



AGENDA

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Members

- Commissioner Kirschling
- Commissioner Moore
- Commissioner Mrozek
- Commissioner Ostrowski
- Commissioner Zenner
- Alderperson Kneebone

Date and Time: April 4, 2024
2:00 PM

Location: Community Room (Room 122)
Stevens Point Police Department
933 Michigan Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Discussion and Possible Action on the Following:

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Confirmation of Bills
4. Officer Jadon Solis off probation April 1st, 2024.
 - Officer Solis is present and to be introduced to the PFC.
5. Approval of the 2023 Stevens Point Police Department Annual Report to be published.
6. Police Chief's Report
7. Discussion, with possible action, to approve A/C Gemza to attend a National EMS Summit being held in Tucson, AZ.
 - The Summit will be May 13-15th of next month. The city cost will be for one night hotel stay because there are no flights out, back home after the summit ends.
8. After-Action Report on the December 30th incident by City Emergency Management.
9. Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report
10. President's Report
11. Adjournment.

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These Minutes are unofficial and subject to modification upon review by the Commission at their April 2024 meeting.

**CITY OF STEVENS POINT
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2024**

- 1. Roll Call:** Commissioners Kirschling, Moore, Mrozek, Ostrowski, Zenner

Also Present: Police Chief Kussow, Fire Chief Moody, Assistant Chief Rottier, Assistant Chief Gemza, Assistant Chief Zvara, Division Chief Ewing, Division Chief Sinner, Records Bureau Supervisor Tork, Alderperson Kneebone

- 2. President's Report**

- 3. Discuss the date for the next Police and Fire Commission meeting due to the election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

- 4. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Mrozek moved, seconded by Commissioner Zenner, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, meeting as presented.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

- 5. Confirmation of Bills**

Commissioner Ostrowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirschling, to approve the confirmation of the February bills.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

- 6. Ratification of the 2024-2025 collective bargaining agreement between the city of Stevens Point and the Stevens Point Police Officers Organization.**

Commissioner Mrozek moved, seconded by Commissioner Ostrowski, to approve.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

7. Fire Chief's Report/EMS Report

Commissioner Kirschling moved, seconded by Commissioner Zenner, to approve the Fire Chief's report/EMS report and place it on file for February 2024.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

8. Police Chief's Report

Commissioner Moore moved, seconded by Commissioner Mrozek, to approve the Police Chief's report and place it on file for February 2024.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Date Paid	Vendor Name	Description	Amount Paid
03/07/2024	PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER	CITY SHARE - RANGE ELECTRIC BILL	32.65
03/21/2024	PORTAGE COUNTY TREASURER	CITY SHARE - RANGE ELECTRIC BILL	27.61
03/07/2024	AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	WIRELESS SERVICE - PATROL LAPTOP/DATA CHARGES	1,655.17
03/21/2024	VERIZON WIRELESS - NJ	POLICE DEPT - CELL PHONES	1,036.86
03/21/2024	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS - 223085	CABLE SERVICES - SPPD 933 MICHIGAN AVE	86.10
03/21/2024	NORTHWAY COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO REPAIR - UHF CONNECTOR	260.00
03/21/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGE	45.00
03/21/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGE	45.00
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	TONER - PATROL PRINTER	370.29
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	COLOR PAPER FOR FTO MANUALS	90.96
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	PAPER FOR FTO MANUALS	126.92
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	PAPER CLIPS, MESH HOLDERS	21.86
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	PAPER FOR FTO MANUALS	277.80
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	MANILA ENVELOPES	33.62
03/07/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	BOXES OF COPY PAPER (20)	779.80
03/21/2024	COMPLETE OFFICE OF WI INC	PLASTIC FORKS	45.30
03/07/2024	DOLCE DIGITAL IMAGING & PRINTING	BUSINESS CARDS - YANG & HUGHES	50.00
03/07/2024	RESOURCE ONE INSTALLATION & SERVICES	TRAINING ROOM NESTING CHAIRS (40) - TOURISM GRANT	3,740.00
03/07/2024	MOCIC	MOCIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	200.00
03/07/2024	LEPINSKI, TANNER	REIMB FUEL FOR TRAINING	25.00
03/08/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	LICENSE PLATE BRACKET	41.46
03/08/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	GLOVE BOX SUPPORT	59.40
03/08/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	EXHAUST TUBE/CV AXLE	662.20
03/22/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	RETAINER/SEAL	18.46
03/22/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	WIRE HARNESS	75.61
03/22/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	C U SHAFT	141.68
03/22/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	C U SHAFT	143.22
03/22/2024	STEVENS POINT AUTO CENTER	CREDIT	143.22
03/21/2024	JOHNSON TOWING OF STEVENS POINT	TOW & IMPOUND C24-02281	215.00
03/21/2024	JOHNSON TOWING OF STEVENS POINT	TOW & IMPOUND C24-02724	175.00
03/21/2024	JOHNSON TOWING OF STEVENS POINT	TOW & IMPOUND (S.O. PLOVER) C24-02724	258.00
03/21/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	UNIFORM - BODY ARMOR VEST - LEPINSKI	498.13
03/07/2024	HUGHES, LUCAS	REIMB GLOVE PURCHASE	36.91
03/07/2024	HUGHES, LUCAS	BOOTS REIMB	158.25
03/21/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	SGT CHEVRON PATCHES	135.55
03/07/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	INITIAL UNIFORM - MADISON-DAWSON	763.50
03/07/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	INITIAL UNIFORM - SHORTS/JACKET - HUGHES	370.03
03/07/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	INITIAL UNIFORM - MADISON-DAWSON	32.78
03/07/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	INITIAL UNIFORM - SHORTS - MADISON-DAWSON	69.80
03/21/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	UNIFORM JACKET - MADISON-DAWSON	141.80
03/21/2024	ROSER, ROBERT	UNIFORM PANTS DAMAGED ON DUTY	74.00
03/21/2024	V.A.&C.	UNIFORM PATCH - MADISON-DAWSON	5.00
03/21/2024	V.A.&C.	UNIFORM PATCH - MADISON-DAWSON	5.00
03/21/2024	ASPIRUS INC	ETOH BLOOD DRAWS	396.00
03/07/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	AUXILIARY SHIRT	43.78
03/07/2024	HOLIDAY INN STEVENS POINT	AUXILIARY BANQUET DINNER	1,142.50
03/07/2024	AMERICAN WORKING DOGS INC	K-9 BARRY/BALLEW RECERTIFICATION & K9 OLYMPICS MEMB	950.00
03/21/2024	RAY O'HERRON CO INC	K-9 PATCHES ON GUARDIAN CARRIER	39.76
03/07/2024	VOHNE LICHE KENNELS INC	K-9 COYE & DIENGER RECERTIFICATION	750.00
03/21/2024	MARCHEL, KRIS	K-9 MILEAGE REIMB	52.53
03/01/2024	FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	REGIST - LEE (FTO SCHOOL)	575.00
03/07/2024	GLOCK PROFESSIONAL INC	ARMORER'S CLASS - LONG	250.00
03/11/2024	NWTC - NORTHEAST WI TECHNICAL COLLEGE	REGIST - ROSER (LESB SCENARIO INSTRUCTOR)	199.00
03/07/2024	WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	REGIST - MORTON - DRUG INV TRAINING	85.00
03/21/2024	BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS & SECRTY CONSUL LLC	REGIST - JORDAN NISSEN 3/5/24 - LEAKING TH E TRUTH, APPL	200.00
03/07/2024	LEPINSKI, TANNER	MEAL REIMB 2/25/24-3/1/24 CLANDESTINE LAB SAFETY CERT, J	175.00
03/07/2024	ROSER, ROBERT	MEAL REIMB 2/21/24-2/22/24 SCENARIO INSTRUCTOR, GREEN	53.00
03/21/2024	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	POST OFFER JOB TEST - SPPD	120.00

Date Paid	Vendor Name	Description	Amount Paid
03/21/2024	ASPIRUS MEDICAL GROUP INC	POST OFFER EXAM - SPPD	669.00
03/07/2024	UW-PLATTEVILLE	CAREER DAY BOOTH FEE & MEAL TICKETS	50.00
03/22/2024	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE 6040	GAS/ELECTRIC CHARGES	9,324.84
03/21/2024	CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS INC	ON-SITE DOCUMENT SHREDDING	117.00
03/07/2024	GREEN BEE CLEANING	CLEANING SERVICES - 933 MICHIGAN AVE	2,000.00
03/21/2024	WM CORPORATE SERVICES INC	GARBAGE/RECYCLING - SPPD 933 MICHIGAN AVE	314.53
03/07/2024	NASSCO INC	TISSUE, TOWELS, SOAP, CAN LINERS, BRUSH, CLEANER, DEO	387.18
Grand Totals:			30,781.62



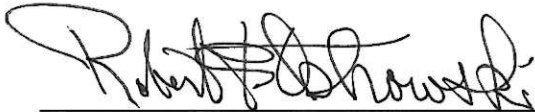
STEVENS POINT POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

*The Uniform Allowance line item is also used for the total annual allowance of \$5700, which is paid on the second payroll check in January. Due to this amount being paid through payroll, it will not show on this report.

GENERAL FUND - POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY

Date Paid	Vendor Name	Description	Amount Paid
03/21/2024	EAGLE ENGRAVING	COMMENDATION BARS - AWARDS	316.47
03/07/2024	UNIFORM SHOPPE OF GRN BAY INC, THE	INITIAL ISSUE - SHIRTS - KRATZKE	100.40
03/07/2024	UNIFORM SHOPPE OF GRN BAY INC, THE	INITIAL ISSUE - SHIRTS - HYNES	100.40
03/07/2024	UNIFORM SHOPPE OF GRN BAY INC, THE	INITIAL ISSUE - SHIRTS - ROWE	100.40
03/07/2024	UNIFORM SHOPPE OF GRN BAY INC, THE	INITIAL ISSUE - SHIRTS - MEYERS	100.40
03/22/2024	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE 6040	GAS/ELECTRIC CHARGES	4,013.89
03/08/2024	STEVENS POINT PUBLIC UTILITIES	1701 FRANKLIN ST	684.03
03/07/2024	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	POST OFFER JOB TEST	175.00
03/07/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	304.43
03/21/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGE	28.00
03/07/2024	WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL - FIRE STATION #2	60.00
03/07/2024	WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL - FIRE STATION #1	63.30
03/07/2024	IMAGETREND INC	IMAGE TREND ELITE - RESCUE SUPPORT	2,853.31
03/21/2024	NORTHWAY COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO REPAIRS - SWITCH KIT (3)	158.59
03/07/2024	SPECTRA PRINT	BUSINESS CARDS - MALIN	52.00
03/07/2024	NCFCA - NORTH CENTRAL FIRE CHIEF ASSN	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - FIRE CHIEF JB MOODY	100.00
03/07/2024	PORTAGE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN	PCFCA YEARLY DUES - MOODY	100.00
03/21/2024	BAXTER, KARYN	MILEAGE REIMB - WFSAA QUARTERLY MEETING, DELLS DELT	54.27
03/22/2024	CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	INSP FOR FD GENERATOR	293.35
03/07/2024	STOLTZ ELECTRIC	WIRING FOR NEW TV'S	330.00
03/07/2024	STOLTZ ELECTRIC	BASEMENT LIGHT FIXTURES REWIRED TO LED	1,150.00
03/21/2024	CENTRAL WISCONSIN AUTO PARTS	COMMAND HOOKS REMOVAL BLADE FOR ENGINE1	15.97
03/21/2024	POINT TROPHY LLC	PASSPORT TAGS	80.00
03/21/2024	ASPIRUS MEDICAL GROUP INC	RANDOM DRUG TEST - SPFD	36.25
03/21/2024	DNR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	FIRE ACADEMY COURSE: ICS 300 - PETTIS	150.00
03/21/2024	EWING, ANTHONY	MEAL REIMB 02/20/24-02/23/24 ACTIVE SHOOTER, LAKE GENEV	31.00
03/21/2024	NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	REGIST - EWING (TRAUMA ADVISORY CONFERENCE)	20.00
03/21/2024	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	CPAT TRAINING - MEYERS & HYNES	127.50
03/07/2024	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY	LED LIGHTING	116.88
03/07/2024	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	GAS LEAK DETECTOR - SCBA	81.73
Grand Totals:			11,797.57



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CITY OF STEVENS POINT
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 2 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024

