

# **MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

**2006**

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## 2006 Monona Sworn Personnel

### Administration

**Chief of Police Walter Ostrenga** (United States Army Veteran)  
1975 – 1977 United States Army Military Police  
1977 – 2004 Village of Northbrook Illinois Police Department  
2004 - Present City of Monona Police Department Chief of Police

### Detective Division

**Detective Lt Richard O'Connor** (United States Navy Veteran)  
1968 - 1977 Chicago Illinois Police Department  
1977 - 1981 Chief of Police, Monticello, WI  
1981 – Present City of Monona Police Department

**Detective Gary Buss**  
1979 – Present City of Monona Police Department

**Detective Jack Jasensky**  
1979 - 1983 City of Stoughton Police Department  
1983 - Present City of Monona Police Department

**School Resource Officer Tom Brennan**  
1978 – 1979 City of Evansville Police Department  
1979 – 1982 City of Marinette Police Department  
1982 – Present City of Monona Police Dept

## Patrol Division

### **Lt Frank Fenton** (United States Marine Corps and Air Force Veteran)

1984 – 1996 115th Security Police Flight, Wisconsin Air National Guard

1989 – 1991 State of Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

1991 – 1993 Wisconsin State Capitol Police

1993 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Sergeant Brian Redman --- Resigned December 2006**

1994 - 1996 Wisconsin State Patrol

1997 – 2006 City of Monona Police Department

### **Sergeant Curtis G. Wiegel**

2000 - 2000 Villages of Barneveld & Ridgeway Police Departments

2000 - 2003 City of Baraboo Police Department

2003 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Daniel Antolec---Retired October 2006**

1977 - 1979 City of Marshall Police Department

1979 – 2006 City of Monona Police Department

## Patrol Division

### **Officer Bruce Rogers**

1976 - 1980 Darlington Police Department

1980 - 1980 Lafayette County Sheriff's Department

1980 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Michael Elliott**

1985 - 1989 Village of McFarland Police Department

1989 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Vicki Peterson** (United States Army Veteran)

1988 - 1992 United States Army Military Police

1995 - 1997 City of Janesville Police Department

1997 – Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Sara Deuman**

1995 - 1997 Village of Spring Green Police Department

1997 – Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Shawn Fogeltanz**

1992 – 1996 Village of Maple Bluff Police Department

1996 - 1997 Town of Madison Police Department

1997 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Tracy S. Thom**

1999 - 2000 Village of Spring Green Police Department

2000 - Present City of Monona Police Department

### **Officer Jeremy L. Winge**

1999 – 2002 Green County Sheriff's Department

2002 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Officer Kevin A. Schneider**  
2003 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Officer Ryan J. Losby**  
1998 – 2004 Evansville Police Department  
2004 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Officer Adam Nachreiner**  
2003 – 2004 WI Dells Police Department  
2004 – 2006 Spring Green Police Department  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department

### [Monona Non-Sworn Personnel](#)

**Court Clerk Carol Hermsdorf**  
1995 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Dispatcher Gail Elliott**  
1990 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Dispatcher Nathan Reynolds**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Dispatcher Melissa Randall**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Dispatcher Shannon McNamara**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department

### [Monona Non-Sworn Personnel](#)

**Part-Time Dispatcher Robert McNow**  
1997 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Part-Time Dispatcher Cindy Matulle**  
2002 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Part-Time Dispatcher Sara Bruner**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Part Time Dispatcher Sara Florino**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Part Time Dispatcher James Reiter**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department  
**Part Time Dispatcher Marisa Kasriel**  
2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department

# MISSION, VALUES AND ETHICS

## MISSION

The mission of the Monona Police Department is to work as a partner with the community to help provide a safe environment and a high quality of life.

## VALUES AND ETHICS

A police organization is guided in its operation by laws, ordinances, procedures, rules and regulations. In addition to legal and administrative requirements, police organizations are powerfully influenced by their values and ethics, where values and ethics are beliefs that guide the organization and the behavior of its employees.

