

**Manitowoc Police
Department
2019 Annual Report**

**Chief Nick Reimer
910 Jay Street
Manitowoc WI**

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City Data

Population City of Manitowoc

33,572

Population of Manitowoc County

81,076

Type of Government

Mayor/Council

Incorporated as a City

March 12, 1870

Area of Manitowoc

Square Miles- nearly 19 square miles of land

Streets- 188.16 miles and approximately 900 intersections

Living Units- over 15,200

Commercial Buildings- over 900

Police Department Data

Manitowoc Police Department Established

1876- 3 man department

Police and Fire Commission Formed

1901

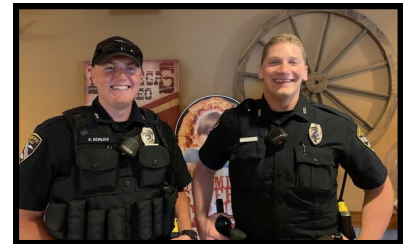
Staff

64 Sworn Personnel, 10 Civilian, Interns/Seasonals

910 Jay Street

Moved to its current location on July 11, 1992

Budget





Manitowoc Police Department

Vision

We will adapt and evolve as a professional organization while reducing crime and providing critical and protective services for everyone. We will accomplish our vision through optimizing strong community partnerships, strategic planning, continuous training and the most effective use of our available resources.

Mission

We are committed to providing excellent police service and an unrelenting pursuit of justice, while maintaining order and securing a safe environment for everyone.

Values ~ I.C.U.C ~ EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY - We believe in always having the highest moral standards while doing the right thing, the right way, for the right reasons.

COURAGE - We possess the courage to do what is right to confront danger, intimidation and uncertainty, and when necessary, forsake our own well-being in defense of others.

UNITY - We believe in cohesive teamwork in our department for the betterment of our community.

COMPASSION - We treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of their background or circumstances.

EXCELLENCE - We believe in consistently surpassing ordinary standards in the performance of our duty.



City of Manitowoc

Mayor Justin Nickels



Aldersperson Mike Howe/Vacant– District 1
Aldersperson Scott McMeans– District 2
Aldersperson Jeremiah Novak– District 3
Aldersperson James Brey– District 4
Aldersperson Lee Kummer– District 5

Aldersperson Eric Sitkiewitz– District 6
Aldersperson Todd Lotz– District 7
Aldersperson Dave Soeldner/Mike Williams– District 8
Aldersperson Steven Czekala– District 9
Aldersperson Rhienna Gabriel/Bruce Jacobs/
Courtney Hansen– District 10

Police and Fire Commission Members

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute the Manitowoc Police Department has a Police and Fire Commission. The Police and Fire Commission is a non-political body appointed by the Mayor. They oversee the hiring of the Police Chief. They approve eligibility lists for promotion and hiring and they oversee the discipline and/or termination of sworn staff members. Members include:

Thomas Bare, Jill Hennessey, Ted Zigmunt, Matthew Sauer, Michael Wellner

Public Safety Committee Members

Aldersperson Todd Lotz– Committee Chair
Aldersperson Steve Czekala
Aldersperson Mike Williams
Aldersperson Courtney Hansen
Aldersperson Jeremiah Novak

Aldersperson Mike Howe– End of Term 2019

Chief's Message

Chief Nick Reimer



Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. The 2019 Annual report will give you a brief explanation of the activities and actions of the city and your police department. Each annual report also helps to maintain the history of the Manitowoc Police Department.

In 2019 the Manitowoc Police Department remained busy hiring new officers, enhancing our parking enforcement system, creating recruitment agreements, and adding new equipment to help keep the public safe.

Additionally in 2019, the Police Department's proactive enforcement philosophy resulted in the second lowest amount of reported traffic crashes in the last seven years (2018 was the lowest in more than 7 years). In 2019 compared to 2016, there were 146 less traffic crashes in the City of Manitowoc. That amounts to a 10% reduction.

After more than 31 years with the Manitowoc Police Department, Assistant Chief Scott Luchterhand retired in 2019. AC Luchterhand served in many positions throughout his career including, Cadet (1987), Patrol Officer (1988), Sergeant (1996), Lieutenant (2000), Detective Lieutenant (2005), Detective Captain (2008) and Assistant Chief (2016). He has numerous accomplishments including his involvement in the Drug Recognition Expert Program (Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016), developing the Manitowoc Police Department Citizen's Academy, Noon Rotary Officer of the Year (1996), and graduating from the FBI National Academy (Class 229 in 2007).

In 2019, Deputy Chief Rob Barbier was promoted to Assistant Chief. Captain Jason Freiboth was promoted to Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Jeremy Kronforst was promoted to Captain, and Officer John Musial was promoted to Lieutenant. Officer Jeff Buck, Officer Pete Dramm, and Lt. Karl Puestow also retired. Temporary Detective Adam Sohlden was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant. Officer Eric Schultz was assigned as a Temporary Detective to fill the open Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit vacancy. In 2019 the Police Department hired seven new officers. All seven hires have local ties to the Manitowoc community.

The Police Department invested in a new parking enforcement system and parking vehicle. The old right-hand-drive Jeep Wrangler was replaced with a Toyota Sienna all-wheel drive van. The van is equipped with a Genetec AutoVu System which includes four cameras mounted on the van. Those cameras are license plate readers which automatically take photos of license plates and keeps track of when and where those plates were recorded. In two hour parking zones the system alerts the operator when the same plate is located more than two hours later in the same spot. This electronic chalking system takes the place of using chalk to mark tires.

The City of Manitowoc and the Manitowoc Police Union signed a Training Academy MOU, a Lateral Entry MOU, and a Pregnancy MOU in 2019. The Training Academy MOU allows those officers hired by the City but still needing to complete the Recruit Academy (to become certified police officers) to be paid a reduced hourly rate while attending the 720 hour Recruit Academy. The Lateral Entry MOU allows those officers hired by the City with full time Police Officer experience from another law enforcement agency to be hired at a rate of pay based on their years of full time experience when hired. Additionally, this allows for prior years of experience to be considered for the amount of vacation the police officer is afforded. The pregnancy MOU allows for pregnant officers to be offered light duty assignments (if light duty work is available) upon request at or after 24 weeks of pregnancy.

All marked squad vehicles are equipped with computers that require routers. Our Rocket Utility routers had reached their end of life and needed to be replaced. The old routers were replaced with new CradlePoints that should last another 5 to 10 years.

The Department purchased three tintometers. These are used to determine whether or not vehicles are operating with illegal tint on their windows. Illegal tint is dangerous for officers approaching vehicles during a traffic stop (can't see into the vehicle to check for weapons). Additionally, at night illegally tinted windows create a visibility issue for the drivers. Illegally tinted windows also make it difficult for officers to visually recognize drivers that are operating without a valid driver's license, with warrants, without wearing their seatbelts, texting while driving, and other violations. The Police Department has stepped up this enforcement and plans to continue doing so.

The Department added a PepperBall launcher to its non-lethal options at the end of 2019. This piece of equipment will give us the ability to disable a suspect while maintaining a safe distance away from the individual that is actively resisting, or threatening to actively resist. This device will be implemented once all the appropriate personnel are trained to use it.