GENERAL FUND - FIRE DEPARTMENT

		BUDGET	CURRENT MO	YTD ACTUAL	BALANCE	%
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	100.52.25270.1670	18,900	19,483	19,483	(583)	103.08
GAS/ELECTRIC CHARGES	100.52.25270.2200	19,791	1,730	1,730	18,061	8.74
TELEPHONE UTILITY CHARGES	100.52.25270.2203	13,731	1,340	1,340	12,391	9.76
WATER/SEWER UTIL CHARGES	100.52.25270.2204	3,551			3,551	.00
TV SERVICES	100.52.25270.2212	1,325	172	172	1,153	13.00
IT/COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	100.52.25270.2800					.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES - GEN	100.52.25270.2902	2,000	123	123	1,877	6.17
IT CONTRACTED SERVICES	100.52.25270.2906	2,000			2,000	.00
SOFTWARE LICENSE FEES	100.52.25270.2907	15,000	5,657	5,657	9,343	37.71
CONTRACTED RADIO/COMM MAINT	100.52.25270.2913	2,400	12	12	2,388	.48
GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.52.25270.3001	3,000	129	129	2,871	4.31
MEMBERSHIP DUES	100.52.25270.3202	2,500	198	198	2,303	7.90
MILEAGE EXPENSES	100.52.25270.3301	500			500	.00
GEN BUILDING MAINT & SUPPLIES	100.52.25270.3550	10,500	1,311	1,311	9,189	12.48
FIRE HOSES & FITTINGS	100.52.25270.3650	1,000			1,000	.00
GENERAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	100.52.25270.3651	10,575	31,382	31,382	(20,807)	296.75
PERSONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	100.52.25270.3652	3,000	2,444	2,444	556	81.46
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	100.52.25270.5000	2,000	79	79	1,921	3.97
GEN HEALTH/SAFETY EXP	100.52.25270.5601	2,000	29	29	1,971	1.44
PUBLIC EDUCATION EXP	100.52.25270.5650	5,000	923	923	4,077	18.46
GEN SEMINAR/EDUCATION EXP	100.52.25270.5910	20,000	2,541	2,541	17,459	12.70
PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	100.52.25270.5911	3,630			3,630	.00
EDUCATIONAL COMPENSATION	100.52.25270.5912	10,000			10,000	.00
FIRE DEPT DONATION EXP	100.52.25270.5930					.00
COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADES	100.52.25270.8000	2,000			2,000	.00
STATION UPGRADES	100.52.25270.8100	2,500	2,250	2,250	250	90.00
BREATHING APPARATUS	100.52.25270.8500	3,500	768	768	2,732	21.96
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES		160,403	70,570	70,570	89,833	44.00

Date Paid	Vendor Name	Description	Amount Paid
03/22/2024	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE 6040	GAS/ELECTRIC CHARGES	4,013.87
03/07/2024	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	POST OFFER JOB TEST	175.00
03/07/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	304.42
03/21/2024	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECHARGE	28.00
03/21/2024	WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL - FIRE STATION #1	63.30
03/07/2024	IMAGETREND INC	IMAGE TREND ELITE EMS-HOSTING & SUPPORT	7,871.19
03/21/2024	NORTHWAY COMMUNICATIONS INC	RADIO REPAIRS - SWITCH KIT (3)	158.58
03/07/2024	GEMZA III, JOSEPH	MEAL REIMB 1/29/24-2/2/24 WEMSA, GREEN BAY, WI	51.00
03/07/2024	PELOT, CONNOR	MEAL REIMB 1/29/24-2/2/24, WEMSA, GREEN BAY, WI	51.00
03/21/2024	BAXTER, KARYN	MILEAGE REIMB - WFSAA QUARTERLY MEETING, DELLS DELT	54.27
03/07/2024	STOLTZ ELECTRIC	WIRING FOR NEW TV'S	330.00
03/21/2024	ASPIRUS MEDICAL GROUP INC	BASEMENT LIGHT FIXTURES REWIRED TO LED	1,150.00
03/21/2024	EWING, ANTHONY	RANDOM DRUG TEST - SPFD	36.25
03/07/2024	MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	MEAL REIMB 02/20/24-02/23/24 ACTIVE SHOOTER, LAKE GENEV	31.00
03/21/2024	NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE	BLS/ACLS CARDS	60.00
03/21/2024	ADVANCED PHYSICAL THERAPY	REGIST - EWING (TRAUMA ADVISORY CONFERENCE)	20.00
03/07/2024	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	CPAT TRAINING - MEYERS & HYNES	127.50
		CLINICAL LAB FEES - 04/09/24-04/08/26	180.00

Grand Totals:

14,705.38

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 2 MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024

GENERAL FUND - AMBULANCE

		BUDGET	CURRENT MO	YTD ACTUAL	BALANCE	%
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	100.52.25300.1670	12,600	12,244	12,244	356	97.17
GAS/ELECTRIC CHARGES	100.52.25300.2200	20,734	1,730	1,730	19,004	8.35
TELEPHONE UTILITY CHARGES	100.52.25300.2203	8,000	899	899	7,101	11.23
WATER/SEWER UTILITY CHARGES	100.52.25300.2204	2,500			2,500	.00
TV SERVICES	100.52.25300.2212	1,700	99	99	1,601	5.83
IT/COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	100.52.25300.2800	4,000			4,000	.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES - GEN	100.52.25300.2902	8,000			8,000	.00
IT CONTRACTED SERVICES	100.52.25300.2906					.00
SOFTWARE LICENSE FEES	100.52.25300.2907	16,000	2,731	2,731	13,269	17.07
CONTRACTED RADIO/COMM MAINT	100.52.25300.2913	535	12	12	523	2.16
GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.52.25300.3001	2,500	151	151	2,349	6.02
GENERAL EQUIPMENT	100.52.25300.3025	10,000	844	844	9,156	8.44
MEMBERSHIP DUES	100.52.25300.3202	1,090	390	390	701	35.73
MILEAGE EXPENSES	100.52.25300.3301	1,070	135	135	935	12.59
GEN BUILDING MAINT & SUPPLIES	100.52.25300.3550	12,000	1,311	1,311	10,689	10.92
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	100.52.25300.5000					.00
WELLNESS EXPENSES	100.52.25300.5021	4,000			4,000	.00
GEN HEALTH/SAFETY EXP	100.52.25300.5601	535	29	29	506	5.37
PUBLIC EDUCATION EXP	100.52.25300.5650	5,000			5,000	.00
COVID-19 EXPENDITURES	100.52.25300.5700					.00
GEN SEMINAR/EDUCATION EXP.	100.52.25300.5910	10,000	2,074	2,074	7,926	20.74
PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING	100.52.25300.5911	7,000			7,000	.00
EDUCATIONAL COMPENSATION	100.52.25300.5912	4,280			4,280	.00
REGULATED MANDATED EXPEND	100.52.25300.5913	1,070			1,070	.00
CONTRACT'L RTN OF SURPLUS FDS	100.52.25300.5980					.00
COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADES	100.52.25300.8000					.00
STATION UPGRADES	100.52.25300.8100					.00
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES		132,614	22,646	22,646	109,968	17.08



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Robert J. Kussow, Chief of Police

April 1, 2024

Chief Kussow,

April 1, 2024 should mark the end of the 18 month probationary period for Officer Jadon Solis. During the 18 months with our department he has consistently shown exemplary performance in the execution of his duties. His overall enthusiasm in developing his skill sets and well being of the department have also been evident.

Officer Solis has in fact been a very motivated person since he started working at the department. He is always keeping himself busy with calls, assisting others, and looking for ways to improve himself and the department. The two years of experience he has brought from working in Oshkosh has been paramount in his development at our department. In the short year and a half here, his level headedness and personality are what helped get him selected as the next Lead Officer position, along with being selected as a firearms instructor.

Officer Solis has successfully completed his 18 month period as a probationary Officer and I recommend that he be placed on permanent status effective April 1, 2024.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Long".

Lieutenant Michael J. Long
Stevens Point Police Department



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Robert J. Kussow, Chief of Police

TO: Assistant Chief Dana Williams

FROM: Lieutenant Brian Brooks

DATE: 03/23/2024

RE: Ofc. Solis probationary status

It is my recommendation that Officer Jadon Solis be moved to regular patrol status upon completion of his probationary status on 4/1/2024.

I have supervised Ofc. Solis on Squad C since the beginning of 2024 and have had the opportunity of working with him on several dates in 2023 as well. Ofc. Solis has quickly established himself as an eager learner, with clear career goals. Ofc. Solis frequently asks questions about scenarios and how I would handle them as a supervisor. He follows this up with discussion points about recent events and/or state statutes and often shares police videos we use as a shift to discuss and learn from. Additionally, Ofc. Solis has made it clear that he desires to become a supervisor, an FTO, and an instructor in this department. Since learning that he has been accepted as the next Lead Officer, Firearms Instructor, and FTO, Ofc. Solis has already jumped on learning things about these positions even prior to attending the schools or training for them. This eagerness by Ofc. Solis carries over into almost everything he does while on duty as well.

Ofc. Solis has demonstrated maturity and common-sense on the job as well as the ability to handle stressful situations well. One event in particular that stands out in my mind is when he came upon a motorcycle accident in which the driver crushed in his entire face, yet survived the crash. Ofc. Solis took control of the scene quickly and instructed responding units where to go and how to assist. I applaud his decision-making and his composure during a very stressful and shocking situation.

Ofc. Solis has already gained my trust and it is easy for me to support moving him to regular patrol status.

Lt. Brian Brooks



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Robert J. Kussow, Chief of Police

April 4, 2024

Police and Fire Commission
City of Stevens Point

Re: March 2024 Chief of Police Report

Commissioners:

The Department would like to make you aware of the following updates:

Personnel: 43/49

Note of Interest:

- April 27th – The Wisconsin Professional Police Association Awards Committee will be awarding Ofc. Alexander Beach and Ofc. Zachary Gartmann the WPPA 2024 Award for Valor for their actions on April 7, 2023. Lt. Brian Brooks, Sgt. Andrew Poeschel, Ofc. Kimberly DesRosier, and Ofc. Cody Stankowski will be awarded the WPPA 2024 Team Award for their actions on April 7, 2023.
- March – Lt. Johnson and Sara Theroux, Production Specialist for the City, developed a pamphlet that will be handed out at Job Fairs, Schools, Tech Colleges, and Colleges.
- 3-4-24 Officer Clayton Madison-Dawson started with the SPPD.
- 3-6-24 Ofc. Radsek and Lt. Johnson attended Falls Prevention Event held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center here in Stevens Point. Officers spoke with senior citizens about being safe while out and about and protection personal information.
- March – Lt. Johnson met with Gamber Johnson and Bath Rosenow to continue moving forward with the National Night Out event. Gamber Johnson and Wis. Rapids Rafters will be partnering with the Steven Point Housing Authority and the Stevens Point Police Department in planning the event for August 6 that will include a free event with food, games and music, to be followed by a free trip to a Rafters game.
- 3-12-24 Ofc. Schultz and Lt. Johnson hosted Rosholt Freshman Class for some tours to get an inside look at law enforcement as a profession.
- 3-14-24 Lieutenants meeting.
- 3-18-24 opened hiring process for 3 positions.
 - Moss retired
 - Ofc. Kristi Ahrens possibly retiring in July 2024
 - Ofc. Zachary Gartmann resigning in Nov. 2024 to focus on law school.

- 3-20-24 Lead Officer Nissen and Lt. Johnson attended the annual Law Enforcement Career Fair at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. 50 Agencies in attendance.
- 3-20-24 Lt. Uitenbroek and Ast. Chief Williams met with Motorola and Lexipol regarding Grant possibilities for radios.
- March – Lt. Uitenbroek and Ast. Chief Williams met with WI DOT regarding grant to purchase additional speed boards/radar trailer.
- 3-28-24 Asst. Chief Williams Site visit with Boys and Girls Club – safety committee.

Calls of Interest:

- 03-26-24, Display of gun, SPASH School Resource Officer received a report after the fact that a student displayed what looked to be a handgun while in the school parking lot. Further investigation by SRO and Patrol Offices learned it was a toy gun. School consequences for the student who displayed the toy gun.
- 03-26-24 Disturbance with Firearm, SPPD Officers responded to 2100 blk of Mc Culloch for report of two male's involved in a disturbance with the caller. One of the males was reported to be armed with a handgun. Upon further investigation the suspect with a gun had a concealed carry permit and did not display the firearm. The caller was later cited for disorderly conduct for his part in causing the disturbance and another male was cited for disorderly conduct for damaging the caller's car mirror with his hand.
- 03-23-24 Suspicious 2800 blk of Minnesota Av., SPPD Officers responded to investigate report of male and female using a ladder to enter a 2nd floor apartment. Upon further investigation, adult son and girlfriend. Adult son had father's prescription on his person. Both male and female arrested on outstanding warrants.
- 03-20-24 Domestic Disturbance, 2600 blk of Dixon, SPPD Officers responded to investigate report of disturbance between male and female who intoxicated and underage. Parties separated until female half kicks her mother while she was driving a vehicle. Female half arrested for domestic battery against mom/sober ride.
- 03-18-24 Disturbance/welfare check, SPPD Officers responded to brick Haus for report of a male who wanted to fight the bartender. Intoxicated male suspect was later located in nearby bar and arrested on bail jumping charge for no drink.
- 03-17-24 Domestic Disturbance, 500 blk of Forest St. SPPD Officers responded to the residence and determined two female residents were involved in a physical disturbance causing injury. One of the female was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and battery, transported to jail.
- 03-16-24 Domestic Disturbance, 700 blk of Second St N, SPPD Officers responded to investigate report of a female who physically assaulted the male caller during an argument over child custody. Female was arrested on disorderly conduct, battery, and strangulation/ suffocation.
- 03-16-24 Disturbance 400 blk of Michigan Av., SPPD Officers responded to investigate report of intoxicated female pounding on neighbors doors. Female contacted by police and arrested for bail Jumping, medically cleared and transported to Jail.
- 03-15-24 Physical Assault/Homicide 1100 blk of Centerpoint, Officers responded to the parking lot for a male who had been physically beaten by multiple suspects. The Male

victim was transported medically and later died of his injuries. Detectives and patrol investigated the matter identifying several suspects who were later taken into custody.