To help accomplish our mission, the Monona Police Department is committed to the following values and ethics, which guide our work and decisions:

Openness and Accessibility: The department will strive to conduct affairs publicly, be accessible to the public and have open lines of communication. We recognize and support the public's right to know the public's business, and will assist citizens in dealing with government.

Sensitivity: We will strive to be sensitive and fair in all of our actions, unselfishly practicing compassion, tolerance, empathy and caring for victims, complainants, employees and all other persons that we come in contact with. We oppose all forms of discrimination and harassment.

Accountability: We are responsible for our conduct and performance, both to ourselves and to the community. We will establish procedures that promote ethical behavior and hold individuals accountable for their conduct.

- Organizational Efficiency: We are committed to providing police services as efficiently as possible. We will wisely manage public funds practicing fiscal common sense, conserving those funds, which support police functions.

Community Orientation and Involvement: We will strive to always do what is in the best interest of the community, being responsive to its needs. We believe in serving the public interest, beyond serving ourselves.

Problem Solving: We are most effective when we help identify and solve community problems, working together to solve problems of mutual concern.

Integrity: We believe that honesty is the basis for personal and public trust. We will demonstrate the highest standards in all activities in order to inspire public confidence and trust in public service.

Democratic Principles: We will protect the constitutional rights and personal freedoms of all citizens. We promote constitutional principals of equality, fairness, responsiveness, and due process in protecting all citizens' rights.

Teamwork: We recognize the importance of each employee as an individual and team member. We believe that good internal communications is a priority. We will subordinate personal loyalties to the good of the department and will subordinate department loyalties to the public good.

Work Ethic: In order for us to fulfill our mission, we recognize that we have a strong sense of discipline, duty and obligation toward our work. We accept as a personal duty the responsibility to keep informed on emerging issues and maintain our performance within current legal training standards.

## • • SPECIAL EVENTS



Monona has two major special events. The first is the Memorial Day Parade. This year the parade route was from Monona Grove High School south along Monona Drive, then west on Owen Rd ending at Village Lanes. The parade was a success utilizing 16 officers and three youth explorers for road closure, traffic direction, crowd control, and emergency response. The parade was led this year by retiring Officer Dan Antolec driving the Monona Chevy Tahoe. Chief Walter Ostrenga walked in the parade and Lt.

Frank Fenton was on bicycle patrol. Officers advised of no problems at this year's parade.



Our second major special event is of course our July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Festival. The police department provides extra patrol in Winnequah Park during the festival and fireworks presentation. Officers work foot patrol in the park to interact with festival patrons and to ensure the event remains a positive atmosphere for families. In addition, two officers are assigned to bicycle patrol and assist in making sure local firework ordinances are enforced.

During the fireworks show, several officers are assigned to the "fallout zone". This is the area directly under the fireworks launch site. This area is blocked off at least 15 minutes before the start of the show and remains closed until the fire department clears the area for the safe passage of patrons.

Traffic jams at the end of the fireworks remains a significant issue. Officers do direct traffic on Monona Drive at Nichols Rd and Monona Drive at Dean Ave, as well as Nichols Rd at Schluter Rd. Thousands are in attendance at this event and traffic does eventually clear out within an hour after the show. A particular obstacle in 2006 was the Winnequah Rd construction closure, however our dedicated officers were directing traffic at Nichols Rd and Dean Ave and had the traffic back to normal and running smooth within one hour after the show.

## HIRING AND PROMOTIONS

2006 saw several changes in our staff roster.

Three new full time dispatchers replaced out-going personnel. Nathan Reynolds and Melissa Randall started in February 2006, and Shannon McNamara started in April 2006. Part time dispatcher James Reiter began September 2006. James was a full time Monona dispatcher for several years prior to becoming a Dane County Deputy. Marisa Kasriel started as a part time dispatcher in October 2006.

Two new patrol officers also joined our department in 2006. Officer Adam Nachreiner started in February 2006 and Officer Matthew Bomkamp started in October 2006.

