

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Winneconne Police Department



From the Desk of Paul Olson, Police Chief

To the Village Board and Residents of Winneconne,

I am proud to present the Winneconne Police Department's 2021 Annual Report to our community. The Department remains committed to working proactively and in close partnership with the community and its residents. I am very thankful for the residents of Winneconne and for the support that they have given me and my staff during this past year.

In 2021 the Winnebago County Health Department in cooperation with the Community Foundation, The Connection "N.E.W. Mental Health" and neighboring Counties to form the Mental Health Navigator. This service allows another avenue for troubled individuals. If an officer is dealing with someone that does not technically qualify to be committed, this service has different options available through the Mental Health System for treatment. The Village has benefited from this service on a few occasions in 2021. The Navigator is very easy to use.

Across the country law enforcement has seen a drastic decline in the number and quality of candidates for jobs. The Winneconne Police Department struggles to maintain part-time officers on our staff to cover a full shift, time off, training, and other necessary shifts.

Winneconne is a training ground for part time officers seeking full time employment. I would like to commend and thank all the members of the Winneconne Police Department for their dedication and service to the Village of Winneconne. The Winneconne Police Department will strive to provide the highest quality police services to our community.

Thank you,



Lt. Sauriol's 2021 Annual Lieutenant Report

The following are highlights of 2021

I would like to thank Chief Olson, fellow officers, staff and the community for their continued support. Without relationships within the community, we couldn't be as successful.

2021 was a good year because we were back to normal compared to the shutdowns of 2020. There were more people out and about and businesses and bars were back open which brought more people to the village.

I continued with another successful audit of our weapons from the 10-33 program. I continue to look for equipment from that program to help with the needs of the police department.

National Night turned out great. There were many people from the community in attendance. I would like to thank St. Paul's Lutheran Church and The Winneconne/Poygan Fire Department for their contribution and efforts. I would also like to thank the community members for their support. It was a great turn out.

The Drug Take Back was another success. We took in close to 100 pounds of prescription drugs to be disposed of. We plan to host more Drug Take Back events this year.

At the request of Dr. Larson from The Winneconne Community School District, I conducted a security survey of the three schools. A security survey is a report designed to point out security deficiencies and recommend improvements. Any business or resident who would like a security survey can call the police department and request one. I am more than happy to assist with this to help improve security and safety.

Thank you again to everyone. The Village of Winneconne is a great community, and we are proud to protect and serve the people here.

Sincerely,

Lt. Sauriol

Department Staff

Chief of Police Paul Olson

Lieutenant Ben Sauriol

Police Secretary/Court Clerk Laura Hulbert

Full Time Officers

Officer Ben Honer

School Resource Officer, Firearms

Officer Kyle Sorensen

FTO, Equipment, squads

Officer Adam Kelm

FTO, Community Policing

Part time Officers

Officer Chad Reinhard

Officer Kevin Witkowski

Officer Bryana Wulgaert

Officer Kelin Charles

Officer Samantha Huempfner (done 12/24/21)

2021 Roster Changes

The Nation continues to struggle in the hiring and retention of Police Officers. We started the year with six Part time officers and are now at four. Of these four, three of them are very limited in their ability to work as they have other jobs. Other Departments have totally done away with part time officers due to the lack of qualified candidates. Omro Police Department (pop 3619) has now hired their 8th full time officer and done away with all part time officers. Weyauwega Police Department (pop 1687) has hired their 6th full time officer and done away with their part time officers. It is time for the Winneconne Police Department to hire another full-time officer. If we do not hire a 6th full time officer, over time will be mandated to cover shifts, creating a budgetary issue for the Village.

2021 Training

Each year the Department of Training and Standards requires each officer to have 24 hours of training. Of this, each officer is required to have firearms training certification once a year and Emergency Vehicle operations every other year. Officer Honer is our firearms instructor, and our mandatory firearms training was completed this summer. In the first quarter of 2021 we will hold our department meeting. At this meeting we will review 2021 statistics and training. We will also look at our goals and training for 2021. This last year at our annual meeting we had an Elder Care Specialist from Winnebago County in to discuss dementia related calls pertaining to Chapter 51 and 55 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. We have not been able to hire new part time officers this year, so the amount of training has decreased. Through LEXIPOL, our officers review policies and take a quiz on these policies monthly. This gives each officer one to two hours of training per month. This year we were reimbursed \$1280 from Training and Standards for our training. In 2022 we are planning on sending Officer Sorensen to the Department of Criminal Investigations Drug Investigation School. We are also hoping to send Lt. Sauriol to Command College, which is also through DCI and held at Fort McCoy.