- 03-12-24 Disturbance with Knife, 1600 blk of Main St. SPPD Officers responded to location to investigate a report of a male armed with a knife causing injury to caller. Male suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. Suspect later turned himself in at SPPD and was arrested on multiple charges.
- 03-05-24 Report of Man Down, West River & CTH HH, SPPD Officers responded to the area to locate a male with visible injuries lying near the roadway. Officers assisted with medical attention. Upon further investigation it was believed the injuries to the male were related to a hit and run with an unknown vehicle. Detectives were called in to investigate. Upon further investigation a suspect was developed and later arrested.
- 03-02-24 Unwanted person 1700 blk of College Av, SPPD Officer responded to investigate a report of unknown intoxicated male knocking on callers door. When officers made contact the male removed all of his clothing and made a statement to officers about searching him. Male was later arrested for disorderly conducted and resisting.
- 03-02-24 Suspicious, 900 blk of Main St, SPPD Officers observed a female slamming a glass door against the building, followed by another female tackling the other female and punching her. It was learned by officers, prior to police contact one of the females sprayed pepper spray. Officers made contact with both females one of which resisted and eventually spat on one of the arresting officers. The offending female was arrested and placed into jail.
- 03-01-24 Driving complaint/OWI Jefferson and Frontenac, SPPD Officers responded to investigate report of a possible impaired driver almost striking the caller's vehicle. Officers located the suspect vehicle. While attempting to stop the unsafe driving the impaired driver's vehicle struck a police squad. The female driver was later arrested for Operating while under the influence.

Monthly Use of Force Reporting (annual total in parenthesis):

Number of Use of Force Incidents: 5 (8)

March Use of Force Summaries

- 2/28/24 – Officers were called to a residence in Stevens Point where there was a subject outside in the yard, sitting in a lawn chair, pointing a rifle at his head. Officers arrived on scene and pulled their duty pistol, keeping it at the low-ready. Officers made contact with the subject who was cooperative and put the gun down. The subject was taken for voluntary mental health assistance, without injury.
- 3/4/24 – Officers were called to a disturbance downtown where one subject had supposedly pulled a knife on a group of people. While Officers were trying to speak with the suspect, the suspect began walking away with their hands in their pockets, ignoring the Officers commands. One Officer removed their taser and pointed it at the suspect. The suspect continued to walk. Once the Officer was able to get in front of the

suspect with the taser, the suspect pulled their hands out of their pockets and was taken into custody. The suspect had a knife in their front pocket. No injuries

- 3/8/24 – SPPD Officers were called to a residence where an unwanted male was on a porch threatening people's safety and throwing things around. The unknown suspect also threw a pale through a window to the residence. When Officers arrived on scene, the suspect ran from them and ignored their commands. Due to the unknown circumstances and the fact the suspect threatened people's safety, the Officers drew their handguns. The male was located in a backyard hiding in some leaves, and the Officers were able to take the suspect into custody without incident, after commanding the subject to show their hands, while holding them at gunpoint. No injuries.
- 3/25/24 – Officers were called to the library for a report of an unwanted, intoxicated subject. Once officers arrived on scene, they made contact with the subject who eventually became belligerent and ignored officer's commands. The subject refused to stay out of the library and walked past officers to go back inside and to cause more of a disturbance. The subject was decentralized and handcuffed. The subject was jailed without injury.
- 3/26/24 – Officers were called to a residence where a disturbance was occurring and involved a firearm. As Officers arrived, they observed several people outside, involved in the disturbance. All the officers made contact with the parties involved and pointed their pistol or rifles at the subjects, due to a weapon being involved. One person involved clearly had a pistol in a holster on their waistband. One of the officers had the less lethal bean bag gun out, displayed as well during this. All subjects were checked for other weapons and the one gun involved was removed from the scene without incident. No injuries.

Mental health related incidents: Officers Responded to the following in March:

- Total welfare checks for 2024 = 243
- 65 Welfare Checks in February
- 6 Voluntary Commitments
- 7 Chapters

Auxiliary Unit:

- 48 hours of volunteer hours
 - Bock Run
 - UWSP Hockey
 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Auxiliary March meeting focused on Defense Tactics and Pepper Spray exposure.

Training:

- Police Department In-Service for Taser 10's

- Quarterly SWAT Sniper Training
- March K-9 Training

03/05/24	Behavior Analysis Interviews	Appleton PD	Nissen
03/15/24	Intox re-cert	Clintonville	Roser
03/15/24	Intox re-cert	Clintonville	Hansen
03/07/24	DRE Re-Cert	NTC Wausau	Lee
03-18-19-24	ASP SWAT Conf.	Brookfield	Johnson
03-18-19-24	ASP SWAT Conf.	Brookfield	Long
03-19-20-24	Peer Support Conf.	Wilderness/ Dells	Marchel
03-19-20-24	Peer Support Conf.	Wilderness/ Dells	Yang

Field Training (FTO):

- Ofc. Lucas Hughes completed Step 1 of the FTO process.
- 3-30-24 Ofc. James Harper completed FTO and Shadow (Solo Patrol)

School Resource Officers/K9:

SPASH

- **99 Calls for Service**
- 14 citations
 - 10 truancy
 - 2 disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle
 - 1 disorderly conduct
 - 1 vaping
- 3 security alerts and all cleared with no concerns
- 2 parking lot accidents
- 1 report of damage to vehicle – 5 juvenile referrals for damage to property
- 1 report of student flashing a gun in the parking lot – toy gun but received school consequences.
- 1 student with several knives – school consequences
- SPASH hosted luncheon/basketball game for cops and firefighters

PJ Jacobs

- **120 Calls for service**
- 12 citations
 - 6 truancy
 - 2 truancy to parents responsibility
 - 3 disorderly conduct citations
 - 1 poss. of a vape product
- 29 school consequences
- 2 security alerts and cleared with no concerns

Ben Franklin

- **103 Calls for service**
- 3 truancy citations
- 38 school consequences
- 1 juvenile referral for disorderly conduct
- 2 Youth Enrichment Services referrals
- 8 security reports and all cleared with no concerns
- 2 vaping devices located
- 1 missing person report – at risk student got lost on the way to school, located and given a ride to school
- 1 student in possession of a small utility knife
- 1 fight between students after school

K9

- Willow assisted with multiple incidents of students suffering from anxiety.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Robert Kussow
Stevens Point Police Department

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Police & Fire Commission
Fire Chief's Report – March 2024

48 Members Approved
46 positions Funded & Staffed

Significant Events

- Chief Lasky Pride and Ownership March 2nd

Monthly Training:

- Metro Training
- Pumping & Drafting
- Fire Apparatus Inventory training
- Plow truck removal and installation
- Williams Door Lock Key
- Pixelle Paper Mill Tour
- Mass Casualty Training
- EMS Ventilator Training
- Handtevy
- Pediatric Restraints

Public Activities:

- Ambulance Standby for Bock Run 03/02/2024
- Station Tour 03/04/2024
- Daisy Scout Station Tour 03/05/2024
- Hands only CPR Sheriff Office 03/05/2024
- Hand Only CPR Sheriff Office 03/07/2024
- Explorer Promotional Event 03/09/2024
- Rosholt Station Tour 03/12/2024
- Jefferson School Public Safety Event 03/13/2024
- Hand Only CPR Sheriff Office 03/13/2024
- SPASH Career Fair 03/13/2024
- Hands Only CPR Sheriff Office 03/14/2024
- UWSP Dance Team Send-off 03/14/2024
- Station Tour 03/15/2024
- Explorers Meeting 03/20/2024
- Fire Drill Park Ridge 03/26/2024
- Pediatric CPR UWSP 03/26/2024

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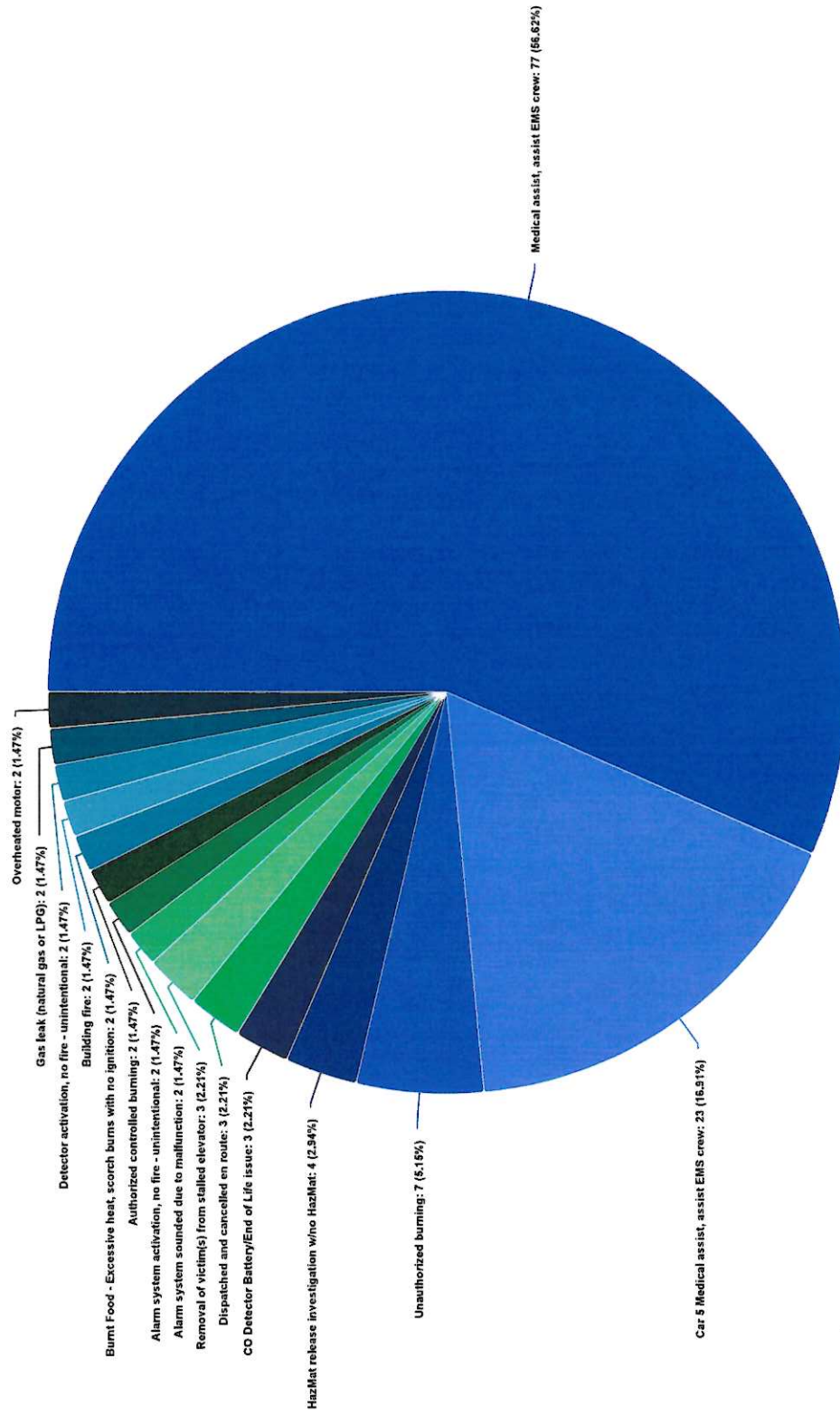
Reports Attached:

Incident Types Top 15
Incidents by Category Monthly and Yearly
Aid Given and Received Monthly

Aid Given and Received Yearly
Property Loss Incidents Monthly
Property Loss Incidents Yearly Top 20

Incident Types (Top 15)

Mar 01, 2024 to Mar 31, 2024



Incidents by Category Monthly & Yearly

Jan 01, 2023 12:00 AM to Apr 02, 2024 07:43 AM

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Incident Type Category	2024				2024		2023		YTD % Change
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
1 - Fire	6	3	4	0	13	3%	7	3%	85.71%
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	4	0	2	0	6	1%	11	4%	-45.45%
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	95	84	105	4	289	67%	188	69%	53.72%
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	7	6	0	18	4%	13	5%	38.46%
5 - Service Call	3	7	11	0	21	5%	7	3%	200%
6 - Good Intent Call	17	6	11	0	34	8%	21	8%	61.90%
7 - False Alarm & False Call	26	8	13	1	48	11%	26	10%	84.62%
9 - Special Incident Type	0	0	1	0	1	0%	0	0%	N/A
Grand Total	156	115	154	5	430	100%	273	100%	57.51%

Monthly Call Volume Year over Year

Jan 01, 2023 12:00 AM to Apr 02, 2024 07:43 AM

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Month Name	2024		2023		YTD % Change
	Grand Total - Current	% of Total Incidents - Current	Grand Total - Previous	% of Total Incidents - Previous	
January	156	36%	100	37%	56%
February	115	27%	70	26%	64.29%
March	154	36%	98	36%	57.14%
April	5	1%	5	2%	0%
Grand Total	430	100%	273	100%	57.51%