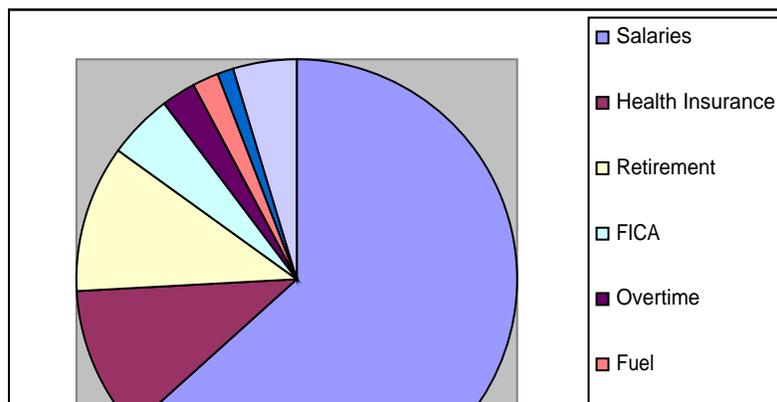
2006 also saw the promotion of Det. Sgt. Rich O'Connor to the rank of Det. Lieutenant.

In December 2006, Sgt. Brian Redman resigned to accept a lieutenant's position with the McFarland Police Department.



## 2006 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Law Enforcement Operating Budget for 2006 was **\$1,614,388**. The majority of the operating costs were wages and other related expenses such as FICA, Insurance, Retirement, and Overtime. The chart below represents a breakdown of fund allocations.



## PATROL DIVISION FUNCTIONS



The Monona Police Department is a community oriented police department. We remain very active on crime related issues while still providing assistance on a variety of other types of calls for service.

We assist on ambulance calls, fire calls, give aid to disabled motorists, respond to barking dogs, animals at-large, conduct building and tavern checks, and perform foot patrols and bicycle patrols. We pride ourselves in our community relationships and service level provided.

Our patrol division also has several officers who have taken on areas of specialty.

## CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALISTS

Crime prevention is defined as, “The anticipation, the recognition, and the appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce it.”

All officers are expected to identify potential crime risks and notify residents and business owners of those risks via *Crime Prevention Notices* or *Security Checks*. A crime prevention notice is a slip of paper with a security issue noted on it and left at the business door during closed business hours to alert the staff of an issue which needs their attention. A security check is when an officer stops by a business to say hello. This community policing effort allows the business owners to recognize our officers and opens communication between business staff and police officers.

Monona also has officers who have received specialized training in the area of crime prevention. These officers will perform business and residential security surveys and offer their recommendations on how to better secure a property. These officers also review plans for new construction. The purpose of this review is to determine if the structure, landscaping, lighting and accessibility to the building promotes crime opportunity or assists in deterring crime through proper design and planning.

In 2006 Officer Winge worked on reviewing plans for Wal-Mart, 115 E. Broadway (Crawford’s Landing), 100 and 200 Femrite Dr. (Slinde condo project), the condo’s on the corner of Monona Drive and Ferchland Place, and 6520 Monona Dr. (the mini mall building between Red Robin and Cops food store.)

## BICYCLE PATROL OFFICERS



Five members of the Monona Police Department make up our bicycle patrol team. When staffing levels allow, these officers perform routine patrol in residential and business districts to get a more direct view of what is going on in a given area. By being out of a squad, officers can use more of their senses to help fight crime, and are more approachable by citizens passing by. These officers are also deployed during special events. Being on a bicycle makes travel through a crowd easier and the officers can maneuver into places a squad can not.

### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT



In 2006 we received a traffic enforcement grant from the Department of Transportation. \$6,750 was allocated to cover wages and benefits for additional enforcement efforts focusing US HWY 12.

Monona Police Department also participated in the State's unfunded grant known as the "Booze and Belts" mobilization. The focus of this campaign was drunk driving arrests and lack of seat belt use citations. Monona Officers arrested 8 people for drunk driving, issued 7 seat belt citations and made 92 total traffic stops during this portion of the grant. Overall our major traffic enforcement efforts in 2006 included over **200** Drunk Driving Arrests.