Our officers and employees of the Police Department were involved in several volunteer and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Some examples include Shop with a Cop, Stuff the Squad, Citizen's Academy, Police Lights of Christmas, and the Ten Most Wanted Food Drive to fundraise for Peter's Pantry.

The Manitowoc Police Department continues to strive each and every day to provide the kind of service that our community deserves. We are committed to providing excellent police service and an unrelenting pursuit of justice, while maintaining order and securing a safe environment for everyone. Our Facebook page continues to add followers and is used like never before to share valuable information, give tips, and solve crimes. Engaging the community to improve quality of life and safety remains a priority for the Manitowoc Police Department.

In addition to this annual report, there is also more information available on the portion of the city website dedicated to the police department. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Nick Reimer
Chief of Police

Operations/Support Divisions

Assistant Chief of Police Robert Barbier

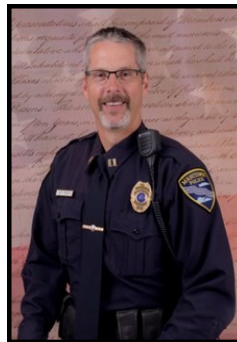
Deputy Chief of Police Jason Freiboth



Assistant Chief of Police

- Detective Bureau
 - Metro Drug Unit
 - School Resource Officers

- Patrol Division
 - Patrol
 - Bike Patrol
 - K9 Unit
 - Motorcycle Patrol
 - S.W.A.T Team
 - Gang Task Officer
 - Peer Support



Deputy Chief of Police

- Support Staff
 - Records Division
 - Community Service Worker

- Community Police
 - Crime Prevention
 - Training Coordinator
 - Crossing Guards
 - Internship Coordination

Media Releases

VEHICLE CRASH



DATE: 01-08-19 At approximately 6:00 p.m., on January 8th the Manitowoc Police Department, along with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue responded to a report of a vehicle that crashed into a house in the 900 block of Lawton Terrace in the City of Manitowoc. When police arrived they discovered that the vehicle had crashed into the front of the residence, and came to rest in the living room (see attached photo). The occupants of the residence were in the living room at the time, but were not injured. Officers on scene were informed that three unknown occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The operator of the vehicle, a 25 year old Two Rivers man, was determined to be under the influence of drugs. He was arrested for 1st offense OWI, cited for possession of THC, operating while suspended, and referred to the District Attorney for a charge of Abuse of Hazardous Substance (Inhalants). He was held at the Manitowoc County Jail on an OWI hold.

Police believe that speed and drugs were factors in the crash. Officers were unable to locate the three occupants that fled the scene. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Manitowoc Police Department at (920) 686-6551. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can contact CrimeStoppers at (920) 683-4466 and be eligible for a cash reward.

STABBING



On 01-15-19 at approximately 5:00 PM, Officers were dispatched to Holy Family Memorial Medical Center for a report that a subject had been brought to the Emergency Room for a non- life threatening single stab wound to the torso area. A witness stated there was domestic dispute between a man and woman who reside together on the south side of Manitowoc. During the dispute, the female subject stabbed the male with a knife described as a large folding knife. The female assisted in getting the male victim to the hospital but she then left on foot prior to officers' arrival.

The suspect has been identified as Jasmine Walker, but she has not been located. There is no reason to believe the community is in danger. Once the female suspect is located, she will be taken into custody on charges of Substantial Battery/Domestic Violence related.

ARREST OF DOUBLE HOMICIDE SUSPECT

On September 9th, 2018 The Manitowoc Police Department began investigating the double homicide deaths of Richard and Jocelyn Miller. At the time of the initial investigation, evidence at the residence indicated that the victims of the residence, were the intended target, and no one else in the neighborhood was at risk.



The following six months, the investigators have worked tirelessly by following up on all and any leads. Our department was assisted along the way by the following agencies:

Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center

Wisconsin DOJ – Division of Criminal Investigations (Appleton Office)

Manitowoc County Drug Unit

Brown County Area Drug Unit

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office

Appleton Police Department

Milwaukee HIDTA

Manitowoc County District Attorney's Office

Target Forensics

FBI

Recently our department released a video to our media partners, showing the suspect and his vehicle. Information from the release of the video, led investigators to the suspect who has been identified as Karl M. Hess, a 35 year old from Appleton, WI.

Yesterday Hess met with investigators and due to the subsequent interview and information obtained during this six month investigation led to Hess being taken into custody without incident. Hess was transported to the Manitowoc County Jail where he was held on two counts of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide S.S. 940.01. His bail hearing will be Thursday, 03-28-19, at 12:45 pm.

Now that the suspect has been identified and apprehended, our investigators have additional follow up that they are working on. Due to this still being an open case, there are a lot of details that will not be released in the media at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Richard and Jocelyn. We hope that this arrest will bring them some closure on this tragic event.

ROBBERY

On 04-01-19 at about 2:00pm, the Manitowoc Police Department responded to a report of a robbery that occurred at a business in the 1500 block of Johnston Dr. The suspect is described as:



- Male/White
- Age: around his 40's
- About 6'00" tall; about 200 pounds

Suspect wearing a purple color sweatshirt, dark colored pants, white tennis shoes, a purple cloth covering the lower part of his face, a dark baseball cap with a logo that has a circle with the State of Wisconsin in the circle. The suspect fled the scene in a black or dark navy blue minivan with rust around the rear passenger side wheel well. The suspect did not display weapon, but one was mentioned. The suspect got away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Update On 04-01-19 at about 2:00pm, the Manitowoc Police Department responded to a report of a robbery that occurred at Meadow Lanes North located at 1540 Johnston Dr. The suspect was described as a white male in his 40's standing about six feet tall and weighing about 200 lbs. The suspect was also wearing a baseball cap with a circle and writing on the front, white tennis shoes, purple jacket, and purple cloth (similar to stocking cap material) covering his face.

Employees of the business said the suspect placed a laptop case on the bar and demanded cash from the register stating that he has a friend in the car that has a gun and he wasn't afraid to use it. An employee removed cash (only two specific denominations of bills) from the register and placed it in the case at the demand of the suspect. As the suspect left the business, the suspect was heard saying, "Happy April Fool's Day." The suspect exited the business and employees watched him get into the driver's seat of a dark colored minivan (with rust around the wheel wells) parked in the 600 block of E. Linden Ave. The suspect then drove off. The scene was processed and a media release was sent out including video of the suspect.

At about 5:48pm, an alert patrol officer located a dark blue 2002 Dodge Caravan in the parking lot of 1706 Cedar Grove Drive near the crime scene. There was rust around the wheel wells and the vehicle was registered to Torry Cronce. Looking in the windows of the van, the officer observed a black laptop case and purple cloth material on the front passenger seat. Officers surrounded and surveilled the apartment while a search warrant was being applied for. While the warrant was being applied for, Cronce spoke with detectives working on the case by phone. On two calls, he gave inconsistent information about his work hours.

When the search warrant was executed, detectives located the baseball cap with the same markings from surveillance video in Cronce's apartment. Also located were white tennis shoes, a bluish/purple zip up sweatshirt, and cash under a bathroom rug. In the van, detectives collected a laptop computer bag and inside the bag found a hammer with a wooden handle and a purple stocking cap with the top cut completely open.

