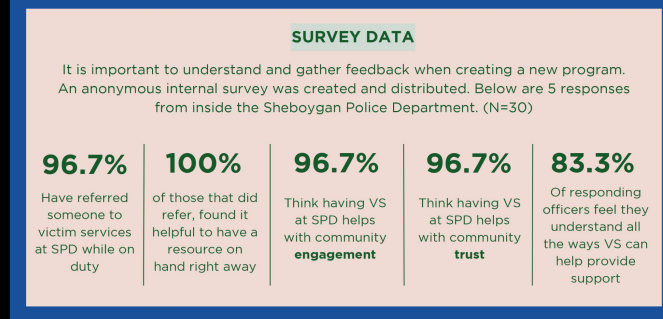


**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
TASK FORCE**

The Sheboygan Police Department is a participating agency with the Sheboygan County Human Trafficking Task Force. Victim Services Specialist Britta West and Detective Brandon Kehoe are the members from our agency who serve on the task force. The Task Force is a multi-disciplinary team that provides prevention efforts, community education and investigative services related to human trafficking activity in the greater Sheboygan area. The Sheboygan Police Department is one of several agencies that are represented on the task force. West and Kehoe currently co-chair the task force.

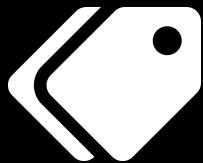
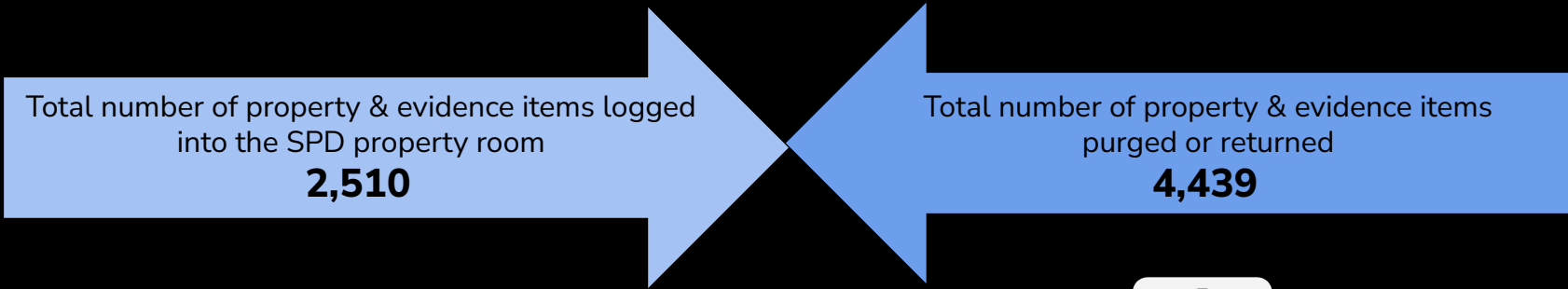
VICTIM SERVICES

The Sheboygan Police Department in partnership with the International Association for Chiefs of Police (IACP) received grant funding to support and create a program focused on victims of crime. Here are data points collected from year 1.



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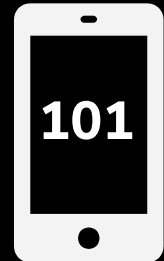
In 2024 both the Digital Evidence Manager, Cole Squire, and the Property/Evidence Manager, Zach Jensema attended the International Association of Property and Evidence Conference. There they both attended training that would allow them to become certified property and evidence managers.



125
Items processed at the Crime Lab



1,870 Pounds
Collected in the Prescription Drug Drop Off Box



101
Forensic Phone Downloads

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

THE MEG UNIT

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The Sheboygan County MEG Unit continued to address narcotic sales and distribution. In addition to arresting offenders, significant amounts of narcotics were seized during the investigations. The street value of these narcotics is great but the true value was not allowing these narcotics into the hands of users.