### INTERNSHIP

In 2006 we had no applications for anyone interested in being an intern at the Monona Police Department

### TRAINING



The State of Wisconsin requires a minimum of 24 hours of training annually for a police officer to keep his or her certification. Law enforcement continues to become more complicated and the best way to keep officers proficient is with training. As a department we normally complete four eight-hour in-service training sessions annually. We also send officers to individualized training at State Technical Colleges and various off site locations.

Our in-service training is conducted as part of a training consortium consisting of the University of Wisconsin Madison, and the Monona Police Department. The consortium assists in sharing costs and instructors to allow for improved training.

Each department has State certified instructors who oversee and instruct in the following disciplines: firearms, defense and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operations, and vehicle contacts.

The training is very comprehensive. The vast majority is hands-on and scenario based. Officers are placed in realistic role playing situations and are required to combine all facets of training including communication, investigation, rule of law, and use of force. We are also able to more realistically add use of force training to scenarios. We use simmunitions (plastic training bullets), as well as specialized clothing that allows officers to use full force defense and arrest tactics. This type of training requires officers to evaluate each situation and respond to changing situations.

Not all of law enforcement training is focused on firearms and physical arrest. Officers also receive legal updates with attention to recent State and Federal Supreme Court decisions. Officers also attend individual training in the areas that include dealing with drugged drivers, interview techniques, supervisory training and breath examiner recertification. Training is also conducted as part of an officer's regular work shift. Training topics are presented using video, written, and verbal information, and include policy and procedure review.

## DETECTIVE TRAINING

Detectives attended a variety of specialized training in 2006, including Off Line NCIC Search training, MOCIC Surveillance Techniques, Recording Suspect Interviews, Financial Crimes, Internet Predator Training and Juvenile Sex Offender Information Release Training. Detectives also attended some of the regularly scheduled in-service training involving firearms qualification.



## Emergency Dispatch Center



Several resignations in late 2005 resulted in 75% of our Dispatch staff being replaced with new personnel. Three new Dispatchers were hired in early to mid-2006. The new personnel have created a revitalization of energy to the Dispatch center, but also caused a strenuous training situation. During 2006 the Dispatch personnel were transferred to the Detective Division for the purpose of supervision, training and scheduling. Two areas of major concern that were studied during 2006 were training and scheduling issues. Dispatchers were expected to learn “on the job” as time permitted. Scheduling was chaotic with only four full time Dispatchers and a few

part time Dispatchers attempting to cover Dispatch 24 hours per day. The methods for training have been changed to allow for formal technical college training for newly hired Dispatchers and regularly scheduled In-Service classroom training for current staff. A new Dispatch position was approved by the City Council in 2006 to become effective in 2007. This decision will allow for proper scheduling, less burnout, less stress and a reduction in the turnover rate of personnel.

A hiring process began in late 2006 to fill this new position. 29 applicants were screened with the new hire expected to begin employment in March of 2007.

Our Dispatchers handled 11,353 documented Incidents in 2006 along with several thousand calls that did not result in an Incident number. 7,954 of these incidents were converted into cases. When an incident is converted into a case it requires the connection of persons, articles, citations and offenses. Each case also requires a typed narrative. Some narratives are relatively short, one or two pages. Some narratives are 40 or 50 pages in length. The simple cases take about 30 to 45 minutes to complete, while the more complicated cases can take up a Dispatcher's entire shift. When the case is completed, many additional forms have to be completed for submission to offices such as the District Attorney's office, Department of Motor Vehicles, Dane County Human Services, Corporation Council, etc. The reports and forms must be completed with meticulous care for accuracy and must be completed while answering and dispatching emergency 911 calls, answering the business phone lines and handling walk-in complaints at the counter. Part time personnel are not trained to create and complete cases. It takes 8 to 12 months of constant training and repetition to become efficient with working with cases. Our part time personnel are vital to our Dispatch Center, but they don't work often enough to even begin to learn the processes involved with cases.