Cronce was taken into custody at the apartment. During an interview with Cronce, he admitted that he is currently unemployed.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Cronce had gone to a local business and made a purchase using just the two specific denominations of bills. After viewing video from that business, detectives were able to confirm it was Cronce making the purchase. This purchase was made a short time after the robbery while Cronce was wearing the same clothing that was worn during the robbery.

The video originally released to the media in the early stages of the investigation provided additional information. Several tips came in identifying Cronce as the suspect. One tip identified the person in the video as residing at 1706 Cedar Grove Apt #2A which was Cronce's apartment.

Cronce was booked into Manitowoc County Jail on a charge of **Robbery by Threat of a Dangerous Weapon** (Class C Felony). His bail hearing will be today at 12:45pm at the Manitowoc County Courthouse.

SHOTS FIRED

Shortly after 2:00am on May 11th, 2019, officers from the Manitowoc Police Department were conducting a traffic stop in the 800 block of Washington Street, when the officers heard gunshots near a tavern in the 900 block of Washington Street. Officers observed several people fighting in the area, and when the officers arrived, they could see people fleeing and vehicles leaving the scene. Officers stopped a vehicle that was seen leaving the tavern and identified a passenger who admitted to firing several rounds from his handgun into the air in an attempt to stop people from fighting. Officers located empty casings in the street near the tavern, which coincided with the subject's statements.



The subject, a 23 year-old Manitowoc man was taken into custody and held at the Manitowoc County Jail on charges of Recklessly Endangering Safety, Intoxicated Use of a Firearm, and Carrying a Concealed Handgun while Consuming Intoxicants inside a Tavern. It is not believed that anyone was injured as a result of the shooting.

THREATS/FLAMMABLE/EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

On Friday evening 05-17-19 at 11:39 pm, a Manitowoc woman reported to the Manitowoc Police Department regarding threatening behavior of her ex-boyfriend who was violating a restraining order. While at the Police Department, the woman received a phone call stating the woman's ex-boyfriend may have thrown some sort of flammable / explosive device in front of her residence on Raton Court in the city of Manitowoc.



Officers checked the ex-boyfriend's residence at 1030 S. 25th St. and witnessed him run from a vehicle into the residence where he barricaded himself inside. The vehicle which the ex-boyfriend fled from matched the description of the vehicle that fled from Raton Court after the explosion was heard / seen and fire remnants were later discovered. Evidence of the explosion / fire was also found in the roadway in front of the woman's house.

Due to the dangerous threats and actions of the ex-boyfriend (suspect), a perimeter was set up in the area of the 1000 block of S. 25th St. The Manitowoc County SOS Team responded and attempted to resolve the standoff with the suspect for several hours to no avail. The Brown / Outagamie County Bomb Squad assisted as well as personnel from the Manitowoc PD drone unit. With assistance from the Manitowoc DA's Office, a search warrant was obtained for the residence. After not hearing or seeing the suspect for several hours, an effort was made to enter the residence at about 10am Saturday morning (05-18-19). Suspicious wiring was located within the residence which delayed complete entry. Ultimately when the entryways were made safe, a sweep of the residence was conducted. The suspect, a 49 YOA Manitowoc man, was found deceased in a bedroom on ground floor. The Manitowoc County Coroner's Office is assisting with the investigation. The ATF also assisted in processing the scene on Raton Court. The police department was also assisted by the Manitowoc Fire Department, Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office, and Manitowoc Public Utilities.

An autopsy was conducted on the suspect at the Milwaukee County Medical examiner's office Monday morning (05-20-19). A separate release regarding preliminary results of the autopsy and identification of the suspect will be made available later in the day.

SOS INCIDENT



On 06-12-19 at 7:40 PM, officers responded to the 1400 block of S. 14th St. in regards to a 41-year-old Manitowoc man who was outside a residence he was barred from due to prior bail restrictions. Upon Officers' arrival, the suspect was seen yelling at a person that the suspect is barred from having contact with. The suspect noticed police arrival and then entered another residence, that according to bail restrictions on a different case, he cannot have contact at that residence, either. Due to repeated calls to that same location over the past several months, officers attempted to get the suspect to step out of the residence so he could be taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct, and 4 counts of Misdemeanor Bail Jumping.

The male suspect barricaded the front door and would not exit the residence. A search warrant was obtained, and due to the suspect having numerous weapons in the residence, the Manitowoc County S.O.S. team was called to assist in apprehending the suspect. After approximately a half hour of attempting contact with the suspect through loud speaker and phone contact, entry was made to the residence and the suspect was apprehended with the assistance of Manitowoc Police K-9. The suspect sustained minor injuries and was taken into custody on Disorderly Conduct, four counts of Misdemeanor Bail Jumping, and cited for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED MALE



On Thursday June 13th 2019 at about 1:50 PM, Officers responded to the 200 block of Maritime Dr. in regards to a man who was found deceased in an isolated area behind a business concealed by live vegetation.

Upon Officers' arrival, they located the body which appeared to be a Caucasian male. Through the preliminary investigation, X-rays were performed and the deceased did not have any broken or fractured bones or any obvious injuries. The deceased was located wearing a dark brown leather jacket, a blue t-shirt, 36"x32" blue jeans, white socks and size 10 white shoes. The deceased is believed to be in his 50's in age, less than 6 feet tall, and possibly a beard or goatee and graying hair. The coroner estimates at this time that the deceased was likely lying in the located position for approximately 3 weeks. No identifiers were located in the deceased clothing. The only property located was two house style keys (ACE name brand) and approximately \$80 in US currency. A partial exam was performed at the morgue searching for any unique markings. Due to the extreme decomposition, no identifying marks were located.

An autopsy was performed today where no additional immediate information was developed. Identification is pending DNA development and analysis, fingerprint development and analysis, dental record analysis and follow-up investigation. Cause of death is pending toxicology.

At this point, we have been unable to find any reports of missing or homeless individuals that would match.

If this description matches any missing adults or homeless individuals that the public is aware of, you are encouraged to call the Manitowoc Police Department Shift Commander at 920-686-6551. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at 920-683-4466. Anyone with information may remain anonymous.

The police department was/is being assisted by the Manitowoc Fire Department and the Manitowoc County Coroner's Office.

****Deceased male was later identified. After investigation, no foul play was suspected in subject's death.**

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

On Saturday, July 6th 2019 at about 9:44 PM, Officers responded to the area between the 1200 and 1400 blocks of S. 10th St. of a report of a suspicious vehicle trying to pick up people.



Officers spoke with a 14 year old female who was walking alone at the time of the incident. The female said she was approached by a vehicle described as a silver or metallic colored Mercedes Benz four door car with extreme window tinting. The grille of the vehicle was described as black or darker in color with rounded corners. The rear taillights were described as rectangular and outside the trunk. The rims were described as thicker chrome spokes. There was also a chrome border around the rear license plate. The front plate was located below the black grille.

The driver of the Mercedes Benz offered to give the 14 year old female a ride which she declined. She kept walking and the vehicle performed a U-turn and again offered a ride. The driver became more persistent telling the female to “get in the car”. The female called a family relative and fled the area hiding behind a house.

The driver was described as a male Hispanic in his 20’s with a full face and short dark hair and a goatee. He had a deep voice. A second subject was seen in the car. The second subject was described as a male Hispanic wearing a gray t-shirt and sitting in the rear seat.