Aid Given and Received Monthly

Mar 01, 2024 to Mar 31, 2024

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Fire Department	Automatic Aid Given	% of Total Automatic Aid Given	Automatic Aid Received	% of Total Automatic Aid Received	Mutual Aid Given	% of Total Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	% of Total Mutual Aid Received
MAINE (TOWN OF) FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Plover Fire Department	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Overall	0	0%	0	0%	2	100%	0	0%

Aid Given and Received Yearly

Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

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Fire Department	Automatic Aid Given	% of Total Automatic Aid Given	Automatic Aid Received	% of Total Automatic Aid Received	Mutual Aid Given	% of Total Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	% of Total Mutual Aid Received
Annersl Fire Department	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Dewey Fire Department	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Hull Fire Department	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%
MAINE (TOWN OF) FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
Plover Fire Department	1	100%	1	0%	2	0%	1	0%
Rudolph Fire Department	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Stockton Fire Department	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
Overall	1	100%	3	100%	5	100%	6	100%

Property Loss Incidents Monthly

Mar 01, 2024 to Mar 31, 2024

Agency Name	Incident Date Time	Incident Number	Property Use	Street Number	Street Name	City	State	Postal Code	Property Pre-Incident Value	Property Loss
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	3/7/2024 5:27 AM	19041	Industrial plant yard - area	10973	54	WISCONSIN RAPID	WI	54494	\$50,000	\$50,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	3/2/2024 6:53 PM	24SF00225	Graded and cared-for plots of land	1017	FRANKLIN	STEVENS POINT	WI	54481	\$173,000	\$500

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Property Loss Incidents Yearly (Top 20)

Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

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Agency Name	Incident Date Time	Incident Number	Property Use	Street Number	Street Name	City	State	Postal Code	Property Pre-Incident Value	Property Loss
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	2/17/2024 9:31 PM	24SF00177	1 or 2 family dwelling	10572	OTTO	AMHERST	WI	54406	\$400,000	\$132,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	1/17/2024 10:44 PM	24SF00073	Residential board and care (CBRF)	2225	EAGLE	STEVENS POINT	WI	54482	\$1,500,000	\$50,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	2/1/2024 5:54 AM	24SF00132	1 or 2 family dwelling	4384	OAKRIDGE	STEVENS POINT	WI	54482	\$250,000	\$50,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	3/7/2024 5:27 AM	19041	Industrial plant yard - area	10973	54	WISCONSIN RAPID	WI	54494	\$50,000	\$50,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	1/21/2024 2:02 PM	24SF00085	Multifamily dwelling	116	MINNESOTA	STEVENS POINT	WI	54481	\$625,000	\$2,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	1/8/2024 5:53 AM	24SF00027	Residential board and care (CBRF)	5625	SANDPIPER	STEVENS POINT	WI	54482	\$1,000	\$1,000
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	3/2/2024 6:53 PM	24SF00225	Graded and cared-for plots of land	1017	FRANKLIN	STEVENS POINT	WI	54481	\$173,000	\$500
Stevens Point Fire Dept. & Ambulance	1/17/2024 5:37 AM	17823	Multifamily dwelling	401	MICHIGAN	STEVENS POINT	WI	54481	\$52,000	\$200

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**Stevens Point Fire and EMS Department
Activities Report
March 2024**

Training:

- Pediatric Straps/ Transporting
- Mass Casualty Incident
- Ventilators

Public Education:

- Hands only CPR, Stop the Bleed and Heimlich training for Portage County Sheriff Office on 3 separate days.
- Hands only CPR and First aid training for juvenile inmates at the Portage County Juvenile Detention
- Firefighter Challenge at Jefferson Elementary. Sling and Swath/Splinting station and Firefighter obstacle course.
- Explore Scouts Promotional Event
- Rosholt High School Freshman class Station Tour
- Daisy Scouts, Civics badge and station tour

SPASH Career Fair:

Stevens Point Fire and Ambulance Service participated in the Stevens Point Area Senior Highschool career fair. Students got to interact with Firefighter Paramedics about a career in Fire and EMS.

Emergency Preparedness Exercise:

Participated in a round table exercise hosted by Transitions at Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Gemza, Jr.

Joseph A. Gemza, Jr.
Assistant Chief of EMS



March 2024 Monthly EMS Report

Medic 1			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	203	563	512
Transport/Treat	149	410	356
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	54	153	156
Hosp to Hosp	0	4	2

Medic 2			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	95	343	310
Transport/Treat	64	253	205
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	30	90	105
Hosp to Hosp	0	1	0

Medic 3			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	5	32	121
Transport/Treat	3	17	89
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	2	15	32
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Medic 4			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	40	56	28
Transport/Treat	34	49	15
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	6	7	13
Hosp to Hosp	1	2	0

Medic 5			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	0	2	9
Transport/Treat	0	1	4
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	0	1	3
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	0

Fire Department Apparatus

	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	0	1	n/a
Transport/Treat	0	0	n/a
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	0	1	n/a
Hosp to Hosp	0	0	n/a

Totals			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	342	996	982
Transport/Treat	250	731	671
Cancel/Refuse/No Trans	92	265	311
Hosp to Hosp	1	7	1

Vehicle	Year	Make	Model	Current Vehicle Miles
51Med1-A918	2021	IH	CV	40811
51Med2-A187	2018	Ford	F-550	105856
51Med3-A184	2018	Ford	F-550	857896
51Med4-A211	2015	Ford	F-550	76896
51Med5-A555	2010	IH	4300	163199

Simultaneous Calls			
Units	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
2	68	198	207
3	9	30	15
4	2	7	1
5		0	3

Car 5 Response			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Responses	21	67	70

RRU Response Location			
	Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
V Plover	2	5	8
V Almond		0	8
V Amherst		0	0
V Amherst Jct		1	0
V Jct City		2	4
V Nelsonville		0	0
V Park Ridge		0	0
V Rosholt	1	4	2
V Whiting	3	9	9

T Alban	1	4	1
T Almond		0	0
T Amherst		0	0
T Belmont		0	0
T Buena Vista		0	0
T Carson	3	7	8
T Dewey		3	6
T Eau Pleine		1	2
T Grant		0	0
T Hull	2	10	11
T Lanark		0	1
T Linwood	1	2	1
T New Hope		0	0
T Pine Grove		0	0
T Plover		1	4
T Sharon	4	6	5
T Stockton	4	9	7
Other		0	0
St Point		3	1

Stevens Point Police Department 2023 Annual Report



MISSION:

To work professionally as a team

To promote public safety

*To enhance the quality of life in our community through innovative policing and
community partnerships*

INTEGRITY * SERVICE * TEAMWORK



I hope this letter finds you well. As we reflect on the past year, I am pleased to present to you the annual report of the Stevens Point Police Department. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Chief of Police, and I am grateful for the opportunity to update you on the accomplishments and challenges faced by our department over the past year.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the dedicated officers and staff who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Their commitment to excellence and professionalism is truly commendable. Together, we have faced various challenges, and I am proud to say that our team has demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a strong sense of duty.

In terms of crime prevention and enforcement, I am pleased to report a reduction in Welfare Checks, Noise Complaints, Property Crimes, Threats/Harassment, and Bodily Security compared to the previous year. This achievement is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our officers, community members, and other stakeholders who have worked together to address and mitigate potential issues.

Furthermore, we have invested in ongoing training and professional development for our officers to ensure that they are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills needed to address the evolving challenges of law enforcement. Our commitment to transparency is unwavering, and we have implemented measures to enhance accountability and build trust with the community.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we remain dedicated to our mission and values of protecting and serving the community with Integrity, Respect, and Professionalism. We will continue to work collaboratively with residents, local businesses, and community organizations to enhance the quality of life in our community through innovative policing and community partnerships.

I encourage you to review the attached annual report for a comprehensive overview of our department's activities, initiatives, and achievements. Your feedback and input are invaluable to us, and we welcome any suggestions or concerns you may have.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to another year of partnership and progress.

Sincerely,

Chief Robert Kussow



Stevens Point Police Department Strategic Direction

Long Term Objectives

#1

Preserve Public Safety

Improve on quality-of-life issues for the citizens of our community.

#2

Improve Community Awareness

Provide the community access with accurate and timely information on Department services and activities conducted. Ensure that the public perception of police activities reflect reality.

#3

Reduce Crime

Develop a comprehensive community-based initiative to reduce crime.

#4

Promote Traffic Safety

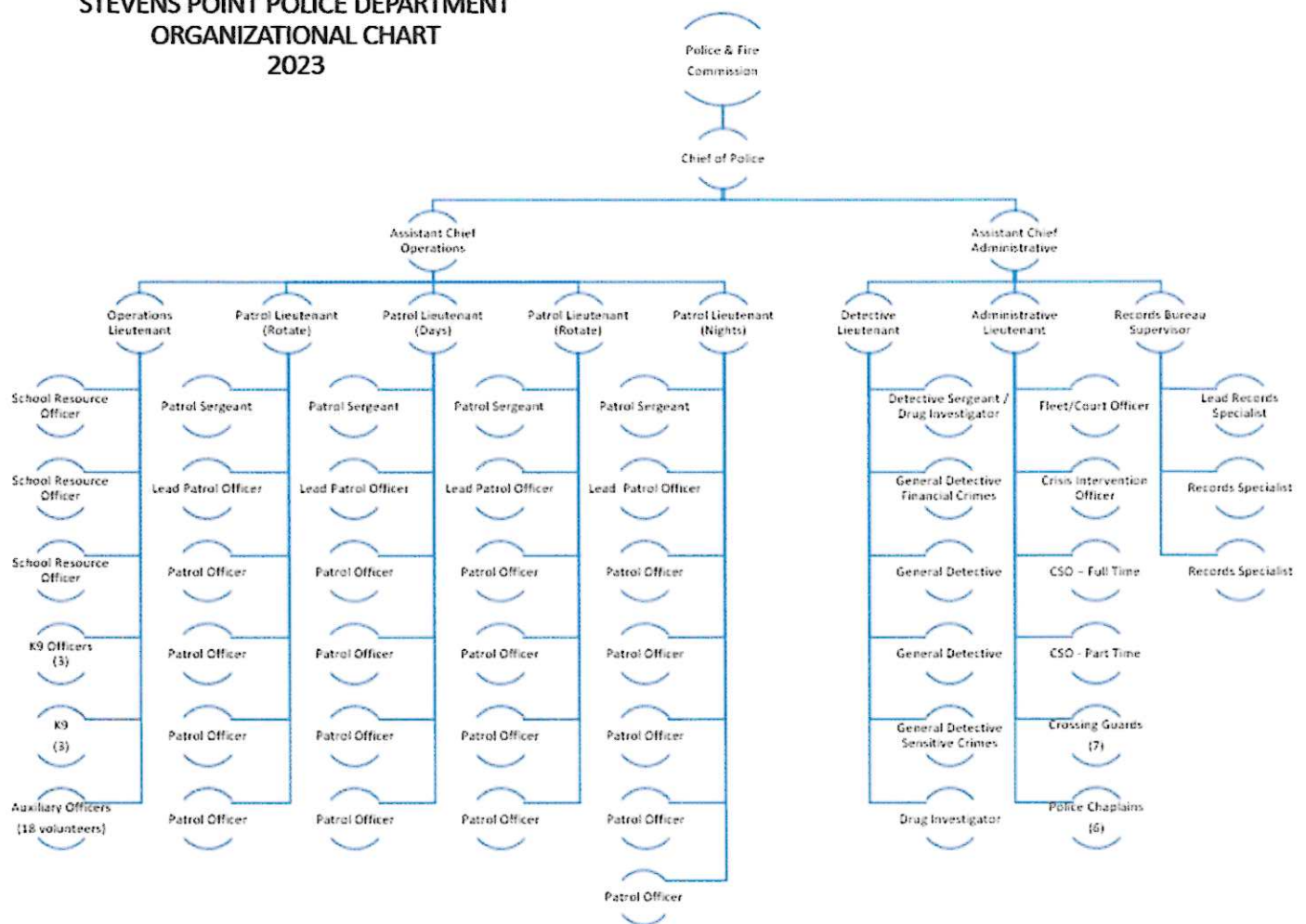
Collaborate to identify, prioritize, and implement a traffic safety plan.

#5

Develop and Manage Financial Resources

Locate financial sources and properly plan and manage them to allow ongoing support for the achievement of identified strategic objectives.