Our Dispatchers are responsible for gathering as much information as possible from a complainant and from prior records while police officers, EMT's or Firefighters are on their way to a call to ensure their safety. Knowing the prior history at an address and the prior activities of persons at that address as they might involve weapons or other dangerous activities and passing that information to responding personnel allows them to properly prepare for any confrontation and our Dispatchers do a fantastic job in this area.

Dispatchers are assigned specific duties based on their shift assignment in addition to regular duties performed by all Dispatchers on every shift.

The following are shift specific assignments:

#### Shift 1

- Monthly UCR Reports
- TIME entry Validation Reports
- DOJ Audit reports
- Check Case entries for property and UCR errors and make corrections
- Assist the Clerk of Courts by checking paperwork submitted by other shifts for presentation to the District Attorney's office and make corrections or return the paperwork to the originating Dispatcher or Officer for corrections

#### Shift 2

- All procedures necessary to keep track of DOT suspensions for non-payment of parking citations. This includes completing and submitting the suspension notice to DOT. Completing and submitting the Release of Suspension notice to DOT when a full payment is made on a citation where a previously submitted suspension was completed. Ensure a proper filing system to keep track of these records, including scanning these documents into Laser Fische.

### Shift 3

- At least once each shift do a visual check of equipment in the technology equipment room. Reset any equipment that appears to be malfunctioning when you have the knowledge to make those adjustments. Notify the proper personnel to make the corrections if you do not have the ability to do it. Notification will be made immediately or during normal business hours depending on the urgency of the situation.
- Scanning documents into Laser Fische as time permits

### Evening Relief Shift

- Finalizing and Uploading Reports
- When working Shift 3 perform the duties listed as specific duties for the Shift 3 Dispatcher.
- When working Shift 2 scan documents into Laser Fische as time permits.

### Shift 4 (To be activated in 2007)

- Accurate and timely completion of the time sheets for each pay period.
- Assist the Shift 1 Dispatcher with review and preparation of paperwork for reports to be submitted to the District Attorney's Office when necessary.
- Assist the Shift 2 Dispatcher with maintenance of all records on parking citations and suspension notices for unpaid parking citations and submissions of those suspensions to DOT.
- Complete and submit suspension notices to DOT for OWI arrests when needed.
- Complete and submit revocation notices to DOT, County Court and/or Municipal Court on Refusals when needed.
- Assist the Shift 1 Dispatcher with maintaining and submitting UCR monthly reports.
- Assist the Clerk of Courts with preparation of necessary paperwork for Municipal Court when needed.
- Assist the Clerk of Courts with signing complaints and transmission of necessary paperwork at/to the Dane County District Attorney's office when needed.
- Any specific duty assigned by the Lieutenant in charge of the Dispatch Center.

Our Dispatchers are carefully screened before being hired. The current personnel assigned to our Dispatch Center are an extremely talented group of people who care about the community and know that the citizens of the City of Monona demand nothing short of excellence and a proper response to their requests for service. The Dispatchers of the Monona Police Department are second to none in their field.