BURGLARIES

The Manitowoc Police Department, in cooperation with CRIMESTOPPERS, is offering up to a \$500 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for BURGLARIES to area restaurants. On August 10, 2019, burglaries were reported at both El Tequila Restaurant, 4411 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc and to Lupita’s Mexican Store, 3949 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc. Both incidents occurred between 0200 hours and 0230 hours on August 10, 2019. At both businesses, force was used to gain entry and an amount of United States currency was taken from both locations.



ROBBERY

The Manitowoc Police Department, in cooperation with CRIMESTOPPERS, is offering up to a \$500 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person, or persons, responsible for a ROBBERY at Popp’s Harbor Town Citgo, 4611 Crawford Ln, Manitowoc, WI. The incident was reported on September 21, 2019 at 6:57 PM. In reviewing the in store video, the suspect was identified as a male African American wearing a green t-shirt, black sweat pants and white tennis style shoes. The suspect was seen arriving and leaving in a newer model silver Kia 4dr SUV. The suspect displayed a weapon and received an amount of US paper currency.



Update: On 09-26-2019, Detectives from the Manitowoc Police Department along with members of the Milwaukee Police Department (Robbery Division) executed a search warrant at 3802 N. 54th St. Milwaukee, WI regarding Popp’s Harbor Town Citgo Armed Robbery which occurred on 09-21-2019. Information had been developed that the suspect in the case (Damone D. Ezell DOB 07-23-1994) lived at that address. The search warrant was executed and Ezell was taken into custody without incident. Several items related to the Robbery at Popp’s were located at the residence. Ezell was transported to Manitowoc and was booked into the county jail. Ezell will have a bail hearing on 09-27-2019 at 12:45pm at the Manitowoc County Courthouse.

Based on the results of this investigation, Ezell was charged with the following violations of Wisconsin State Statute: ROBBERY: By use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon (tire iron) 953.32(2) and BAIL JUMPING – Misdemeanor: 946.49(1)(b)

THREATS



After an investigation this weekend, we have found no credible threat of school violence. We were able to identify a person who admitted to writing a threatening message. The person had no intention to carry out the threat and did not mean for anyone to see the message. This message was written in the sand near Red Arrow Park. The person that wrote the message believed it would be washed away by the lake. A citizen saw the message and took a picture of it before it washed away and shared it on social media. A detective investigated the threat this weekend and obtained a full statement and consent searches from the author of the message. Charges are being referred to the District Attorney's Office against a 17 year old female identified as writing the message. We have worked with the Manitowoc Public School District during this investigation and are more than satisfied that this was not a credible threat.

In other developments, a Person-To-Person Threat was made via social media this weekend unrelated to the previous incident and unrelated to the school district. This threat was also shared via social media and caused concerns by several parents and students as the children communicating via social media attend the Manitowoc Public School District. This threat, which was highly inappropriate in nature, did not include threats involving school violence. An investigation was conducted by Patrol Officers, Detectives, and the School Resource Officer (SRO). Due to this investigation, charges are being forwarded to the Manitowoc County Department of Human Services (DHS) on a 16 year old male. The Manitowoc Public School District was also made aware of this investigation so that they can monitor future contact between the subjects involved.

The Manitowoc Police Department would like to thank all citizens for their assistance and patience during these investigations. We also believe that these events are a good time to remind parents and children to discuss potential consequences for their children's actions (including social media usage) whether intentional or not.

ACCIDENT



DATE: 10/01/19 On Monday, September 30th, 2019, at approximately 10:15 a.m., the Manitowoc Police Department was dispatched to the intersection of Memorial Drive and Mirro Drive, in the City of Manitowoc, for a report of an accident involving two large trucks.

MTPD Officers learned that a garbage truck, being driven by a 39 year-old Manitowoc male, was turning north onto Memorial Drive from Mirro Drive when a semi-tractor/trailer traveling south on Memorial Drive collided with the garbage truck in the intersection. The semi was being driven by a 52 year-old rural Manitowoc man. A 33 year-old Manitowoc female was a passenger in the garbage truck. All three subjects were injured as a result of the accident and they were transported to area hospitals.

All south and north bound lanes of travel on Memorial Drive were closed to vehicle traffic while the accident was being investigated. All lanes of Memorial Drive reopened at 5:05 p.m. on September 30th, once the trucks were removed and the roadway was cleaned of debris.

The driver of the garbage truck was cited for failure to yield the right of way while making a left hand turn.

The Manitowoc Police Department was assisted on scene by the Manitowoc Fire Department, the Two Rivers Police Department, the Manitowoc County Highway Department, Manitowoc-DPI, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

The attached audio/video is from a Maritime (City of Manitowoc) Metro Transit Bus. The video is a reminder of the importance of making sure that all through traffic lanes are clear before entering an intersection from a stop sign.

VANDALISM

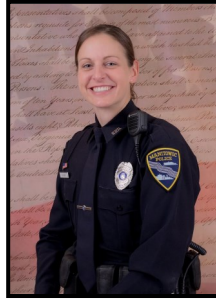
The Manitowoc Police Department, in cooperation with CRIMESTOPPERS, is offering up to a \$500 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person, or persons, responsible for the Vandalism at Rollaire Skate Center located at 930 N. 18th Manitowoc, WI. The incident was reported on September 22nd, 2019. In reviewing the video, the suspect was identified as a white male, possibly in his late teens or early twenties wearing dark colored shorts, latex gloves, and observed walking up to the area where the building was spray painted.



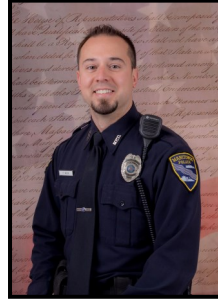
THEFT

The Manitowoc Police Department, in cooperation with CRIMESTOPPERS, is offering up to a \$500 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person, or persons, responsible for a THEFT of a Salvation Army kettle, stand and contents at Hobby Lobby, 1140 S. 30th Street, Manitowoc. The incident occurred on 11/13/2019 between 6PM and 8PM. The Salvation Army found their kettle, contents and stand to have been stolen from the Hobby Lobby location at some point on that date and time period. The Manitowoc Police Department is actively investigating the incident and reviewing video footage of potential suspects.





*Officer Miranda Check
Lincoln High School*



*Officer Paul Krock
Wilson Junior High School*



*Officer Michael Laabs
Washington Junior High School*

As we approach the final stretch of the 2019-2020 school year, we reflect on the many changes that this school year has bestowed upon us. The Manitowoc Public School District (MPSD) implemented the I Love U Guys Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP), which provides an "all hazards" approach to any event, emergency, or crisis that may happen in or around a school campus. The SRP provides five standardized responses. Each MPSD school, with the assistance of a School Resource Office practices one of these standardized responses on a monthly basis.

The 2019-2020 school year has also presented MPSD and our community with uncertainty as the COVID-19 pandemic caused schools to close their doors and move to a digital learning environment to begin the fourth quarter. It is important for us to remain positive and our civic duty to provide the children in our community with the resources they need to become productive members of our society. Being a School Resource Officer (SRO) is dynamic and ever-changing as our youth continue to evolve. Therefore, we as police officers, educators, and parents need to adapt to this change.