Illegal Drugs Seized

6.8 lbs. of marijuana, 82 marijuana plants,
3.4lbs of meth, 545.83g of fentanyl,
306.82g of cocaine



3,034.24 Pounds

National Prescription Drug Take Back
Campaign



PATROL DIVISION

Captain Joel Kuszynski

The Sheboygan Police Department's patrol division is responsible for responding to calls for service from the community, providing uniformed patrol in marked squad cars to help deter crime and enforce traffic laws, and to work collaboratively with neighborhoods to resolve ongoing crime and quality of life problems. The division provides around-the-clock police services with a staff of approximately 60 police officers and supervisors. Patrol officers and supervisors are also assigned a group of neighborhoods in the city where they are responsible for monitoring ongoing problems and building relationships with residents, stakeholders and other service providers to help improve quality of life in neighborhoods.

All members of the patrol division are encouraged to be proactive in addressing crime, traffic, and disorder problems that arise throughout the city and in their assigned neighborhoods. This includes promoting methods for residents and businesses to prevent victimization by caring for and securing their properties, using exterior lighting at night, and engaging in safe driving practices. All officers in the patrol division are responsible for monitoring their assigned areas for public safety trends and threats, and then use education, collaboration and enforcement strategies to help resolve them.

In 2024, the patrol division utilized social media in partnership with increased enforcement to address conditions and behaviors that lead to traffic crashes, crime and other quality-of-life problems. The department focused on a different topic each month utilizing social media to educate the public about violations that contribute to crashes, how to keep your property safe from theft or burglary, or school safety tips. At the same time, officers were out in the community spreading the same awareness and education message and paying attention for those same behaviors. This helped us maintain reported crashes in the city below our goal of 1,500 for the fourth year in a row and also contributed to historically low property crimes. We appreciate the support of our residents in helping to prevent crimes and crashes

Neighborhood Beat Officers



The Beat Officer Position was created in 2016 and consists of two officers specifically assigned to identified neighborhoods on the North and South side of the city. The Beat Officers engage in outreach activities to build relationships, form partnerships, identify and solve problems. Beat Officers develop plans and activities that decrease the impact of problems within the neighborhood, leading to a decrease in crime and an increase in social cohesion and collective efficacy within the Neighborhood. By working in a collaborative manner with Neighborhood Associations, community members and organizations, City Planning and Development, and Building Inspection, they develop solutions that are specific to the neighborhoods that they are assigned to.

Beat Officers address quality of life issues, focusing on voluntary compliance. With the assistance of DPW and city residents, tons of garbage and large items were collected and disposed of throughout the city at Neighborhood Clean-ups. In addition to focusing on Neighborhoods, Beat Officers work collectively with other citizens and organizations to create positive outcomes within our community.

In 2024, Officer Alicia Kegler and Officer Kendra Zipperer were selected to take on the role of Beat Officer. Both officers bring a strong commitment to community policing to the position. On a daily basis they spend time in local schools, playgrounds, parks or simply just walking the beat to build relationships with children and families in their assigned areas.

SPD K9 Unit

The SPD K9 Unit worked diligently in 2024 and our K9 teams were used 559 times. The uses included 459 vehicle sniffs, 13 demonstrations, 37 tracks, 9 school sniffs, 14 building searches for humans, and 16 area searches.

The K9s recovered 395 ounces of Marijuana, 97 marijuana vaporizer cartridges, 94 grams of Cocaine, 111 grams of Methamphetamine, 8 grams of Heroin, 6.7 grams of Fentanyl, 30 grams of Ecstasy, 53 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and 99 pieces of drug paraphernalia. In addition, 11 illegal firearms were located and \$9,610 in illegal money was seized. 286 felony, misdemeanor, and ordinance arrests were made as a result of K9 sniffs.

The K9s assist officers in many different work-related needs that occur on the job. Their special skills include traffic stops, search warrants, tracks, school searches, and article searching. The Unit also provides community presentations highlighting skills and accomplishments. The K9 Unit helps locate not only persons hiding from apprehension, but more importantly, locating missing vulnerable persons throughout Sheboygan and surrounding Counties.



Officer Heimerl
and K9 Grimm

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Officer Taylor
and K9 Max



2024 Junior Police Academy

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In 2024, the SPD hosted two Junior Police Academy (JPA) sessions. JPA is taught by our School Resource Officers and supported by other members of the department. JPA builds partnerships with pre-teen and adolescent students, motivating them to be responsible, involved citizens. It transforms the instructor from “police officer” to “mentor.” Graduates had a chance to experience mock crime scenes, collect evidence, conduct simulated traffic stops, learn arrest and defensive tactics and conduct a mock trial. Thank you to the Sheboygan County Sheriff’s Office and Honorable Judge Sutkiewicz for their support.