## **Selected Patrol Division Statistics**

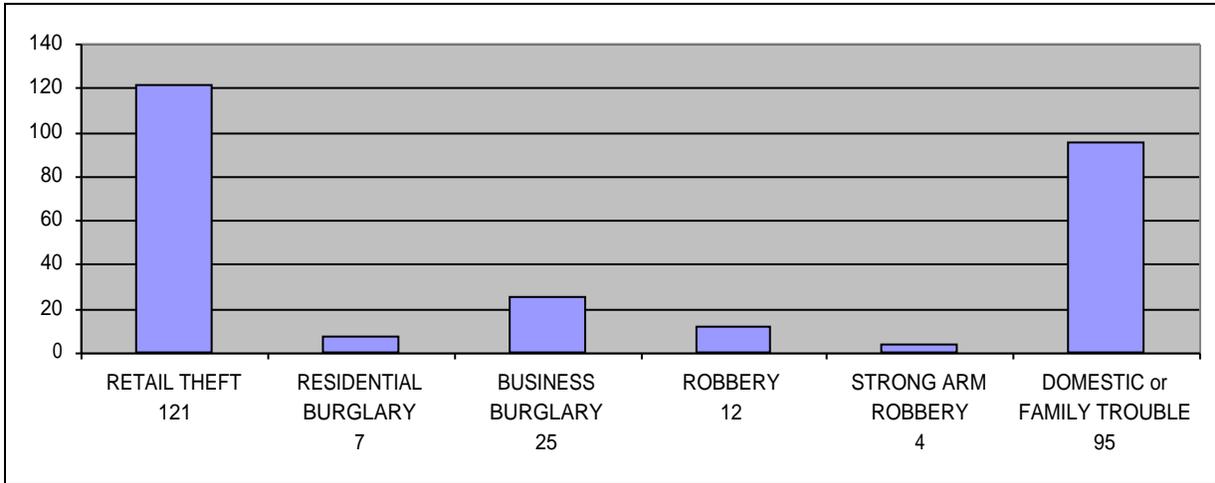
### **Retail Thefts**

This category includes all retail thefts processed through Monona Municipal Court and the Dane County Court. Upon the opening of the Wal-Mart Superstore, this number is expected to go up substantially.

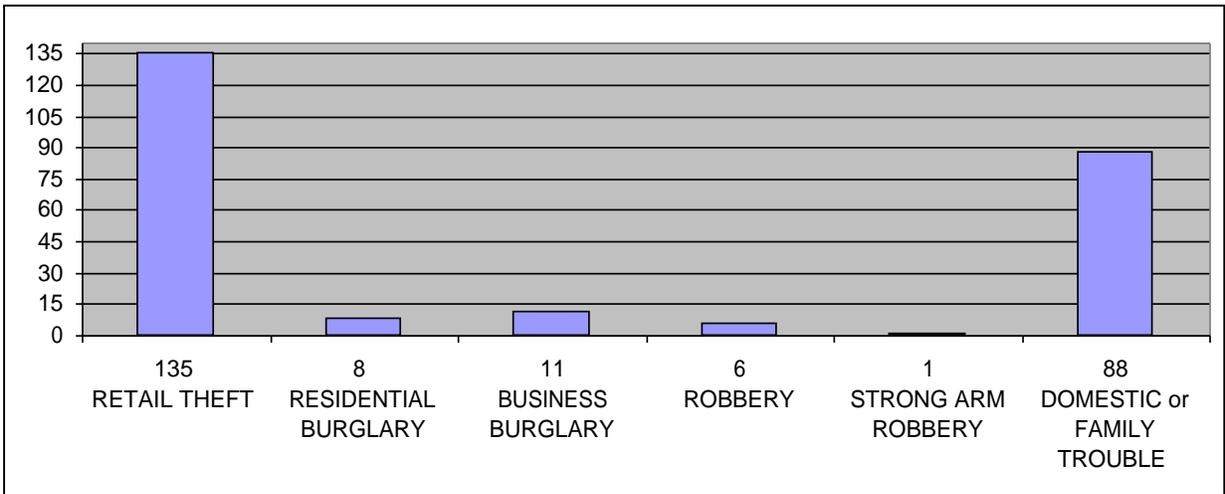
### **Burglary and Robbery**

Burglary is an offense against a place, robbery is an offense against a person.