During the school year, SROs are responsible for working collaboratively with MPSD Administration and staff in order to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. Officer Laabs and Officer Krock are also responsible for teaching D.A.R.E. in our community's elementary and middle schools, which aims to provide our youth with the tools necessary to make safe and responsible choices.

With all of the diversity of today's youth, we responded to 538 calls for service throughout MPSD during the 2018-2019 school year. Not all calls result in a citation or arrest. Having SROs in the schools provide the students with consistency. The students understand what expectations we have for them as a community member and as a student. On occasions, these students just need a little "coaching" to get them back on track. Other students have displayed actions that cannot be addressed in any other way than through the court system. In any event, our youth are being held accountable either through restorative justice or the judicial system. Overall, the students of our community are well mannered, well educated, and traveling down the road for success.

All of the educational staff have been great to work with and we are excited to have the chance to continue to work with these highly motivated individuals. We are grateful for the opportunity that the Manitowoc Police Department and the Manitowoc Public School District has provided through this assignment.

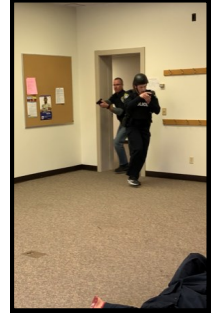


TRAINING DIVISION

Lt Paul Behrendt



2019 marked another busy year for training at the Manitowoc Police Department. We started the year with our three day in-service during the months of January, February, and March. Topics included a department update from the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Deputy Chief, legal update, Chaplain program, TASER recertification, DHS-Child Protective Services-Drug Endangered Children Mental Health Crisis-responding to Dementia calls, MPSD new safety plan Standard Response Protocol and reunification, how to predict violence and sign of concealed weapons, active shooter response, and DAAT techniques.



Our next training was in May and included a combined Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) at LTC and firearms training at our outdoor range. The EVOC training is a state required training that focused on safe driving techniques during high speed pursuits. The firearms portion included handgun malfunction drills, shooting skills course, movement drills (forward/backward/lateral), rifle review, carry positions and condition of the rifle along with malfunction drills, and rifle shooting skills course.

In October we had an eight hour tactical training day that included Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) training along with firearms training. In DAAT training the focus was a review of ground fighting techniques. The firearms training included the state mandated annual handgun qualification, non-traditional shooting positions with the handgun and rifle, and conforming to non-traditional cover.

The year was also busy with the training of new officers; we hired three officers that require four months of training each. To assist with new hire training the department purchased an electronic program called Iron DOR. The three officers hired this year went through the program and so far the field training officers (FTO) said the program was a big improvement. It allows the FTO to spend more time training and less time writing, our old system was pen and paper.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled over

12-13-19 through 01-01-20

- 86 citations
- 308 warnings,
- 374 traffic stops.
- 5 OWI arrests
- 5 drug arrests.



S.W.A.T. Team

The overall purpose of a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is to deal with situations that standard patrol officers are not as well trained and equipped to handle. Deploying SWAT/CNT teams can save officers', victims' and even suspects' lives. All SWAT / CNT officers are Police Officers and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The SWAT team continued to train 8 hours per month. SWAT trained a total of 96 hours as a team. This training included room clearing (deliberate and dynamic), breaching (ram, hooligan, shotgun), hostage and officer rescue, emergency aid, vehicle contacts, field movement, use of night vision and thermal imaging, Bearcat training (Tactics, shooting and breaching), active shooter response incorporating casualty collection points, shield use, smoke and chemical agent deployment, NFDD deployment and SKIDDS training. Firearms' training was incorporated in several training sessions and included both indoor and outdoor shooting exercises. A two day "live fire" training was held in September at the Milwaukee Area Technical College "shoot house", which included instruction from current and retired LAPD SWAT team members.

Officer Weber attended training and became certified as a Pistol and Rifle Instructor. Lt Musial and Officer Schmidt attended the 2019 WI - ASP SWAT Conference in Milwaukee. Officers Schmidt and Place attended a two-day ALERRT training held here in Manitowoc.

The Crisis Negotiations Team completed 18 hours of training. This training consisted of joint training with SWAT Operators, scenarios of negotiations utilizing their equipment, and mutual aid equipment.

The full SWAT team responded to four (4) requests for assistance. One (1) for felony search warrant in the City of Two Rivers, two (2) which were for barricaded subjects in the City of Two Rivers, and one (1) in the City of Manitowoc where a subject had attempted use explosives and was now barricaded inside his home. A partial SWAT team responded to four (4) requests for assistance. One (1) was a request from the Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit (MDU) and was for a high risk drug related warrants, two (2) were in the City of Manitowoc, and one (1) in the City of Two Rivers.

In 2019, SWAT received mutual aid from the MTSO, MDU, MTPD, TRPD, WI DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), US DOJ Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Manitowoc Fire and Rescue Department, Brown/ Outagamie County Bomb Squad, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Manitowoc Police Department SWAT Officers currently consist of:

Officer Jeremy Weber	Lieutenant John Musial
Officer Nicholas Place	Officer Cooper Schmidt

Manitowoc Police Department Crisis Negotiators currently consist of:

Lieutenant Michaelyn Culligan	Officer Fielder Clark
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K9 UNIT

Officer Jason Koenig– K9 Neko

Officer Nick Place- K9 Major



2019 was truly a step forward for the Manitowoc Police Department K-9 unit. Our K9 Unit is comprised of two dual-purpose working dogs, K9 Neko and K9 Major. K9 Neko is paired with Ofc. Jason Koenig and K9 Major is paired with Ofc. Nick Place. Both teams were able to build and learn new techniques during 2019.

The highlight of our year was hosting the 2019 North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) Wisconsin Workshop during May, 2019. This was the first time our agency and K9 Unit hosted an event like this workshop. There were over 60 teams from across the Midwest that trained in Manitowoc, including one team from Louisiana. With great support from local businesses and organizations, last year's workshop went extremely well! Many attendees said this was the best workshop they have ever attended. Most teams were certified by the second day, and we were able to spend the rest of the week training. These teams came to certify and then train in narcotics, explosives, search and rescue, and patrol work. Our K9 Unit and assisting officers benefited from the demands of this training environment, and also from working with NAPWDA Master Trainers to develop better training and equipment purchases. Due to the success of this event, it is likely Manitowoc will be selected to host again this event in the future.

Both K9 Units had a busy 2019. There is usually one canine unit working each night, and we had 196 deployments during 2019. Of those deployments, the K9 units made 85 arrests. Most of those deployments are for narcotics, and the other remaining deployments are patrol deployments, such as building searches and tracking. The K9 Unit was responsible for the following narcotics seizures: Drug Paraphernalia 146 items, MJ 338.5 grams, Meth 94.1 grams, Heroin 1.9 grams, Base Cocaine 7.1 grams, 2 Ecstasy finds, 5 weapons finds, 1 article find.