STEVENS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2023



◆2023 STAFF◆



*Police Chief
Robert Kussow*



*Assistant Chief
Michael Rottier*



*Assistant Chief
Dana Williams*



*Lieutenant
John Moss II*



*Lieutenant
Joseph Johnson*



*Lieutenant
Steven Spath*



*Lieutenant
Jeremy Mueller*



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Brian Brooks*



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Benjamin
Uitenbroek*



*Lieutenant
Michael Long*



*Sergeant
Andrew Poeschel*



*Sergeant (K-9)
Jeremiah Ballew*



*Sergeant
Justin Klein*



*Sergeant
Robert Roser*



*Lead Officer
Austin Lee*



*Lead Officer
Jordan Nissen*



*Lead Officer
Alexander Beach*



*Lead Officer
Ross Wierzb*



*Crisis Intervention
Officer
Michael Radsek*



*Fleet / Court
Officer
Michael Schultz*



*School Resource
Officer
Joe Quisler*



*School Resource
Officer
Joseph Kramer*



*Detective
Kent Lepak*



*Detective
Matthew Drassel*



*Patrol Officer
Kristi Ahrens*



*School Resource
Officer (K-9)
Kris Marchel*



*Patrol Officer
Ashley Hansen*



*Patrol Officer
Mel Plummer*



*Detective
Stormy Poeschel*



*Patrol Officer
Chi Yang*



*Patrol Officer
Trevor Ziegler*



*Patrol Officer
Kevin Gomez*



*Patrol Officer
Kimberly
DesRosier*



*Patrol Officer
Zachary Gartmann*



*Patrol Officer
Cody Stankowski*



*Patrol Officer
Cole O'Neil*



*Patrol Officer
Stacy Morton*



*Patrol Officer (K-9)
Jason Dienger*



*Patrol Officer
Samuel Hessel*



*Patrol Officer
Jadon Solis*



*Patrol Officer
James Harper*



Police Officer



Police Officer



Police Officer



*K-9
Barry*



*K-9
Willow*



*K-9
Coye*



*Records Bureau
Supervisor
Candy Tork*



*Lead Records
Specialist
Rebecca Long*



*Records Specialist
Stephanie Molski*



*Records Specialist
Nicole VanHulle*



*Community Service
Officer
Andrew Hensel*



*Community Service
Officer (Part-Time)
Kylie Bachaus*



*Community Service
Officer (Part-Time)
Jessie Davidenko*

**Staff
as of
12/31/23**

Operations Services Report 2023

The Operations Division is the largest division at the Stevens Point Police Department. It encompasses Patrol Officers, School Resource Officers, SWAT, SWAT Negotiators, K-9 Units, Auxiliary Unit, and Department Training. The Training Program is overseen by the Operations Lieutenant and consists of a wide spectrum of duties to include Field Training, Armorer, Range Instruction, Use of Force, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Professional Communications, and Vehicle Contacts. Each of these identified specialties has a Master Instructor assigned for direct oversight. All members of this division work collectively with other divisions to provide a safe environment for the residents of our community.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division provide a range of police services to the community. In addition to patrolling assigned areas, officers investigate criminal offenses, civil offenses, and traffic crashes; enforce traffic laws, state statutes, and city ordinances; and respond to a wide variety of calls for service. Officers are encouraged to incorporate various forms of community engagement with residents in order to build positive relationships.

All information and data from the Operations Services is collected and entered into department software, which helps determine deployment strategies and identify areas of concern. This includes Calls for Service, Incident Based Reporting, Uniform Crime Reporting, Accident Locations, and Overtime.

Calls for Service

The Stevens Point Police Department received 13,773 reported calls for service in 2023, which is a decrease of 1.73% from 2022. The table below reveals just a few of the categories and the increases/decreases in police responses in 2023:

	2022	2023	% Change
Welfare Checks	1673	1610	-3.77%
Disturbance	1014	1047	3.15%
Noise Complaints	237	215	-9.28%
Property Crimes	719	683	-5.0%
Suspicious Persons	966	1037	6.85%
Trespassing	107	245	56.33%
Threats/Harassment	370	332	-10.27%

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING OFFENSE DATA
Community/Agency Comparison**

Based on calls for service the Stevens Point Police Department receives, our Records Bureau generates an Incident Based Report (IBR) which includes all calls that have an offense code identified. This IBR is presented to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offense data.

A preliminary copy of the 2023 UCR statistics has been included in this 2023 Annual Report. Also included for comparison is statistical data from the Wisconsin DOJ website identifying UCR offense reports from law enforcement jurisdictions in the Portage and Wood County area during the previous year.

Preliminary UCR data from 2023 for the Stevens Point Police Department indicates a significant decrease in the bodily security category of Rape. But there was an increase in Robbery, Simple Assault, and Aggravated Assault within the city. However, a significant decrease was seen in the property crimes categories of Burglary, Larceny, and Vehicle Theft. (See UCR Offense Statistics table.)

2023 UCR OFFENSE STATISTICS (preliminary data submitted to WI Dept. of Justice)

Agency Name	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson	Simple Assault
STEVENS POINT PD	0	3	3	35	5	194	5	1	148

2022 UCR OFFENSE STATISTICS

Agency Name	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson	Simple Assault
STEVENS POINT PD	0	13	2	28	26	203	18	2	118
PLOVER PD	0	12	0	10	9	194	5	2	68
PORTAGE COUNTY SO	1	21	0	24	23	90	11	0	70
WOOD COUNTY SO	1	20	0	26	17	74	9	0	103

2022 UCR Offense Data
From WI Department of Justice
Website at www.doj.state.wi.us

Stevens Point Police Department Personnel within Operations Division

The largest contingent of personnel within the Operations Division are those working Patrol. The Patrol Division consists of 29 officers working four scheduled shifts. As this is the largest group of personnel within the Department, it also normally sees the highest level of change in staffing due to retirements, resignations, and reassignments. The previous year was no different.

Retirements



Officer Alan Raasoch retired with 26 years of dedicated years of service to the City of Stevens Point in June 2023.

Permanent Officer Status



Officer Stacy Morton was granted permanent officer status in May 2023.



Officer Jason Dienger was granted permanent officer status in December 2023.

New Officers



Officer James Harper began his service to the city of Stevens Point in December 2023.

**Stevens Point Police Department
Citation Totals Report
01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023
(Data collected from TRACS and Municipal Court)**

Safety Belts/Child Restraints	53
Speeding	520
Signal & Sign	163
OWI (All 346.63)	193
OAR/OAS	349
Open Intoxicants	4
Vehicle Registration	122
Vehicle Equipment	10
All Other	816
Total Citations	2681

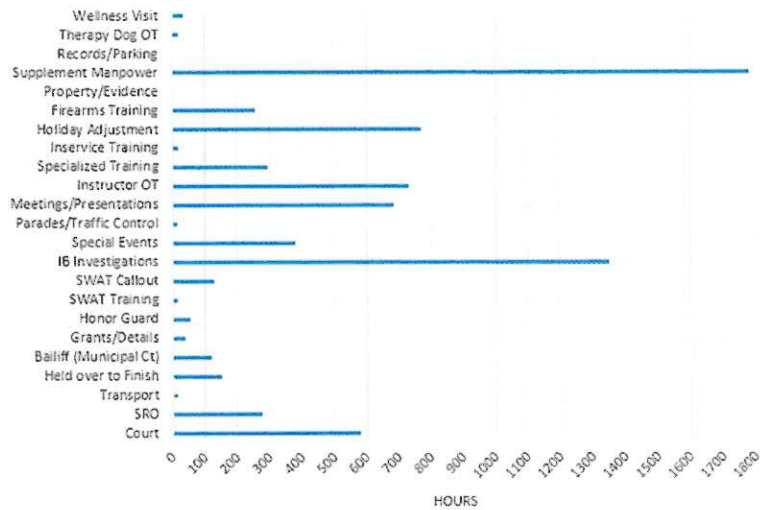
In 2023, Patrol responded to approximately the same number of vehicle accidents within the City of Stevens Point in 2022 as they did in 2023 with a difference of one less accident in 2023. (Data collected from TRACS.)

**Stevens Point Police Department
Traffic Accident Summary Report
01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023**

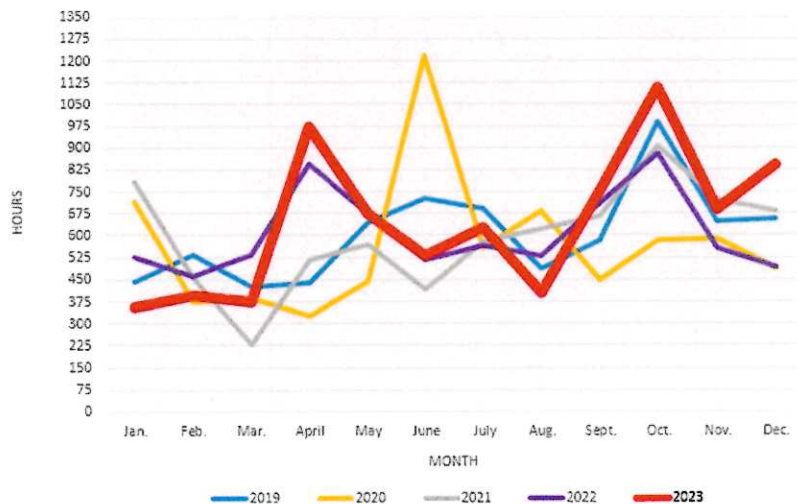
Total Accidents	629
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2023 OVERTIME SYNOPSIS

2023: JANUARY- DECEMBER



OVERTIME SURVEY: 5-YEAR TOTALS



As in past years, we will review statistical data and identify community concerns to best utilize our current resources. We look forward to continuing our work with community partners in an effort to provide a professional police service to all of the citizens of Stevens Point.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Chief Dana Williams
Operations Division

Stevens Point Auxiliary

The Stevens Point Auxiliary Unit serves the Stevens Point community in the capacity of an all-volunteer force. The membership of the SPPD Auxiliary Unit constitutes community members who want to support the operations of SPPD and those pursuing a career in law enforcement. The mission of the SPPD Auxiliary is to support the mission of SPPD. This support takes the form of public relations, traffic control, and general security at events in the Stevens Point community.



Fred Strasser Andrew Hensel John Okonek Pete Jacoby Clayton Madison-Dawson Karrlyn Phillip



Jessie Davidenko Jarrett Lucht Carson Shurpit Larry Pingel Jordan Reed Benjamin Tiffany

RECENT PROMOTIONS IN 2023



Promoted Sgt. Fred Strasser



Promoted Cpl. Andrew Hensel

Volunteer Hours at Stevens Point PD Auxiliary

Showing data from 2023-01-01 to 2023-12-31 filtered by Volunteered Date

Total Hours: 769

Hour Log Activity	Hours
Events	523
Meetings	145
Misc.	97
Ride- Alongs	4
TOTALS	769

Community generosity in 2023 has made it possible for the SPPD Auxiliary to purchase much needed equipment. Among the items purchased were wearable ballistic vests for increased safety of auxiliary officers. Two more updated portable radios were also purchased this year.



Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Ben Uitenbroek

Operations Division / SPPD Auxiliary Coordinator

K-9 Unit



There are some items of note in the SPPD K-9 program during 2023. Starting with the selection of our new K-9 Handler Ofc. Jason Dienger with K-9 Coye. Ofc. Dienger and Coye completed their initial 6-week training at Vohne Liche Kennels located in Denver, Indiana.

This summer Sgt. Ballew participated in the 2023 K-9 Olympics with his K-9 partner Barry, winning 2nd place out of 98 teams for narcotic detection.



SRO Marchel and K-9 partner Willow completed classes and Willow was certified as a therapy dog.



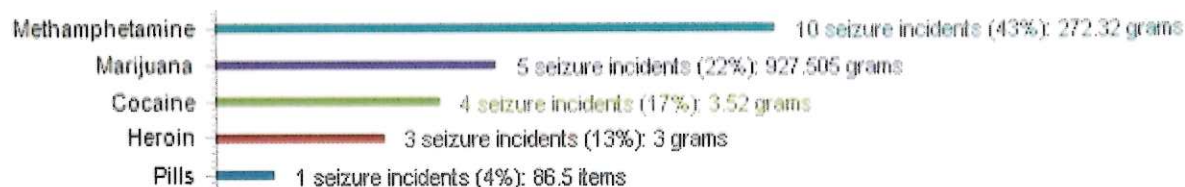
Deployment Summary

Group Report for 3 Handlers

Using 98 Specified Records from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Officer Name & Duty Assignment	DETECTION				PATROL			
	Deploy-ments	Search Areas	Alerts / Indications	Seizure Incidents	Deploy-ments	Arrests With Bites	People Found	Bite Ratio
Jeremiah Ballew (Patrol/K9 Sergeant)	41	160	27	30	3	0	2	0%
Kris Marchel	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0%
Jason Dienger (Patrol)	12	12	3	2	0	0	0	0%

Drug Indications



Training Summary

Group Report for 3 Handlers

Using 170 Specified Records from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

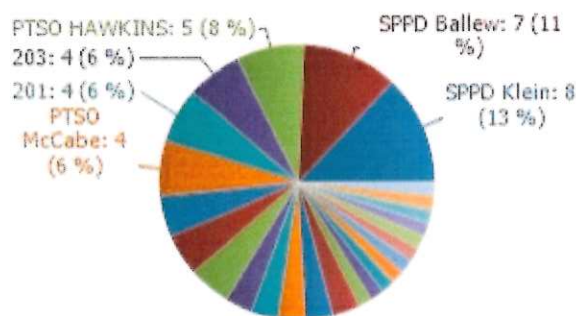
Officer	Department	Events Attended	Total Time (Hours)	Detection Exercises	Patrol Exercises
Jeremiah Ballew	Stevens Point Police Department	30	185.2	56	56
Kris Marchel	Stevens Point Police Department	23	22.5	0	23
Jason Dienger	Stevens Point Police Department	8	41.5	11	15