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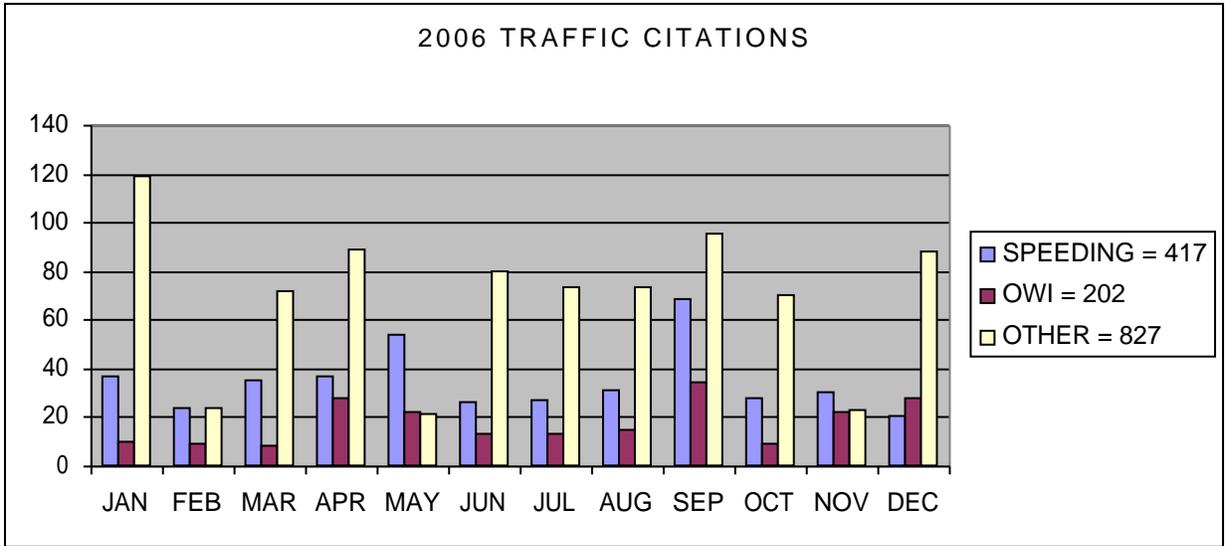
**OWI**

This category lists operating while intoxicated traffic arrests. The fine for OWI, set by State Statute for Monona Municipal Court, starts at \$711 for a first offense and goes up from there. 2006 saw over 200 arrests for OWI in Monona.

**Parking Enforcement**

This category includes all citations written for parking violations.