We would not have a successful K9 unit if it was not for the support we received from the community. Our two big fundraisers we had during the year were Dine 4 the K9 in September and the annual run/walk in October. The month-long Dine 4 the K9 event is hosted by local restaurants and golf courses, and each venue donates a percentage of a day's proceeds to our K9 Unit. We also hosted the 17th annual MPPA Police K9 Chase at Silver Creek Park. These events, along with many generous donations made throughout the year by citizens who care deeply about our community, helped us cover costs for the K9 Unit. Also, both teams were able to attend the annual WI Canine Handler Conference, which last year was held in La Crosse. This conference is a three day working conference with teams from across the state. K9 Units are exposed to a variety of training environments designed to improve our dog handling abilities and make our communities safer.

Last, but certainly not least, we unfortunately suffered the loss of retired K9 Ullly on September 30, 2019. K9 Ullly served for over six years with Ofc. Koenig and K9 Ullly was retired for approximately two years before he passed last summer from age related health complications. We would like to thank Dr. Katz and his staff at Two Rivers Veterinary Hospital, along with Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home, for their compassion shown during K9 Ullly's passing.

Our K9 Unit had another successful year and this could not have been done without the help of the community and support from officers of the Manitowoc Police Department. If you have any questions about our K9 Unit, or you'd like to host a demonstration for your organization, please contact Ofc. Nick Place at nplace@manitowoc.org or Ofc. Jason Koenig at jkoenig@manitowoc.org.

Thank you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER/ INTERN PROGRAM

Captain Corie Pusel

The Community Service Worker Internship Program at the Manitowoc Police Department provides a rewarding experience for area college students that are preparing for a career in law enforcement.

The police department currently offers two types of internships. Unpaid internships are offered to university and high school students completing an internship for college credit or as a requirement for graduation. Paid internships are offered to individuals currently enrolled at a university or technical college. Paid interns work on average, twelve hours per week.

The goal of the Community Service Worker Internship Program is to give students an opportunity to observe and experience the day to day operations of a law enforcement agency and obtain a clear understanding of the demands of a career in law enforcement. The Manitowoc Police Department works with area high schools, technical colleges, and four-year colleges to seek out students interested in internships at our department. Students are required to complete an application and an oral interview, with a short orientation and training period before they begin work at the department.

Daily work duties include parking enforcement, crossing guard duty in school zones and at special events, vehicle maintenance, animal complaints, general errands, and other work assigned by Department Shift Commanders.

The Community Service Internship program is coordinated by Captain Corie Pusel and Lieutenant Robert Arps, with direct supervision of the interns by the department's Community Service Worker, Danny Harms.

In 2019, the following students worked as Community Service Worker Interns for The Manitowoc Police Department – Stephen Heili, Natalie Kloiber, Tyler Hill, Issac Gonzalez and Alicia Hansen. Two of these interns eventually attained police officer positions upon completion of their internships.

Equipment Grant Award (\$4,000):

The Manitowoc Police Department was awarded \$4,000 for equipment, which was for participating in Click it or Ticket and the Driver Sober Grants. With this money, our agency purchased:

- a handheld radar gun
- a lidar unit
- two squad flashlights
- outfitted four detective cars with visor lights
- outfitted unmarked vehicle with emergency lights.

Animal Complaints

	2019	2018
Animal Feces	8	1
Injured Animal	39	15
Animal at Large	309	286
Animal Bite	114	109
Animal Calls	148	240



Lost/Found Property

2019	312
2018	343



Parking Ticket

Total tickets issued:	5272
Street Sweeping:	2312
Overtime Parking:	1181
Winter Ban:	522
Snow Emergency:	129
School Zone:	274
Private Parking:	376
No Parking:	74

Parking Ticket Revenue
Collected:
\$137,825.38



Crossing Guards

The Manitowoc Police Department employs eleven adult crossing guards. The crossing guards are responsible for safely crossing students at busy intersections near all the public elementary schools in the City of Manitowoc.

The dedicated crossing guards are out every school day regardless of the weather. Most of the crossing guards will cross the students before school, and then return to their respective corners in the afternoon to safely cross

the students as they head home. Throughout the summer, the crossing guards are also utilized to assist crossing pedestrians at several community events such as Subfest and Fourth on the Shore.



In 2019, the following adults worked as School Crossing Guards for the Manitowoc Police Department: Leanna Leonowicz, Bob Becker, Rebecca Woodman, Laurie Hoppe, Leo Szydel, Ray Morgan, Deborah Farr, Jeanette Miller, Ann Krueger, Sharon Hoppe and Tammy Struck. Community Service Worker Danny Harms and the CSW Interns will fill in for the paid crossing guards on days they are unavailable.



I would like to give a special thank you to Ray Morgan who retired in June of 2019 and Sharon Hoppe who passed away in December of 2019. You and your dedication to the children will be missed.

Click it or Ticket

Mobilization

05-20-19 through 06-02-19.

- 84 citations,
- 164 warnings,
- 187 traffic stops.

5 seatbelt citations issued, equates to 97% of those we encountered on traffic stops were wearing a seatbelt.

The average for those wearing seatbelts in the entire state of Wisconsin is 89%.



Chaplain Program

The MTPD Chaplains serve in a variety of ways, responding to calls whenever requested by officers, death scenes, and death notifications. We currently have five primary, active chaplains:

- Matthew Sauer– First Presbyterian
- Roger Harrison– Open Bible Baptist
- Tom Pankow– Grace Lutheran
- Ruthann Ross– St. Francis of Assisi

Records Division

The Manitowoc Police Department (MTPD) is managed in accordance with departmental regulations and policies/procedures. The MTPD Records Division strives to maintain complete and accurate reporting practices in accordance to Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting. We process thousands of incident reports, accident reports, traffic and ordinance citations, along with field warnings and parking tickets. We also field numerous inquiries from the public, such as paying a citation and record checks and copies of accidents.



Calls for Service	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Calls for Service	32113	32533	37343	33604	33492
Incidents Generated	19320	18907	19648	19257	19457
PART I Crimes	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Homicide	0	3	0	1	0
Forcible Rape	6	3	6	3	3
Robbery	5	5	14	7	2
Assault	284	303	265	303	336
Burglary	45	104	163	168	174
Larceny/Theft	577	540	751	793	807
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	26	30	20	15
Arson	1	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	942	984	1229	1295	1341
Patrol Division	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Field Warnings	5626	6301	4691	3423	3317
Ordinance	1870	1551	1968	1655	1571
Traffic	3483	3722	3333	2769	2343
Total	10979	11574	9992	7847	7231
Criminal—Adult	2166	2150	2164	2633	1573
Criminal—Juvenile	146	226	383	259	351
Accidents	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Bicycle	15	7	8	12	0
Deer	25	54	54	58	51
Fatal	1	1		1	2
H&R	168	149	176	171	114
Injury	128	140	169	195	191
Non Reportable	314	268	306	338	386
Pedestrian	13	4	14	13	1
Property Damage	632	538	570	621	572
Vehicle Fire	1	1	1	5	1
Total	1297	1162	1298	1414	1318





ORAL FLUID PROJECT



Officer Nick Place, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Instructor

The Manitowoc Police Department, along with other Manitowoc County law enforcement agencies, partnered with the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) and the Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS), to conduct an oral fluid project that started in March, 2019. Oral fluid testing has shown promise to help law enforcement investigate Driving while Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) cases. Marijuana legalization, the opioid crisis, and a surge in methamphetamine use have led to more drivers under the influence of drugs. The goal of this project was to provide data to researchers and the Wisconsin Legislature on the reliability of oral fluid testing. BOTS awarded Manitowoc County law enforcement agencies a \$10,000 grant to conduct Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) saturation patrols to find and arrest impaired drivers, and to obtain voluntary samples for the project.