Neighborhood Events

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Throughout 2024, officers were able to meet many of our neighbors during neighborhood clean ups, Hop with a Cop, and many other community events.



Annual Unity Walk and Community BBQ

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The Sheboygan Police Department was proud to be a part of the 4th annual "Walk for Unity and Community Barbecue" in partnership with Black-American Community Outreach, the City of Sheboygan and Boys and Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County. We hiked from City Green to Peace Park to tie ribbons on the peace tree and celebrate the things that bring us together to make Sheboygan a great place for all. The community barbecue included tables from several of our community partners and service providers. Thanks to everyone who made it a great event!

Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County Facebook

2024 Cops and Bobbers



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We celebrated 9 years of Cops and Bobbers with our best and biggest turnout yet. Nearly 40 kids joined us in 2024 for a beautiful day at the pond. The fish were hungry and the worms were tasty. The whole pond was filled with screams of excitement and laughter all day.

We are so grateful for the time spent with our community during this special event. We are so grateful to our awesome community partners that make this event possible each year. We could not do it without you!



8th Annual Operation Blue Santa

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The SPD hosted the 8th Annual Operation Blue Santa. With the help of other City Departments and our sponsors, we were able to assist 7 families with children! They played games, colored, and read stories with officers and volunteers. Woodlake Market provided a wonderful dinner and Blue Santa distributed gifts for all the kids. The night finished off with a trolley ride through Rotary Making Spirits Bright!



INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

Cassandra Wohlgemuth

Information Services at the Sheboygan Police Department consists of the following positions:

1 Office Manager, 2 Administrative Specialists, 1 Administrative Specialist/Time Agency Coordinator, 2 Court Services Specialists, 7 Records Specialist Clerks, 1 PT Records Specialist Clerk, 1 LTE (limited term employment) Records Specialist Clerk.

The civilian staff are the foundation of the department and provide support to all levels of the department. Without their competence, leadership and attention to detail, processes and service to our citizens would come to a halt. The civilian staff is very proud to provide excellent service to the department and citizens of Sheboygan.

The following slides contain statistical data compiled by the Crime Analyst.

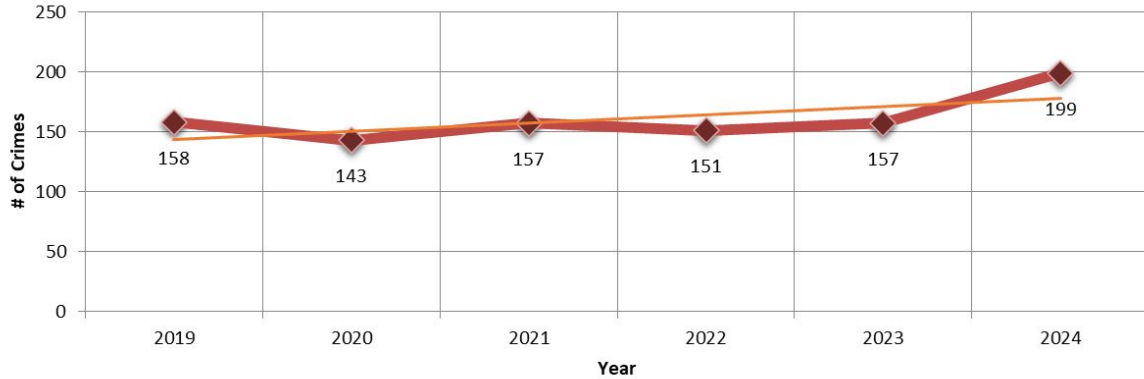


Total number of law incident complaints for the City of Sheboygan Police Department in 2024