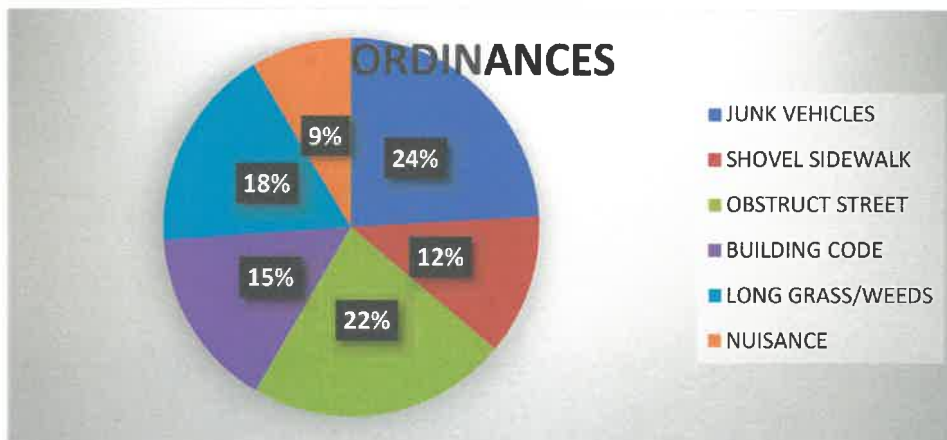
2021 Statistics

Incident numbers are assigned to an officer when they self-initiate a call or are dispatched to a call. In 2021 we had 16427 incident numbers assigned which was an increase of 1000 incidents from 2020. **Community Policing was significantly higher than 2020, which resulted in a lower crime rate as provided by Uniform Crime Reporting through the FBI.**

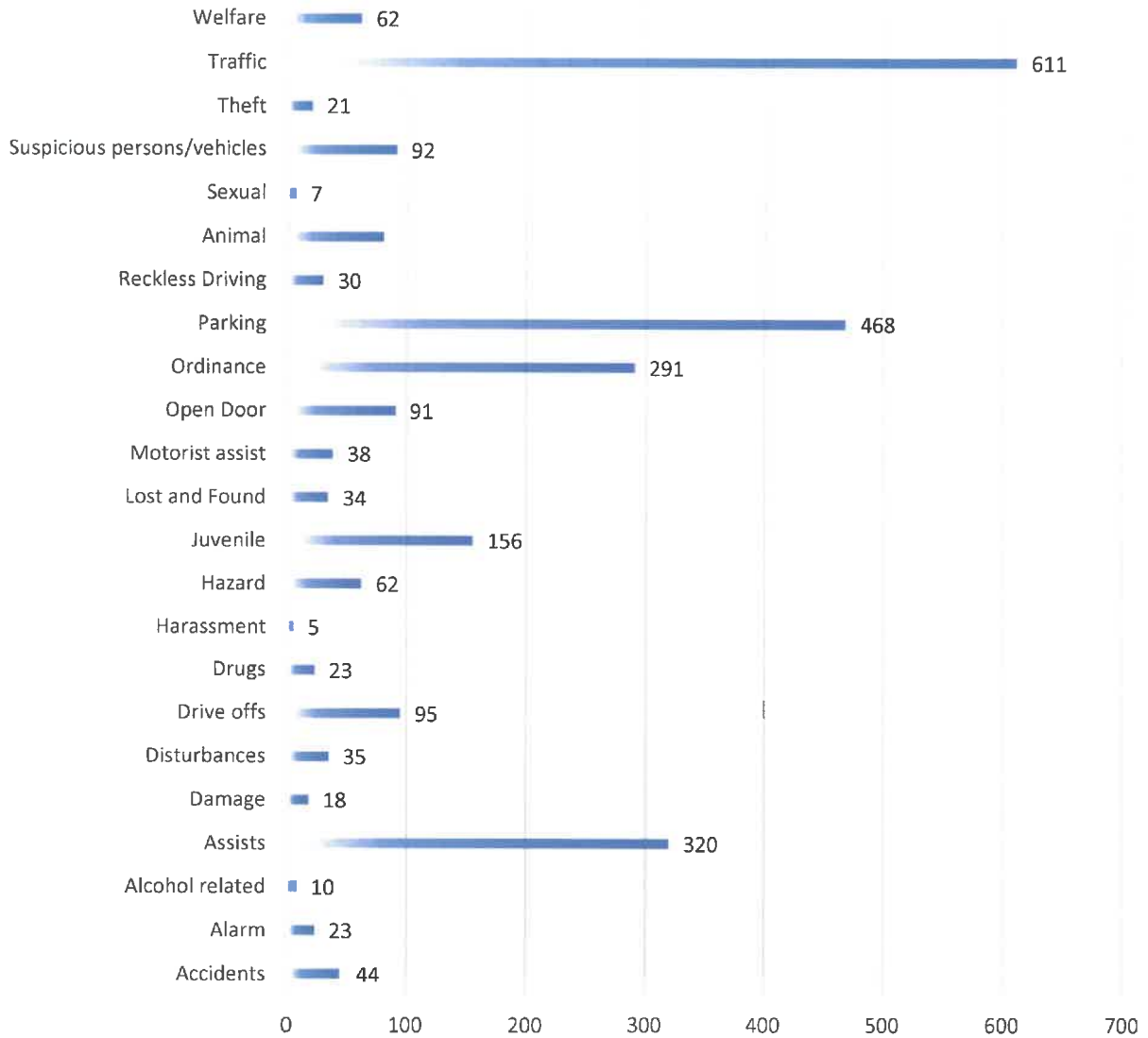
Traffic stops were slightly more than 2020 with 611 stops made and we issued 167 citations on those stops. OWI's were less than last year with 4 arrests, 3 of which were drug related.