All drivers arrested for OWI in Manitowoc County were asked to voluntarily participate in the project. The project goal was to obtain 100 oral fluid volunteers, and each volunteer was asked to provide two oral fluid samples to law enforcement near the time of arrest. Each subject also had a blood sample obtained as part of the OWI arrest process, and the oral fluid results were compared to the blood results for reliability purposes.

The first oral fluid sample obtained from volunteers was with the Alere DDS2, which gave qualitative results (present or not present) for six categories of drugs: THC (marijuana), cocaine, methamphetamine, opiates, benzodiazepines, and amphetamine. This device had a high cutoff level for THC, so a positive test result for THC would mean recent marijuana use from the past few hours, and not marijuana use from days or weeks ago. The goal of this device is for law enforcement to have a reliable roadside testing device for drugs, similar to the Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) that officers use for alcohol impaired subjects.

The second oral fluid test was a Quantisol oral fluid swab, which was sent off to WSLH for both qualitative and quantitative testing. WSLH analyzed these swabs for several types of drugs, and they also analyzed each positive sample to determine a specific nanogram level in the person's oral fluid sample. The Quantisol sample testing is still ongoing and results will be completed in 2020.

So far with this project we have obtained 104 samples, and we plan to continue roadside testing through part of 2020. So far, 49 out of the 104 volunteers (47%) tested positive for drugs in their system. THC was the most detected drug, with 39% of volunteers testing positive for THC. Also prevalent were positive results for methamphetamine and amphetamine. Of those volunteers who tested positive for drugs, 42% tested positive for more than one drug in their system. There were also several drivers arrested for suspicion of DUID, but refused to provide an oral fluid sample. WSLH is still testing Quantisol samples, but the early results have shown promise.

So far, this project has been a success! Researchers and traffic safety professionals from across the country will see the results of our project as they consider oral fluid testing to help combat DUID. We are hopeful the Manitowoc County Oral Fluid Project brings additional resources for law enforcement across the country to keep our roads safe.

ALCOHOL CRACKDOWN MOBILIZATION

08-16-19 through 06-02-19

70 citations	194 warnings
194 warnings	213 traffic stops
5 OWI arrests	100 drug arrest

CRIME STOPPERS

58 total Crime Stopper tips

49 regular tips/ 9 Quick 50 tips

17 total cases solved

19 total arrests

\$2710 total cash payout

Double Homicide solved with Crime Stoppers tip



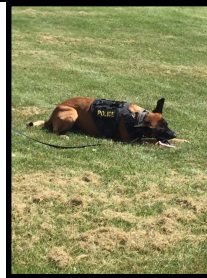
P3

24 total P3 tips

3 total cases solved

4 total arrests

\$260 total cash payout



Evidence Room Statistics

Evidence Tags Received

1293

Evidence Tags Disposed

1112

Items Received

2064

Items Disposed

2136

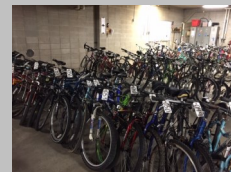
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PROMOTIONS



Deputy Chief Robert Barbier
Promoted to
Assistant Chief
01-06-19



Captain Jason Freiboth
Promoted to
Deputy Chief
01-06-19



Lieutenant Jeremy Kronforst
Promoted to
Captain
01-06-19



Officer John Musial
Promoted to
Lieutenant
01-06-19



Officer /Metro Adam Sohlden
Promoted to
Lieutenant
09-15-19



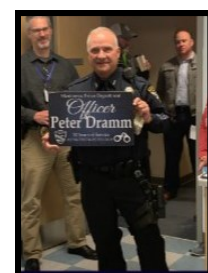
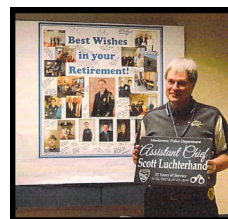
Officer Eric Schultz
Promoted to
Temporary Detective
10-07-19

COMINGS

Tyler Hill (officer)	03-04-19
Jackson Huycke (officer)	03-25-19
Bruce Tuma (officer)	05-19-19
Noah Draxler (officer)	05-20-19
Alicia Hansen (intern)	06-24-19
Joseph McDonald (officer)	07-11-19
Jeremy Sonnenburg (officer)	07-22-19
Alicia Hansen (officer)	12-30-19

GOINGS

Asst Chief Scott Luchterhand (retired)	01-04-19
Stephen Heili (resigned)	02-05-19
Intern Tyler Hill (resigned)	03-04-19
Officer Jeffrey Buck (retired)	03-21-19
Officer Alex Wanish (resigned)	03-31-19
Officer Peter Dramm (retired)	05-03-19
Intern Natalie Kloiber (resigned)	06-04-19
Lt Karl Puestow (retired)	06-14-19
Officer Alex Grant (resigned)	09-27-19
Intern Issac Gonzales (resigned)	10-05-19
Intern Alicia Hansen (resigned)	12-30-19



AWARDS

Noon Rotary Officer of the Year

Detective Erik Kowalski



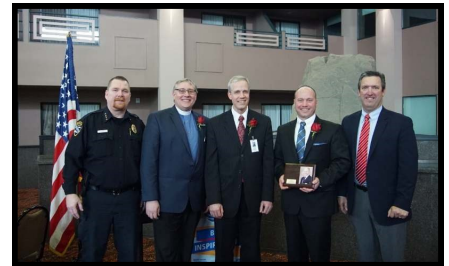
We would like to congratulate Detective Erik Kowalski for being nominated and selected as the Manitowoc Police Department's 2018 Noon Rotary Officer of the Year!

Detective Kowalski has been with our police department since July of 1996. He was promoted to Detective in January of 2009.

Detective Kowalski received a nomination from Captain of Detectives David Vorpahl and a separate nomination from Detective Dave McCue. Erik was recognized in his nomination letters for his personal motivation, excellent teamwork, and professionalism. Erik became the human trafficking coordinator for the Department where he continues to demonstrate patience, diligence and the ability to communicate with both victims and suspects involved in human trafficking and prostitution. Throughout the year, Detective Kowalski gave numerous presentations to the community about human trafficking for the public to gain awareness about the dangers involved and to educate people on what to look for in order to report human trafficking. He organized numerous undercover operations which resulted in over fifty (50) ordinance citations being issued, drugs being recovered, and probation violations detected. Additionally, Erik assisted in securing a \$90,000 grant in which half of that funding was earmarked for human trafficking enforcement in 2018. We would also like to recognize Lt. Mark Schroeder, Officer Rick Ladwig and Officer Rebecca Schuettpelez who were also nominated for this distinguished award.

Congratulations again to Detective Erik Kowalski!!!

Noon Rotary Citizen of the Year Chaplains



The Manitowoc Chaplain Program began in 2010 as an innovative approach to meeting several needs in our community. Chaplains of all faiths voluntarily work with public safety personnel on a professional level by making themselves immediately available as trained and caring professionals who can assist in times of loss, confusion, depression, or grief to people in crisis situations. The Chaplains provide this service not only to the community, but also to all public safety employees and their families.