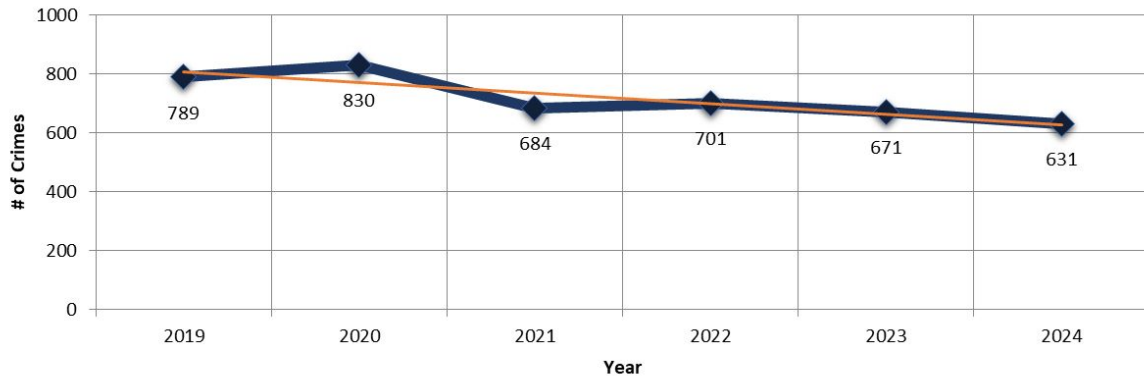
Part I Crimes							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023 5 Yr. Avg.	2024
Homicide	1	2	1	0	0	1	2
Rape	33	20	39	30	32	31	42
Robbery	10	14	5	11	8	10	3
Agg. Assault	114	107	112	110	117	112	152
<i>Violent</i>	158	143	157	151	157	153	199
Burglary	89	96	82	65	65	79	42
Theft	678	689	563	597	585	622	568
MV Theft	19	35	34	29	19	27	19
Arson	3	10	5	10	2	6	2
<i>Non-Violent</i>	789	830	684	701	671	735	631
Total Part I	947	973	841	852	828	888	830

The SPD uses the National Incident-Based Reporting System Format. The NIBRS reporting includes up to 10 offenses per incident, provides detail on the context of crime, improves understanding on multi-offense incidents and collects data on 52 crimes across 24 offense categories.