Deployment Summary

Group Report for 3 Handlers

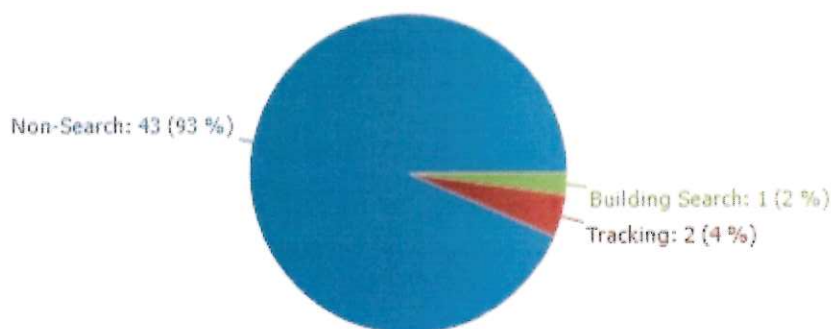
Using 98 Specified Records from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Top 25 Requesting Agencies



SPPD Klein: 8 (13 %)	205: 1 (2 %)
SPPD Ballew: 7 (11 %)	220: 1 (2 %)
PTSO HAWKINS: 5 (8 %)	SPPD Roser: 1 (2 %)
203: 4 (6 %)	Self Respond: 1 (2 %)
201: 4 (6 %)	UWSP GRUNA: 1 (2 %)
PTSO McCabe: 4 (6 %)	Nicole Peterson: 1 (2 %)
Allison SPED Te...: 3 (5 %)	PPD Anderson: 1 (2 %)
SPPD Hessel: 3 (5 %)	SPPD Lawyrnk: 1 (2 %)
PTSO Gorst: 3 (5 %)	YES Program: 1 (2 %)
PTSO Ashbeck: 2 (3 %)	
PTSO Haldeman: 2 (3 %)	
226: 2 (3 %)	
PTSO HALDERMAN: 2 (3 %)	
SPPD LONG: 2 (3 %)	
SPPD Lepinski: 1 (2 %)	
PLOVER CLARK: 1 (2 %)	

Patrol Types



Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Ben Uitenbroek
K-9 Coordinator

Training Report

Stevens Point Police Department places an emphasis on well-trained officers serving the community. Training provided throughout the year is instructed by various technical colleges, training groups, and department instructor cadres. Utilizing the approximately \$32,000 training budget, the department realized a total of 6,158 plus training hours for both sworn and non-sworn employees. The State of Wisconsin requires 24 hours of yearly training per officer. Stevens Point Police Officers certainly meet the 24-hour requirement, in many cases exceeding the state requirement in areas such as SWAT, K-9, and other specialty training. Training attended by SPPD Officers ranges from leadership/supervisor courses to specialized training for operators on the special weapons and tactics team.

Patrol

This year's training focuses involved Bi-Annual Pursuit training at NWTC Merrill Safety Village and transitioning to the new HVRC for high-risk vehicle stops. Several officers attended training in becoming instructors, SWAT related disciplines, and K-9 handling.

In 2023, SPPD hired two new officers who were equipped and trained by the department. New officers participate in a Field Training Program. This program consisted of 5 steps or phases. Step 0 consists of approx. 1.5 weeks of on-boarding to include hands-on training in the disciplines of firearms, emergency vehicle operation, and defense and arrest tactics with department instructors. Steps 1-3 utilize three different field training officers who demonstrate and coach the new officers on how SPPD does policing. Step 4, also known as the shadow phase, strictly evaluates the new officer without coaching.

Leadership Training

Wisconsin Command College-A.C. Williams Graduated from Command College.



LPO - In 2023, the Stevens Point Police Department was selected as host agency for the prestigious Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO), instructed by Wisconsin Department of Justice Cadre. The SPPD members who graduated from 2023 LPO class are Lt. Mike Long, Lt. Ben Uitenbroek, Sgt. John Lawrynk, Sgt. Justin Klein, and Sgt. Rob Roser.





Left to right: Chief Kussow, Assistant Chief Williams, Lt. Uitenbroek, Sgt. Roser, Sgt. Klein, Lt. Long, Assistant Chief Rottier (Sgt. Lawrynk not in photo)

2023 United States Senior Open (USGA)

This past summer was the culmination of years of planning with the 43rd USSO @ Sentry World. As the agency of jurisdiction, SPPD coordinated the public safety for the event. SPPD partnered with Federal, State and Municipal Law Enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of all those involved in the event.



Respectfully submitted,
Lieutenant Ben Uitenbroek
Operations Division

School Resource Officers

The Stevens Point Police Department has three School Resource Officers (SRO) who are assigned to Ben Franklin Jr. High, PJ Jacobs Jr. High, and Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH). SROs also provide services to elementary schools and private schools as requested. SROs are the bridge between the Police Department and the Stevens Point primary and secondary educational community. The safety and security of the student and staff populations at our school facilities are the primary concerns of the School Resource Officers.



SPASH

SRO Joe Kramer has served eight years in his position at SPASH. In the capacity of SRO, Officer Kramer has 1,056 documented contacts, 58 citations, 91 vaping/drug investigations, and nine juvenile referrals.

PJ Jacobs

SRO Joe Quisler has served seven years in his position at PJ Jacobs JHS and will be retiring in January 2024. Officer Chi Yang will serve as his replacement. In the capacity of SRO, Officer Quisler has 1285 documented contacts, 41 citations, 10 vaping/drug investigations, 13 YES program referrals, and 11 juvenile referrals.



Ben Franklin

SRO Kris Marchel has served close to three years in his position at Ben Franklin JHS. In the capacity of SRO, Officer Marchel has 1,117 documented contacts, 44 citations, nine vaping/drug investigations, two underage alcohol investigations, 11 YES referrals, and 10 juvenile referrals.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lieutenant Ben Uitenbroek
Operations Division*

Use of Force Review

During the course of 2023, SPPD Officers documented 58 Use of Force Incidents. That number is 20 less incidents than in 2022.

Officers used a compliance hold restraint six times and there were 16 times that officers used passive countermeasures (type of decentralization or take-down). Officers used active countermeasures during two Use of Force incidents in 2023 (type of strike). In both incidents where an active countermeasure was used, the officers received minor injuries.

Officers did not use OC spray or their baton in 2023 and the taser device was displayed 12 times. On three occasions an officer deployed the taser probes and all three of those deployments were effective. Officers also displayed the less lethal beanbag shotgun during one Use of Force incident; however, no rounds were fired.

Officers were involved in several high-speed pursuits in 2023, but no P.I.T. maneuvers or road spikes were reported being used, unlike years past.

Our K-9 partners were used during several incidents in 2023. The K-9 was used as a threat of force, indicated as a K-9 display, on four different occasions and their presence was almost always effective in the resolution of the situation.

Officers drew their firearm during 37 of the 58 Use of Force incidents in 2023. On one occasion, two officers fired shots at a suspect who was shooting at officers. The suspect was struck one time by officers and later transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The officers were uninjured. This number is comparable to years past, where officers drew their firearms on 62% of the Use of Force incidents in 2022, as opposed to 64% in 2023.

There were six officers injured in 2023. The majority of the injuries were scratches and scrapes. One officer got some bruised ribs from a fall with a suspect, and another hurt their thumb while fighting with a suspect.

There were four suspects injured during the 58 Use of Force Incidents. One suspect was tased and complained of a heart issue after, two received scrapes and cuts from fighting with officers on the cement, and one suspect received a gunshot wound after firing at officers but was treated and released from the hospital soon after.

An investigation was led by DCI on the Officer-Involved Shooting and all the officers were cleared from the incident with no charges and were also found to be acting within policy and procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lieutenant Joseph Johnson
Administration Division*

SWAT Report

SWAT Deployments

The Stevens Point/Plover SWAT/Negotiator Team was only deployed one time in 2023.

12-09-2023 For several days SPPD detectives and officers had been looking for a suspect in Stevens Point who had made serious threats to kill/harm several people associated to the suspect. The suspect had pointed a firearm at one person in particular, telling that person they were going to kill them and then kill themselves. There was also evidence the suspect had been stalking a victim in the case for some time. After attempts to apprehend the suspect failed and the suspect appeared to have left town, it was discovered the suspect returned. Officers located the suspect's vehicle, unoccupied, parked by a trail in the woods within walking distance of the last-known residence of the suspect. After failing to get consent to search the property for the suspect, a warrant was obtained, and the SWAT team was called in. Because there were three trailers the suspect could have been living in on the property, the Portage County SRT Team was asked to assist with the operation as well. The teams arrived on scene and used their MRAPS, drones, and operators to clear the residences on the property. One person was taken into custody during the search; however, the main suspect was not located. Several items of interest, including multiple firearms and narcotics, were located and believed to be owned by the suspect. A few days later the suspect turned himself in at SPPD without incident.

Training

Monthly training was completed as scheduled with a 2-day training in February, covering all the critical skills the operators should know. SPPD/Plover SWAT trained jointly with PTSO SRT and Marathon County



SRT in January of 2023 at the UWSP Library. The regional SWAT Competition was held in September and the Point/Plover team competed alongside Wood County SRT, Marshfield SWAT, and Wisconsin Rapids SRT. Team Leaders John Lawrynk, Mike Long, and Rob Roser all attended NTOA SWAT Team Leader Schools in 2023. The most important training for the year was a 2-day training held at the Vortex Headquarters in Barneveld, WI. Point/Plover SWAT was trained by Vortex staff on current military room clearing trends and hostage rescue techniques. The new technique proved to be difficult at first, but over the 16 hours of training the team members began

to grasp the concept. The team has continued to work on the new concepts every month since. Team member Cole O'Neil was certified in 2023 as a drone operator and this new tool for SWAT has shown its value quickly and will no doubt be useful in future operations.

Personnel Changes

Ofc. Joe Clark resigned from the team in November of 2023 after accepting a job at the Plover Police Department. Ofc. Cody Stankowski, who was already on an eligibility list from the 2023 tryouts, quickly filled that spot and will be looking at attending basic SWAT school in 2024.

Equipment

In the Spring of 2023, the entire team received new kits (tactical vests) and two new level IV shields. The new kits were approximately six pounds lighter than the previous kits and slightly more compact. The life span of a new kit and shield is five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Joseph Johnson
SWAT Commander



Administrative Division Report 2023

The Administrative Division has continued to explore innovative ways to address emerging trends and evolving quality of life concerns within our community, while focusing on efficient use of current resources.

The Administrative Division oversees the Investigation Bureau, Property and Evidence, Records Bureau, Parking Enforcement, Chaplains, Crossing Guards, Public Information Officer (PIO), and Community Outreach programs. With an increase in more specialized assignments to address emerging trends, each unit has seen an expansion of assigned tasks. The supervisors, along with their work groups, have performed well to meet this challenge.

Investigation Bureau

The Investigation Bureau is comprised of seven detectives, each specializing in an area of expertise.

Investigation Bureau staff includes:

- Det. Lieutenant Jeremy Mueller (IB Supervisor)
- Det. Sergeant John Lawrynk (Supervisor)
- Det. Kent Lepak (Property and Financial Crimes)
- Det. Matthew Drossel (General Crimes Detective)
- Det. Stormy Gerndt (Sensitive Crimes)
- Open (General Crimes Detective)
- Drug Detectives

Parking Enforcement

Lt. Johnson had some major accomplishments in 2023. Our full-time CSO officer completed his first full year. Lt. Johnson added new duties to this CSO position throughout the year, such as handling found property (i.e. keys, phones, and wallets), abandoned vehicles, and assisting patrol with traffic control.

In 2023, our parking enforcement vehicle was replaced with a 2023 Ford Ranger. The vehicle was outfitted with a new lightbar and license plate reader. The department also invested in a new mobile enforcement app which allows our CSO to do his job more efficiently.

Lt. Johnson saw a need for long-term parking throughout the year. He worked with the parking workgroup and developed 58 new long-term parking spaces. Lt. Johnson created Lot 23 at the corner of Water St. and Arlington Pl. Lot 23 is comprised of 20 spaces for rent. He also added 38 spaces to Lot 2, which is located at Water St. and Crosby St.

Crisis Intervention

In 2023, The Stevens Point Police Department responded to 1,611 welfare checks, which is down from 1,673 in 2022. Crisis Intervention Officer (CIO) Radsek completed his fifth year in the position. CIO Radsek was able to build upon his relationships with mentally ill/homeless people in his specialized role as CIO. CIO Radsek supported Patrol with welfare checks, emergency detentions, and transports. CIO Radsek also continued to be a liaison/SPPD representative in numerous PCHHS meetings involving suicide prevention, crisis meetings, and domestic violence prevention meetings. This continued relationship with PCHHS has reduced the number of calls for service directed towards Patrol and has helped solidify the smooth flow of information between the two agencies. SPPD responded to 38 Chapter 51 mental health commitments in 2023. SPPD assisted Stevens Point citizens 45 times for voluntary mental health commitments and handled six alcohol commitments. SPPD responded to eight suicides.

Records Bureau

During 2023, SPPD had over 1,800 walk-ins at the Records Bureau front window during business hours. These walk-ins comprised of people paying for parking tickets, needing fingerprints, reporting a crime, appointments with detectives or patrol officers, conducting background checks, requesting records, etc. The Records Bureau receives multiple requests daily for copies of incident reports, crash reports, photographs, videos, background checks, etc. Over 1,500 records requests were processed in 2023.

Records personnel submitted over 600 Request for Charges to the District Attorney's Office. In addition, Records staff uploaded almost 28,000 files and burned body/squad videos on hundreds of media disks for the District Attorney's Office for use in prosecuting criminal cases.