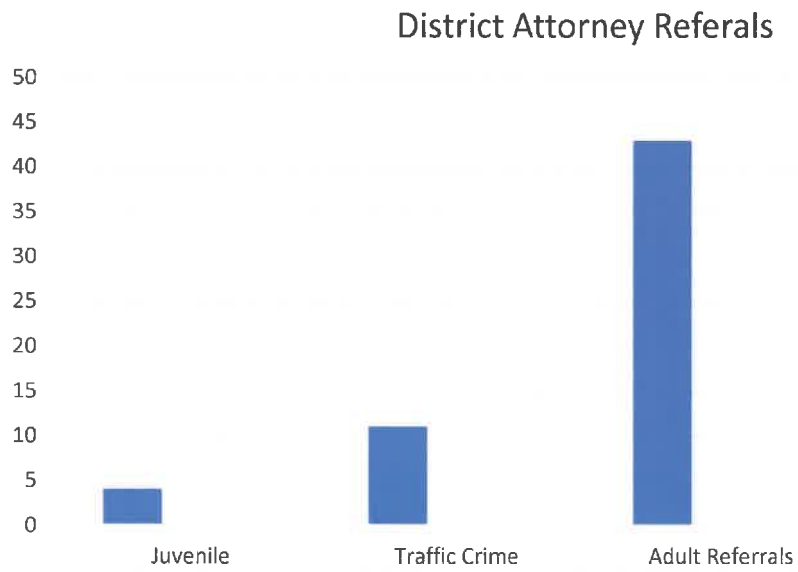
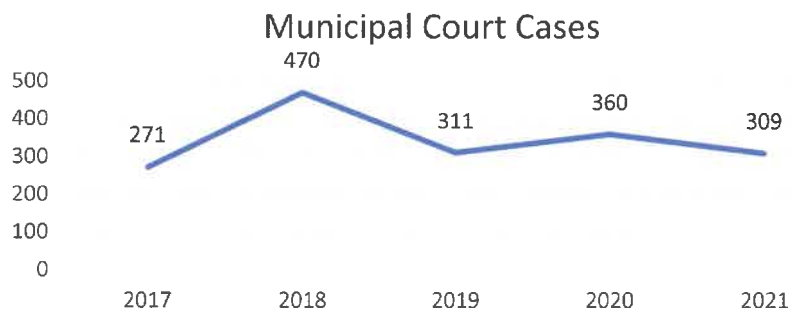
We made it a point to see that our ordinances were followed. In 2020 we had 245 ordinance issues, where in 2021 we had 291. The Police Department wrote 82 ordinance citations in 2021:

JUNK VEHICLES	70
SHOVEL SIDEWALK	35
OBSTRUCT STREET	65
BUILDING CODE	45
LONG GRASS/WEEDS	51
NUISANCE	25
total	291



2021





Drug investigations take up a considerable amount of time. It is estimated that 50% of one full time officers job is the investigation, follow up, arrest, evidence management and court testimony of drug cases.

Marijuana related seizures:

Marijuana- 152.86 grams

6 pipes

3 scales

6 Vape pens

3 Grinders

2 bongs

Estimated street value- \$1504.44

Methamphetamine related seizures:

Methamphetamine—171.63 grams

Oxycontin pills—90 grams

12 syringes

6 meth pipes

3 scales

1 meth bong

35 stolen cell phones

1 knife

3 loaded handguns

8 catalytic convertors

Miscellaneous jewelry

Miscellaneous tools

Estimated street value- \$9948.93

Significant Arrests in 2021

Drug/Alcohol Arrests:

Adult

OWI—4 (3 drug related driving)

Possession of THC—9 (1 Criminal, 8 Municipal)

Drug Paraphernalia—11(4 Criminal, 7 Municipal)

Possession of Methamphetamine—4 (all Criminal)

Manufacturing/Delivering THC—1 (Criminal)

Possession of Cocaine—1 (Criminal)

Possession of Schedule I/II Narcotics—1 (Criminal)

Juvenile

Possession of THC—5 (all Municipal)

Underage Drinking—3 (all Municipal)

Other Major Criminal Charges:

Adult

1st Degree Sexual Assault—1

Child Enticement—1

Intention to Contribute to the Delinquency of a Child—1

Resisting or Obstructing an Officer—2

Criminal Disorderly Conduct—7

Criminal Battery—2

Felon in Possession of a Firearm—1

Possession of Burglary Tools—2

Receiving Stolen Property—7

Bail Jumping—4

Criminal Theft of Property—5

Criminal Trespass—1

Criminal Damage to Property—1

Forgery/Uttering—1

Theft from a Business Setting—1

Criminal Traffic – Operating after Revocation--1, Failure to install IID—1

Juvenile

Criminal Disorderly Conduct—2

2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child—2

Resisting or Obstructing an Officer—1

**** Criminal Violations are all referred to the District Attorney for Misdemeanor or Felony Charges, Municipal Violations are handled through our Municipal Court**

Significant Arrests take a considerable amount of time to investigate. Each arrest/case/incident can take as short of time as an hour or as long as weeks and months to properly investigate, follow up, process evidence, compile a proper written report, and provide court testimony.

Community

Our Christmas Crusade was a success this year! We had 68 kids from 29 families. Our Police Secretary, Laura Hulbert, put in an enormous amount of time to help with the families in the Winneconne School District. Some families are not as fortunate as others and need some help during the holidays. With the help of the White Cedars 4H club, Steve Foster, Village Staff and Public Works Department, along with the Police Department, all gifts were successfully delivered to the needy families.

The Police Department in cooperation with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Winneconne/Poygan Fire District held an event called National Night out in August. Many families were in attendance to see the squad cars, fire trucks and equipment. Many residents asked questions about our jobs and what we do in the Community. St. Paul's Lutheran also has an endowment fund created to help entities in our area. They donated monies to the Police Department, Fire Department and the Food Pantry.

The Police Department held two drug take back events in 2021. One event was held in April and one in October. This event allows citizens to bring in any unused prescription drugs/narcotics where we collect them and transport them to the State Patrol Headquarters in Fond du Lac. Each event collects between 50-75 pounds of drugs.

As many know, Kwik Trip built a new store in the Village. During their grand opening they presented the Police Department with a check in the amount of \$1000.00. We have chosen these funds to be restricted and used for the future purchase of new portable radios.

The Winneconne Police Department thanks all Community members for their help in 2021! We look forward to working with you to continue to make the Village a safe place to live.