Annual Violent Crime

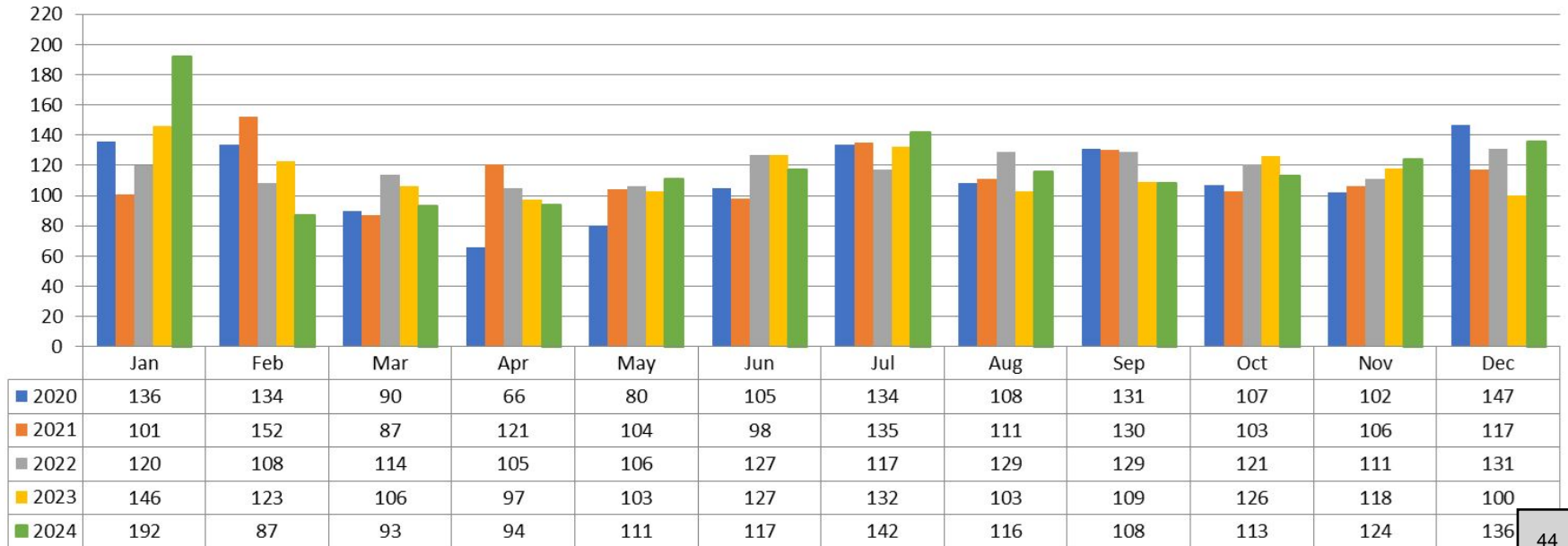


Annual Non-Violent Crime

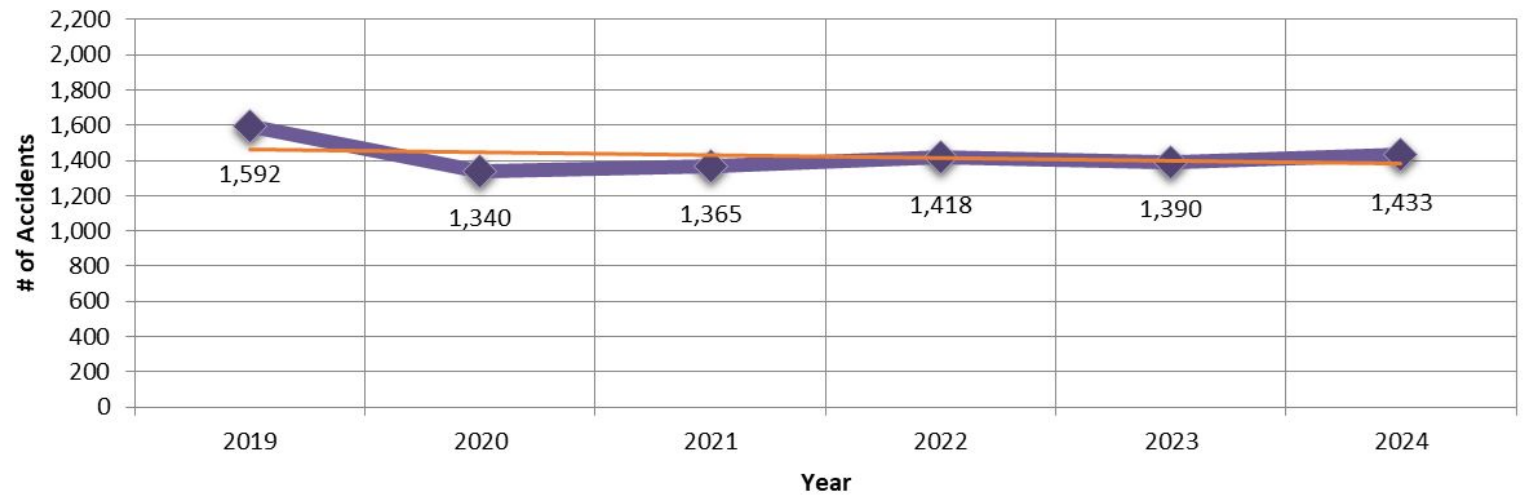


Traffic Accident Data

2023 Total	1,390	2024 Total	1,433	Difference	+43	Percent	+3%
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Annual Traffic Accidents



Celebrating Success

The 2024 Sheboygan Police
Benevolent Association
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2024 Sheboygan Police Benevolent Association Service Awards



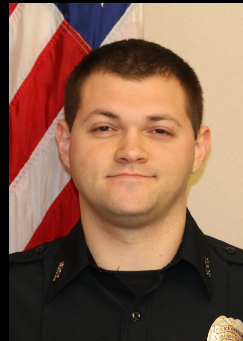
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Service Awards recipients are nominated by fellow officers, supervisors and civilian co-workers. They represent those who strive to go above and beyond what is expected of them by their peers and the public. These men and women...our co-workers, friends and family members...did not ask to be put in heroic situations, but found themselves in circumstances that allowed them to demonstrate the qualities of a hero.



Police Officer of the Year:

Presented to an officer for exemplary service to the community, which involves performance and achievement above and beyond that which is required by an officer's basic assignment.



Officer Dekker McCabe

Civilian Employees of the Year:

Presented to a non-sworn employee for exemplary service to the community, performance and achievement above and beyond that which is required by the employee's basic assignment.