In 2018 there were five volunteer Chaplains in the program. The duties of the Police Chaplains include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling public safety officials, other departmental personnel and their families
- Visiting sick or injured officials and departmental personnel in homes and hospitals
- Making death notifications
- Providing assistance to victims
- Teaching officers in areas such as Stress Management, Ethics, Family Life, and Pre-retirement classes and courses
- Serving as part of the Department's Crisis Response Team
- Assisting during suicide incidents
- Serving as liaison with other clergy in the community
- Providing for the spiritual needs of prisoners
- Furnishing expert responses to religious questions
- Offering prayers at special occasions such as recruit graduations, awards ceremonies, and building dedications
- Serving on review boards, award boards, and other committees
- Assisting with transients and the homeless

The Mission of the Manitowoc Police Department's Chaplain Program is to Work Cooperatively with the Manitowoc Police Department in order to Enhance Its Mission by Giving Timely Support through Spiritual Comfort, Hope, and Wisdom.

2019 Eagles Club Officer of the Year Award



The Manitowoc Police Department is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2019 Eagles Club Officer of the Year Award is Officer Eric Schultz. Officer Eric Schultz has served on the Manitowoc Police Department since July 2017 and has been assigned to second shift patrol.

Officer Schultz graduated from Marion University in 2010. He then went on and graduated from the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command College in 2016. Prior to his employment with the Manitowoc Police Department, Officer Schultz was previously employed by the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in the Operations Divisions and the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office as a Correction's Sergeant.

In Officer Schultz's nomination letter it indicated even though he is relatively new to the department, he is a veteran in the field of public safety. He is always willing to help others when he can and he displays selflessness on and off duty. Officer Schultz is an advocate for children with special needs and in January of 2008 he participated in his first Polar Plunge in Green Bay, WI. The following year his team increased to 25 and the year after that, the group doubled in size.

For several years, Officer Schultz worked to get a local Polar Plunge chapter; however, he was unsuccessful. This did not stop him and he tenaciously worked to see his dream to fruition. In 2017 Officer Schultz was able to start the Winter Miracle Splash non-profit organization with proceeds going to the Miracle League of the Lakeshore and the Manitowoc County Miracles local chapter. In 2017 approximately \$17,000 was donated and last year approximately \$15,000 was donated.

Working with children and people with special needs is Officer Schultz's passion, but this isn't all he has done for the community. In 2017 he participated in the annual "Stuff the Squad" event, he has coached basketball for grade school students, and he also volunteers his time for the annual Roncalli Auction. Officer Schultz has also furthered his involvement in the community and on the Police Department by becoming a certified D.A.R.E. Officer in 2018.

Officer Schultz is a shining example of what it means to have compassion, one of the core values of the Manitowoc Police Department. He has exhibited extraordinary enthusiasm and care for his community and is certainly someone who is doing the right thing, the right way, for the right reason!! Congratulations once again to Officer Eric Schultz!!



EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER(S)

1st Quarter

Officer Cooper Schmidt



Officer Cooper Schmidt has been named Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2019. His supervisor, Lt. John Musial nominated him for the commendation.

Officer Schmidt and Officer Schleis were busy handling a retail theft at Shopko. Officer Schmidt went over and above the normal call when he interviewed the suspect and was able to have him relay timely information on a person with an active felony warrant. Officer Schmidt contacted TRPD, relayed the information, and TRPD took the wanted person into custody. The suspect also gave Officer Schmidt information on a person that is currently dealing drugs in Manitowoc.

Lt. Musial stated, "Officer Schmidt's work ethic, communication skills, and job knowledge are at a level far beyond his two years at the Manitowoc Police Department". Officer Schmidt's performance in this investigation is another example of him following our Core Value of "Excellence" by surpassing ordinary standards in the performance of his duty.

2nd Quarter



Detective Erik Kowalski and Detective Pete McGinty are the Second Quarter Employees of the Quarter for 2019. We don't normally write a dual letter of commendation in our department, but it isn't normal that we encounter a double homicide either. The double homicide of Richard and Jocelyn Miller occurred in September of 2018.

Det. Captain David Vorpahl wrote, "From the beginning, the scene was locked down and evidence led detectives to believe it was a double homicide with the motivation of robbery. Several neighbors and friends of the victims were interviewed. Multiple theories were developed and both detectives worked tirelessly for weeks. There was understandable concern from the community to solve this case, as it was arguably the most serious crime that the City of Manitowoc had suffered in its history."

Captain Vorpahl continued, "As multiple theories were proven to be false, both Detectives Kowalski and McGinty did not lose faith and continued to steadily work. Countless search warrants were executed; dozens of witnesses were interviewed and re-interviewed. Suspects were scrutinized as it was unclear who the suspect was....persons of interest were re-interviewed and new associates were discovered."

As those new associates discussed the case with original persons of interest, one of the persons of interest contacted Detective Kowalski about the possibility of Karl Hess being a suspect. On 03-26-2019, Hess confessed to Detectives Kowalski and McGinty to murdering Richard and Jocelyn Miller.

Detectives Kowalski and McGinty demonstrated our department's values of ***Unity, Courage, Integrity, Compassion, and Excellence*** throughout this investigation. Both of them, along with the entire Detective Bureau were a shining example of "***The unrelenting pursuit of justice***".

3rd Quarter

Officer Jeremy Weber



The Vision Statement for the Manitowoc Police Department is:

We will adapt and evolve as a professional organization while reducing crime and provide critical and protective services for everyone. We will accomplish our vision through optimizing strong community partnerships, strategic planning, continuous training and the most effective use of our available resources.

On August 26, 2019, Officer Weber was assigned to a fire call at a local processing facility in our city. Patrol Lieutenant Bob Arps was impressed with Officer Weber's

leadership on scene and wrote a complimentary note describing his actions. Here are some excerpts:

“..... even before MFD arrived, I could hear Officer Weber coordinating a response with responding officers, including where roads should be shut down and where employees could evacuate to. Officer Weber coordinated with MFD and later called me to update me that there was a fire and an explosion. Officer Weber also contacted Dispatch and requested DPW provide barricades to block off the street and then requested Manitowoc Transit respond with a bus for the employees to seek shelter in, as it was raining outside. Officer Weber then handled an accident involving a MFD ladder truck that was on scene.

Officer Weber maintains great consistency with his communication skills, thinking outside of the box, and making excellent and sound decisions in chaotic situations. Great work Officer Weber!”

4th Quarter

Officer Jason Denk



On November 13th, 2019 a detective was assigned to follow up on numerous vehicle entries reported throughout the city. Detectives were particularly impressed with Officer Denk's Theft of Handgun report (2019-14691). More specifically for the “great effort” he put forth in obtaining multiple private CCTV videos and his neighborhood canvas. Officer Denk's attention to detail was also noted in his police report reference reviewing the aforementioned videos. His report was instrumental in the detectives recovering the stolen handgun that could have potentially been used to commit future crimes. The suspect was eventually charged with Possession of Stolen Property.

The Mission of the Manitowoc Police Department is, “We are committed to providing excellent police service and an **unrelenting pursuit of justice**, while maintaining order and securing a safe environment for everyone.” Officer Denk's investigation in this case epitomized our goal of unrelenting pursuit of justice.