In 2023, SPPD continued to work with the Carfax team to provide free accident reports to the public via crashdocs.org. This relationship is a benefit for the SPPD as well as the citizens of Stevens Point. Records staff has saved time and paper in this process and the citizens are able to obtain a free accident report.

The Stevens Point Police Department Records Bureau staff is comprised of Records Bureau Supervisor Candy Tork, Lead Records Specialist Rebecca Long, Records Specialist Stephanie Molski, and Records Specialist Nicole VanHulle. This past February we hired Nicole. She came to SPPD with 12 years of experience as a dispatcher from Brown County, Waupaca County, and Portage County. Nicole has been a great addition to our team.

Respectfully submitted,

*Assistant Chief Michael Rottier
Administration Division*

Investigation Bureau

Equipment

The Investigation Bureau will make purchases throughout the year from its own budget depending on the needs of the investigators and/or cases. In 2023, the Stevens Point Police Department Investigation Bureau made several significant purchases to assist in investigations.

Drone: As a department we saw the benefits of having a drone, and in 2023 we expanded the program. A second drone operator was added along with a second drone, a DJI Mini 3 Pro. This has allowed for the SWAT team to have their own drone for deployments as well as a drone for the Investigation Bureau. Along with the new drone, we also purchased a video streaming program called LETS, which allows different users to stream a live video feed from the drone. (See 2023 Drone Report.)

Drug Tests: As drugs continue to enter the community, investigators and patrol officers encounter them daily. The suspected drugs need to be field tested. As drugs become more sophisticated, so do the tests, and with that comes a higher price. Drug tests were on a backorder waiting list at one point this year and we made it a priority to purchase more tests.

FLOCK: The final installation of the FLOCK Safety cameras took place in May of 2023. The implantation of these cameras had an immediate effect on crimes being solved for our department and the overall safety of our community. Detectives and officers learned the program and its capabilities very quickly and it has been used in more ways than we had ever expected it to with assisting investigations. It was successful so quickly that the Plover Police Department and Portage County Sheriff's Office also entered the program with their own cameras. (See the following FLOCK Safety Report by Asst. Chief Rottier.)

2023 FLOCK Successes

SPPD had 20 FLOCK success stories in 2023. Success is defined as any FLOCK information that leads to the following: arrest of a suspect, locating a stolen car or plate, corroborating timelines in a case, finding runaways and vulnerable people, or the solving of a case. Here are a few success stories:

June 2023 - SPPD assisted the DNR with an Arson investigation. Flock cameras captured the suspect vehicle and plate number. That information was crucial in the DNR's investigation.

July 2023 - SPPD had an NCIC FLOCK hit on a vehicle for a 16-year-old juvenile, with a 9-year-old sibling, who ran away from Des Moines, Iowa. That vehicle was located, and the juveniles were reunited with their family.

July 2023 - SPPD investigated a retail theft from Target. FLOCK cameras provided a suspect vehicle and license plate. The suspect vehicle was stopped by Wausau PD. The investigation determined that the suspects had stolen property located inside the vehicle from several different businesses.

September 2023 - SPPD had several pursuits with a motorcycle. SPPD terminated all the pursuits due to high speeds. FLOCK cameras were able to help us identify the suspect, who admitted to the pursuits and was then arrested.

December 2023 - SPPD investigated a stolen vehicle report. FLOCK captured the vehicle on the west side of Stevens Point and we were able to locate the car and take the suspect into custody.

Reported Cases

The detectives of the Investigation Bureau collectively worked over 300 cases in 2023. The majority of these cases were referred from the Patrol Division and Portage County Health and Human Services. Most drug related cases were initiated by the drug detectives, who were active in identifying drug dealers and building cases against them by investigating their illegal activities.

Detectives often found themselves assisting other agencies and/or requesting assistance from other law enforcement agencies in 2023. Some of the many jurisdictions SPPD detectives worked with include Portage County SO, Waupaca County SO, Plover PD, UWSP PD, Marathon County SO, Wausau PD, Waushara County SO, Rhinelander PD, Marshfield PD, Mosinee PD, Waupaca PD, Shawano County SO, Outagamie County SO, Minocqua PD, Lac Du Flambeau Tribal PD, Oneida County SO, Vilas County SO, Iron County SO, and Price County SO. Detectives also worked with agencies from other states such as Minnesota, California, and Florida. Likewise, Stevens Point detectives utilized the services of other government agencies including Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Wisconsin Crime Lab, Department of Homeland Security, Wisconsin State Fire Marshal, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Activity, and more.

As a group, the Investigation Bureau wrote and executed approximately 102 search warrants/subpoenas. These documents included searches of homes, phones, social media accounts, DNA, email accounts, bank records, etc. Many of these warrants were executed on phones, homes, and bank records. We also continued to exercise our authority granted by the State of Wisconsin under Act 79, which allows the search of a person, a person's residence, or any property under a person's control if that individual is suspected of committing or planning to commit a crime and are on supervision of Probation and Parole for felonies they committed under chapter 940, 948, and 961 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Sensitive Crimes

Our department has only one dedicated investigator to work Sensitive Crimes. With that being said, all of our detectives are trained to investigate these types of cases and are occasionally assigned to them as well. Many of our sensitive crime cases are referrals from the Patrol Division and from Portage County Health and Human Services. Sensitive Crimes include sexual assaults, homicides, attempted homicides, suicides, and assisting Portage County Health and Human Services investigators with cases such as suspected child abuse and/or neglect, unfit living conditions, and crimes against the elderly. This investigator is also assigned as the liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Justice ICAC (Internet Crimes against Children) Task Force.

Our sensitive crimes investigator(s) worked 61 total cases in 2023. Those cases included 11 sexual assaults, 33 (CPS) Child Protective Services cases, and nine (ICAC) Internet Crimes against Children cases. All of the CPS cases are worked in conjunction with the Portage County Health and Human Services Child Protective Services Department. The majority of those cases were child neglect and/or child abuse reports. While many of these cases resulted in arrests or referrals, some cases were also resolved by offering services, advice, and/or in collaboration with Portage County Health and Human Services.

Death Investigations

In 2023, investigators conducted 17 death investigations. Of those investigations, six were drug related. (See Drug Investigation Unit Report.) The remaining investigations included eight suicides and three accidental deaths. The suicide total is one of the highest (if not the highest) numbers our department has dealt with. Death investigations (scenes/cases) are difficult to deal with both physically and mentally

for all involved. The far-reaching effects of these cases, especially suicides, take their toll on everyone involved.

Frauds/Scams

In 2023, the trend of frauds and scams continued to grow within our community. As with the prior two years, we had approximately 162 fraud/scams reported to our department. These crimes range from passing counterfeit money, writing bad checks, and unauthorized use of credit cards, to scamming people out of their money. Not all of these amount to an investigation by our detectives, but most at least get reviewed. Many of the scams are conducted via telephone or online and typically come from a foreign country, which make the cases very difficult to solve, and even when they are solved prosecution does not exist for those in foreign countries.

These investigations are extremely time-consuming as they require following paper trails and bank records, along with speaking to those people who are involved. Detective Lepak continues to handle most of the department's fraud/scam cases. Not all reported fraud/scams are assigned an investigator. The circumstances of each case are reviewed, and the decision of assignment is based on those circumstances. Many of these cases remain open or pending as warrants/subpoenas/record requests are awaited. These actions can sometimes take months to be fulfilled by the corporate offices. Det. Lepak is very diligent as he manages his cases, as they at times can be from the previous year, depending on when he receives the records he has requested.

In 2023, investigators continued to deal with crypto currency scams. These scams were focused on the elderly people in our community. Two of these cases had victims losing tens of thousands of dollars as they had been requested by suspects to deposit the cash into bitcoin machines. These cases are only going to continue to grow, and our best defense is to educate the community to the best of our ability. Det. Lepak has also reached out to Wisconsin state officials asking for them to look into what can be done in terms of regulating these types of transactions as a way to protect victims after being scammed.

2023 Major Cases

February 2023 – Fraud/Theft: A female had entered Festival Foods and purchased over \$26,000.00 worth of gift cards with multiple credit cards. Festival Foods Lost Prevention advised that the female manually entered the credit card numbers to pay for the gift cards. The patrol officer later learned in his investigation that nine other stores in Wisconsin had the same female successfully completing the same type of fraud. Det. Lepak was assigned the case, and through his 7-month investigation he was able to identify the female and learned that she was from California. She would fly to Wisconsin and Minnesota, use a rental vehicle to travel to various grocery stores, and fraudulently purchase gift cards. Det. Lepak worked with numerous other agencies throughout the investigation. Nine different subpoenas/warrants were written and executed for this investigation. In the end, the female is now facing charges of Theft, Money Laundering, and Unauthorized Use of an Individual's Personal Identity Information. The female has yet to be located by law enforcement.

March 2023 – Missing Person: Friends and family reported a male missing the day after a night out downtown. The male had not returned home to his roommates and had missed a family planned event. The investigation began at his residence and soon required a cell phone location ping, which resulted in a location near the Wisconsin River. It became an immediate concern that the male might have fallen through the ice into the river. Investigators were called in and our drone was also deployed. Within an hour of drone flight, Det. Drossel had located a set of footprints leaving the east shoreline from Pfiffner

Park. The single set of footprints led out to almost the middle of the river where a large hole was located. The following day the male's body was recovered from the river, with assistance from the Marathon County Dive Team.

April 2023 – Threats: A male subject had made threats to the Portage County Democratic group and the State of Wisconsin Democratic group. After a short time into the investigation, it was learned the same subject had made threats to the President and Vice President. The threats were severe enough to garner the attention of the Secret Service. The male was soon placed under arrest. Det. Drossel worked with two Secret Service agents and the investigation included interviews with the suspect, search warrants that were written for the social media platforms where he had posted the threats, and seizure of firearms for safekeeping.

July 2023 – Missing Person: A 14-year-old female was reported missing by her mother and grandmother. It was reported that she may have been picked up by an unknown male subject in a pickup truck. The 14-year-old was reporting to her mother that she felt unsafe and felt she was now being kidnapped. The mother was able to assist police in giving approximate locations of daughter's phone. Officers and detectives made quick work of locating the pickup truck and a traffic stop was conducted, where the male driver was taken into custody and the 14-year-old female was returned to her mother.

September 2023 – Disturbance: Officers were dispatched to a local hotel for an unconscious male, which was a result from a physical fight with another male. The unconscious male died later at the hospital. The fight between the two males had started due to one of the males being physical with a female. During a two-month investigation, detectives spoke with numerous hotel residents and work acquaintances of the female and of both males involved in the fight. No one at the hotel witnessed the fight but hotel video surveillance assisted in the investigation. The case was sent for review to the Portage County District Attorney's Office.

October 2023 – Property Crime: Officers responded to the 3200 block of Lindbergh Avenue for a report of gunshots. The victim stated they heard both of their vehicle doors open and close while parked in the driveway at 400 a.m. The suspect was observed entering another neighboring vehicle and rummaging through it. The initial victim yelled at the suspect who then fled on foot. A short foot chase ensued and at one point the suspect stopped and fired one round at the victim, who was unharmed. The male suspect was soon apprehended by a Portage County deputy. Investigators were called in to assist and learned that the suspect had stolen items out of numerous other vehicles in the area. Charges were forwarded to the Portage County District Attorney's Office, to include but not limited to, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, multiple counts of Theft from Motor Vehicle, and Possession of THC.

December 2023 – Disturbance: A road rage incident was reported to patrol officers. This call soon turned into a threats complaint, as the victim stated they were threatened to be killed and so were family members. The suspect was not immediately located, and after a three-day search, several warrants were executed in an attempt to locate the suspect. An arrest warrant was eventually issued for the suspect by the Portage County District Attorney's Office and two weeks later the suspect turned themselves in to the SPPD.

Property and Evidence

In 2023, the Stevens Point Police Department staff property inventoried approximately 2,492 total items. Of those items, 2,192 were taken as evidence during investigations, traffic stops, warrants, etc. Also, 211 of those items were given to SPPD or collected as found property and 89 items inventoried for

safekeeping. There are various reasons why items are property inventoried at SPPD. Most items stay at the department within our evidence storage room, while some items are taken to one of the nearby crime labs if further analysis is needed. The department was able to release/destroy around 1,124 items over the past year.

The newly added "found property" link on the city's website assisted in returning several items this past year. We hope that as more people become aware of the link, we can return more "unknown" owner items.

One of the largest increases in 2023 was the number of guns that we not only encountered while working, but also a large increase in guns that were taken as evidence/safekeeping. In the past seven years, our investigators have run the following number of traces on guns: 2017 = 13, 2018 = 5, 2019 = 19, 2020 = 8, 2021 = 15, 2022 = 12, 2023 = 46.

Not only did the number of guns increase in 2023, but so did the overall number of items our department took in as evidence. State statutes were updated to change retention dates for different types of evidence, and our evidence storage is continuing to fill. In the coming year, there will be a need for another refrigerator to supplement the current one, which is near its capacity.

Drug Take Back Program

Our department continued to participate in the Department of Justice "Drug Take Back" Program in 2023. SPPD provides a receptacle in the lobby where unwanted, expired, and unused prescription medications can be safely discarded. The program has two off-site "Take Back" events located at the Lincoln Center. In all, including both events of 2023, our department turned over 450.60 pounds of unwanted, expired, and unused prescription medications. The program continues to be a success and will continue in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lieutenant Jeremy Mueller
Investigation Bureau Supervisor*

Drug Investigation Unit

The Drug Investigation Unit continues to work very closely with the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force to investigate drug related crimes and to help reduce deaths related to drug overdoses.