Record Specialist Clerk
Laura Boldt



Record Specialist Clerk
Jill Krutzik

2024 Sheboygan Police Benevolent Association Service Awards

Meritorious Service Award:
Presented to an officer for exceptional performance of outstanding service on behalf of the department, while carrying out an act of great responsibility, or of critical importance to law enforcement.



Detective Todd Danen



Officer Michael Bigari



Officer Chris Strzyzewski

Community Engagement Award:
Presented to an officer who demonstrates outstanding performance in community outreach and engagement, and recognizes initiatives that show potential for long-term impact on the community and its relationship with the Sheboygan Police Department.

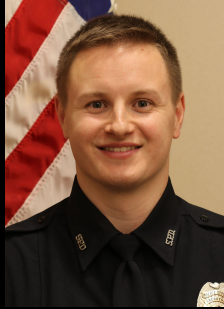
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Officer Thomas Aker



Officer Anna Taylor



Officer Travis Barber

Life Saving Award:

Presented to sworn and/or non-sworn individuals for performing an act, through prompt and decisive action, under extraordinary circumstances, that saves or significantly prolongs the life of another.



Citizen's Distinguished Service Award to Rhonda Gerber and Jason Erichsen (not pictured):

Presented to individuals, who are not members of the police department, who through courageous acts of bravery and/or personal risk have assisted in apprehending a criminal, aiding an officer during a critical incident, or who demonstrated exceptional cooperation with the department in the accomplishment of its mission.



Thank you

For your support in 2024

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Miesfeld's

Tietz's Piggly Wiggly

Art's BBQ

Festival Foods

Black American Community Outreach

McDonald's/Kilian Management Svcs.

Friends of Peace Park

Modern Woodmen of America

Meijer

Patricia Gallagher

Dennis and Kay Runge

Carl Liebich

Lost Sheep Yarn Shop

Woodlake Market

Stephanie Myla Photography

Shoreline Metro

Chris's Bait and Tackle

Jimmy John's

Local UAW 833

Roosted Gobblers

O'Callahan's

The Wharf

Sack Realty LLC

Sargento Foods

Sheboygan Fire Department

Hmong Mutual Assistance Association

Sheboygan County Veterans Services

City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works

Sheboygan Neighborhood Associations

Sheboygan County Health & Human Services

Sheboygan Countywide Crime Stoppers

Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department

Sheboygan Police Benevolent Association

Bret's Towing & Auto Repair

Jensen Horvat Memorial Fundraiser

Ballhorn Chapels & Crematory

Thank you

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To the following people and businesses for donating to the Sheboygan Police K9 Fund in 2024:

Dowsky's Raw Dawg

Sheboygan Animal Hospital

Healthy Paws

Dennis and Kay Runge

Brett's Towing and Auto Repair

Pamela Oehldrich

Ballhorn Chapels and Crematory

Jensen Horvat Memorial Fundraiser

Sargento Foods

The Dog House

Carl Liebich

Theodore Bergstrom





SPD 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Sheboygan Police Department's 2024 Annual Report was produced by Cassandra Wohlgenuth and Cal Stoffel.

Special thanks to all those who submitted information to make this report possible and to Detective Paul Olsen for many of the beautiful photos.

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The SPD utilizes the following social media venues to disseminate information to the public; Nixle, X, Nextdoor, Facebook and YouTube. Nixle is a community information system that is available via email, your cell phone via text message, and over the web via X and Facebook.

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
R. O. 126-24-25**

BY CITY CLERK.

APRIL 2, 2025.

Submitting various license applications.

CHANGE OF PREMISE

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1040	Brennan’s on Michigan	1101 Michigan Avenue – Change of Premise May 3-4, 2025 to include current premise and West and South parking lot.
3150	Craft 30	908 Michigan Avenue – Change of Premise June 20-22, 2025 to include current premise and Michigan Avenue from left of Trillings entrance, through the intersection of 9 th Street.

“CLASS B” LIQUOR LICENSE (June 30, 2025)(NEW)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
3718	Seagull Tap LLC (4 th Street Tap)	520 N. 4 th Street

“CLASS B” RESERVE LIQUOR LICENSE (June 30, 2025)(NEW)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
3679	Kue Yang LLC (Krazian Fuzian)	906 S. 15 th Street