Drug Report

2023 was an active year for the Stevens Point Police Department Drug Unit. SPPD investigated six fatal confirmed drug and alcohol overdoses and 12 non-fatal drug overdoses. The fatal overdoses were two fentanyl, one mixed drug, one methamphetamine, one alcohol, and one from huffing cans of air duster. We are still waiting for toxicology from three more deaths that we suspect will be drug overdoses. Of the non-fatal overdoses, most were fentanyl/heroin related. We were able to make several arrests connected to the fatal methamphetamine death. These are some of the highest numbers our department/city has had, which is consistent with the skyrocketing overdose numbers across the country.

Stevens Point continued to see counterfeit prescription pills coming into our area. We seized 2,300 counterfeit Blue M 30 pills that actually contain Fentanyl. These pills were responsible for one of our fatal fentanyl overdoses in 2022.

Detectives executed 12 search warrants on residences where drugs were being sold and distributed. Detectives initiated over 100 drug investigations. Drugs seized in 2023 included 2,300 fentanyl pills (approximately 230 grams), 14.58 grams of powder fentanyl, 214.71 grams of methamphetamine, 905.03 grams of marijuana, 101.39 grams of marijuana wax, 79 THC vape cartridges, 47 THC gummies, 595 grams of THC butter, 35.13 grams of psilocybin, 16.8 grams of cocaine, 32.84 grams of crack cocaine, 0.53 grams of ecstasy, 7 hits of LSD, 17 clonazepam, 2 Vyvanse, and 38 suboxone strips.

The Stevens Point Police Department maintained an active membership with the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force (CWDTF). The CWDTF encompasses 15 law enforcement agencies in the Central Wisconsin Region that work together to combat the drug distribution problem. The Stevens Point Drug Unit assists these respective agencies when needed. The CWDTF has focused on heroin/fentanyl and methamphetamine enforcement, due to the adverse negative affects to the community. Stevens Point detectives assisted with approximately 40 drug investigations outside of Stevens Point, including search warrant execution, undercover purchases of controlled substances, confidential informant-controlled buys of controlled substances, arrest of high-risk suspects, and surveillance.

In 2024 our department will be responsible for coordinating the task force grant, including keeping track of quarterly numbers, submitting numbers to the state and federal government, and dispersing grant money to task force agencies.

We continue to assist Portage County Health and Human Services with Child Protective Services cases when we can. It is not uncommon for reports to come into PCHHS about moms and dads using and or selling drugs with children in the home. We will commonly work with PCHHS and start an active drug investigation to assist in getting services provided to the family and ensure the children are in a safe environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Stevens Point Drug Investigators

Administrative Lieutenant Report

The Administrative Lieutenant oversees the Court Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, the city parking program, community services officers, adult crossing guards, school cadets, chaplain program, and community engagement programs. This position is also responsible for recruitment and is the Public Information Officer for the entire department.

Community Service Officers and Parking Enforcement

A Community Service Officer's (CSO) main responsibility is parking enforcement in the city. CSOs have other duties in addition to the enforcement, such as the collection, inventory, and process of abandoned bicycles. If an owner is identified, they will return the bicycle to them. If not, the bikes are donated to three different charitable organizations: Nicaragua Partners, Justice Works, and Working Bikes. The CSOs also fingerprint community members that need prints for employment or other reasons.

Our full-time CSO completed his first full year in the new full-time position. He continues to learn and grow in the position. Some added responsibilities this year were to work with citizens who may be the owner of found property (such as keys, wallets, phones, etc.). The CSO also assisted patrol on a more regular basis with traffic control at accidents, abandoned vehicles, and fire scenes.

In 2023 there was one personnel change in the CSO office. SPPD added one part-time nightshift CSO in December of 2023 (Jessie Davidenko). This was to increase enforcement for alternate side parking and overnight parking violations. The department had seen a drop in enforcement due to the other nightshift CSO having responsibilities outside of work, which took time away from this position. The addition of CSO Davidenko has allowed the part-time position to be worked on a regular basis.

Approximately 5,565 parking citations were issued in 2023. This is a significant decrease from 2022 but is due to the lack of staffing for several months that prevented the enforcement of the overnight parking regulations.

The CSO vehicle was replaced with a 2023 Ford Ranger this year. This vehicle was outfitted with a new lightbar, new license plate readers, and a new tablet. The installation of this new equipment increased accuracy of plate reading to 99%. Along with the new equipment, a new integration between the license plate reader and the mobile enforcement app allowed the CSOs to be more efficient in issuing parking citations. The new integration allowed the two systems to work together and share information, as well as take pictures of the violations. Due to this collaboration, SPPD was able to eliminate one subscription to a program that was outdated and not used, thus saving the city money.

Back in 2022 we saw a shortage in long-term parking availability due to the university parking shortages. Most of our long-term parking permits in the downtown district had sold out. In 2023, SPPD addressed this issue by creating Lot 23, which was an unused lot owned by the city, located at the northwest corner of Water St. and Arlington St. In this lot there were over 40 stalls open, and we designated the inside 20 stalls to be reserved and sold as long-term parking permits. We also identified Lot 2, located at the corner of Water St. and Crosby Ave. This lot was mostly unused as well. We designated the far northern part of the lot to be used for long-term parking permits and created 38 permits for sale. The city advertised the rest of the lot as free parking between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. to allow people to park and explore our downtown region and riverfront without timed parking restrictions. The creation of the 58 new long-term parking stalls almost alleviated the parking shortage we saw in 2022. Due to the university's continuing parking shortage, these stalls sold out at the beginning of the school year again. Some spots have since opened up and there are almost always available permits now. In total, SPPD offers 175 long-term parking permits in the downtown district at \$25 a month.

Emergency Services Chaplain Program

The Chaplain program had six clergy at the start of 2023. However, Pastor Matthew Mallek stepped down from his chaplain position after 21 years of volunteer service. Pastor Mallek was one of the initial chaplains when the program began. Chaplains provide spiritual support to the entire Portage County Emergency Services community, covering law enforcement, EMS, and Fire. Their services may be called upon for a citizen who experienced a distressing incident, or they may be utilized by department personnel for support of a traumatic call. Chaplains can also be called upon to assist in a death notification. Our chaplains are



available 24/7 on a rotating schedule. The chaplains will ride with patrol officers and detectives to get a different perspective of the stressors that they all face on a daily basis.

Adult Crossing Guards and School Safety Cadets

There are currently five adult crossing guards. Three of our crossing guards have 20+ years of experience in these positions. Adolph Betro had to step down from his position in 2023 due to medical issues after serving in the position for 23 years. We were able to fill Adolf's position with a new crossing guard, Camryn Brewbaker, who does very well in this new role and the kids at McKinley School seem to have taken to her quite well. These crossing guards have been committed to the safety of the children to get across very busy streets to get them to school. Crossing guards are on their assigned intersection every day when there is school, even during days of inclement weather. Their dedication and commitment are admirable.

The school safety cadets are 4th - 6th graders who volunteer at their schools to assist with students getting to school safely. Some of their duties include crossing the street, bus loading, and additional duties in and around the school. The cadets are in all six of the elementary schools in Stevens Point. All of the cadet programs are offered a pizza party at one point throughout the school year, which is hosted by SPPD. The Annual Safety Cadet Conference in the Wisconsin Dells is held every May, which allows the top 12 cadets (chosen by their advisors and teachers from each school) to attend the event during a school day. Each cadet is given a t-shirt that was purchased by several donors from around Stevens Point and treated to lunch and snacks throughout the day. Activities include miniature golfing, a scenic boat tour, and other attractions at the Wisconsin Dells. Being brought back in February of 2024 will be the annual Winter Party as well. This is a party for all cadets in Portage County to attend. The YMCA will be reserved for two hours so cadets can enjoy various activities.

Court Officer and Crisis Intervention Officer

The Administrative Lieutenant oversees both the Court Officer and Crisis Intervention Officer. The Court Officer is the liaison between the Portage County Court/Municipal Court system and Stevens Point Police Department. The Court Officer also oversees all fleet maintenance and is the leader of our department for the Citizen's Academy. The Crisis Intervention Officer works as a liaison between patrol officers, those in the community that are homeless and/or have mental health issues, and many different service providers to try to connect community members with services to assist them. The Crisis Intervention Officer position was created in 2017 and has proven to be a very integral position for the department and the community.

Community Engagement

The Administrative Lieutenant and Crisis Intervention Officer both represent the Stevens Point Police Department on numerous community boards and organizations. We are active with several committees, including the Healthy Aging and Disability Coalition, the Child Safety Center, Portage County Crime Stoppers, and other local organizations. Our involvement with these groups allows for an exchange of information between the department and the different organizations. The Administrative Lieutenant also spends a lot of time at local events and fundraisers per the requests from anyone in Stevens Point who wishes to have Law Enforcement present at their event. Some events the Administrative Lieutenant spent time at in 2023 were the Police Lights of Christmas fundraisers, Community Night at McDonalds, Cop on a Rooftop, Family Night at the Children's Discovery Center, Falls Prevention and Screening Event, and Bike Rodeos to name a few.

Presentations

The Run, Hide, Fight presentation has again been a popular request amongst several businesses throughout Stevens Point in 2023. Multiple presentations on this topic were given to groups ranging from 5-50 people. Usually associated with these presentations is a walk-through of the building for which the group resides. There we offer security advice to the participants and information is relayed back to Patrol that could be useful during calls. This topic will continue to be popular as building security issues and active shooter incidents have become all too prevalent around the country. Other topics presented in 2023 included De-escalation and Having a Safe Working Environment, Safety Concerns with the Unhoused and Allowing Them to Live with You, How to Avoid Being a Victim of Fraud, Law Enforcement's Role in Keeping the Community Safe, and Safety Concerns for In-home Care Workers.

Recruitment

The Stevens Point Police Department spent a lot of time focusing on officer recruitment in 2023. This is largely due to the challenges of getting qualified applicants for job openings. There is a nationwide shortage of new police officers completing school and looking for a job in the field. The Administrative Lieutenant is responsible for recruitment and spent some time attending career days at Fox Valley Tech College, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, SPASH, Pacelli, and the Boys and Girls Club. While at these events, information about SPPD and the city is shared with people looking to join the law enforcement profession, and also to those interested in exploring their workforce options.



Respectfully submitted,

*Lieutenant Joseph Johnson
Administration Division*

Crisis Intervention Report

The Crisis Intervention Officer (CIO) position continues to assist persons in need of mental health support and assist Patrol with welfare checks and Chapter 51 cases. The Crisis Intervention position also allows me to provide outreach to people who may be in need of services in the community. I regularly participate in a wide range of community outreach programs to include The Walk for Hope for Suicide Prevention and various fundraisers to help raise money for our local mental health drop-in facility. I also take part in the bi-annual Point in Turn, which is a collaborative effort with the Salvation Army to locate and house homeless people. In 2023, the most challenging aspect of my job was trying to assist, and ultimately place, the growing homeless population that Stevens Point has experienced.



The CIO position has allowed me to continue to be a liaison for SPPD to different agencies, such as Portage County Health and Human Services, Salvation Army, ROCC Point (our local mental health drop-in center), Franciscan's Center, CAP Services, etc. Besides being a liaison to these agencies, I attend numerous monthly meetings to exchange pertinent information that not only benefits SPPD, but those

agencies that serve the community. An example of some of the meetings I attend are Salvation Army board meetings, ROCC Point board meetings, Crisis meetings with Portage County Health and Human Services, and Suicide Death Reviews.

The CIO position continues to be instrumental in assisting Patrol when it comes to monitoring the radio traffic and “jumping” (taking over) welfare checks and Chapter 51s. This is an important aspect because it frees up additional officers to perform other aspects of police work. This position helps reduce the need to call officers in on overtime.

I also coordinate the Project Lifesaver program, whose motto is “Protecting the wandering and bring peace of mind to families, caregivers and community”. My role in this capacity is to conduct monthly battery changes on clients, update our website, and promote the program to people who could benefit from it. There are currently seven people enrolled in this program.

This year SPPD formed a CIP (Crisis Interventions Partners) Team with Portage County Health and Human Services and NAMI Portage-Wood Counties. CIP is a signature program of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), which is a 16-hour training to provide participants with a better understanding of mental illness, with a hope of improving interactions with people who experience mental health crises. SPPD co-sponsored and hosted a CIP training on November 3rd and 4th with over 50 community members attending.

2023 was indeed a busy and satisfying year for me in this position. I continue to navigate my way through this challenging position and do my best in helping the people of Portage County and the City of Stevens Point. In 2023, I continued my role as the Veteran Affairs Officer, in which I reach out and work with veterans who may need assistance. My final log count for 2023 was 1611 welfare checks, 45 voluntary Chapter 51s, 38 Chapter 51s, six alcohol commitments, and eight suicides.

I look forward to my continued support of this position and my service to the City of Stevens Point. The Crisis Intervention position is a crucial resource in today's world. The department recognizes the importance of mental health awareness and getting people mental health support and resources available to them in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Crisis Officer Michael Radsek
Administration Division*