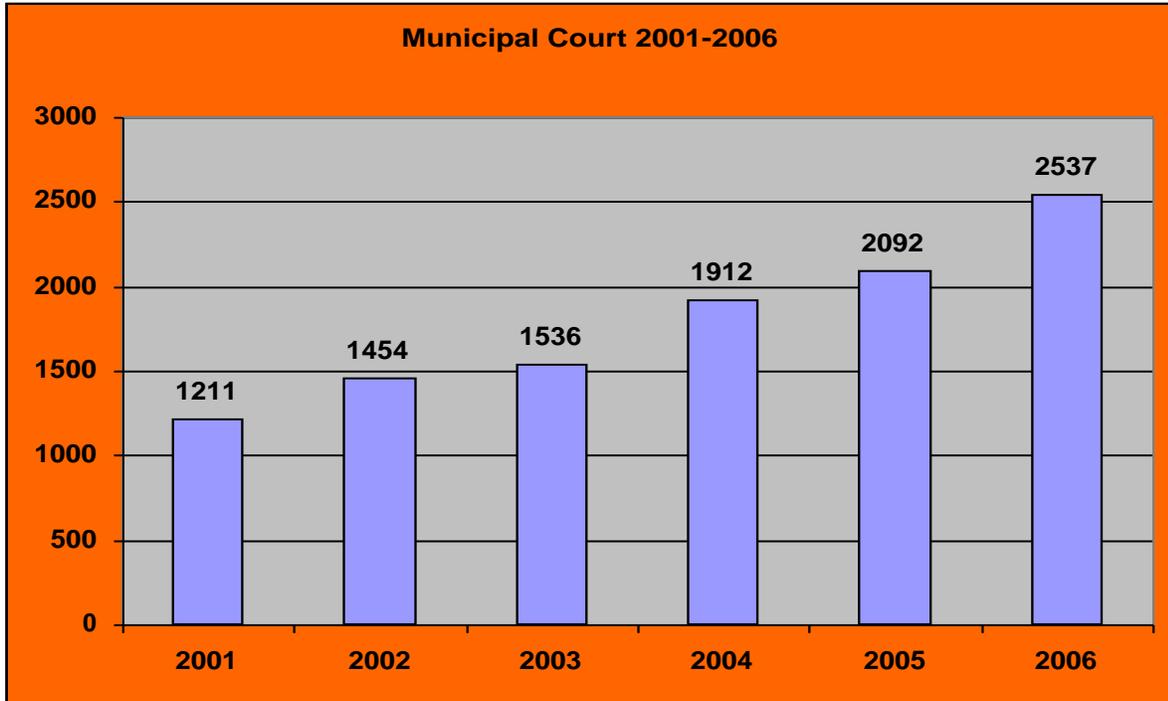
**Traffic Citations**



# CLERK OF COURTS

Carol Hermsdorf

2,537 cases were processed through Monona Municipal Court, showing an increase of 21.27% over 2005 in the number of cases handled. 2,092 cases were handled in Municipal Court in 2005. See the chart below for a comparison of the Municipal Court caseload from 2001 through 2006. 389 referrals were made to Dane County Circuit Court in 2006. This is a 17.16% increase over 2005. These changes along with a more aggressive arrest policy by our patrol division have caused the increase in cases in Municipal Court. The Clerk of Courts, Carol Hermsdorf, manages these tasks in addition to her other duties. These other duties include, but are not limited to: Issuance of subpoenas and late notices for Municipal Court, submission of suspensions for drivers licenses and fine payments, data entry for each and every Municipal and Circuit Court referral or arrest, all municipal correspondence for the court or the judge, and issuance of approved paperwork released under the Open Records Laws.



Monona Municipal Court began using a collection agency in 2003 to assist in retrieving unpaid citation funds. This change has resulted in a reasonable rate of fine collection as well as eliminating our cost for incarcerating municipal offenders in the Dane County Jail. The Clerk of Courts is continuing to use the credit card payment system as an option for defendant's to pay their fines. All additional costs for this service are passed on to the defendant. 2006 was the first year an on line payment service was used to allow fine payments through the police department web site.



## SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

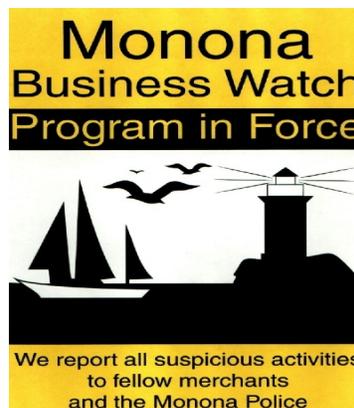


The School Liaison Officer continues to be an extremely effective law enforcement tool. The position has created a very good school to police department relationship. The officer now spends the majority of his time at the Monona Grove High School and is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at Winnequah Middle School. This change was put into effect after meetings with school personnel to better meet the needs of the schools and to cause the liaison officer's interaction with students to be more effective.

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The School Liaison Officer handled 133 incidents during 2006. These incidents along with self initiated contacts resulted in 151 arrests. Adults were arrested on a variety of charges, including multiple counts of Sexual Assault of a Minor. Juvenile arrests were effected with charges including Disorderly Conduct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Reckless Endangerment, Dangerous Weapons, Drug Violations and Theft. In addition to these charges 41 Truancy citations were issued during the year.



## MONONA BUSINESS WATCH

The Monona Business Watch Partnership continues to be a very successful venture. Membership is currently at 325. The Business Watch Partnership works in conjunction with the Citizen Observer to achieve fast notification of crime alerts to members. Citizen Observer allows for notifications to be made by fax, email, pager and cell phone.



## **Technology Update**

The Dane County Information Sharing project is moving along at a rapid pace. Sixteen area law enforcement agencies are now connected to the new system. This gives Monona Law Enforcement Personnel the ability to view the reports of other agencies and to check names and property entered by other agencies.

Monona Patrol Officers are connected to this same system via Mobile Data Laptops in their squads. The officers can see the entries put into the CAD by our Dispatchers. They can communicate with other law enforcement agencies in the area via their laptops. They can now view suspect photos on their laptops, making it easier to verify a person's identification, when necessary.

The TraCs program was installed in 2006, allowing officers to issue electronically generated traffic citations. They will soon be completing State Traffic Accident forms on their laptops, using the TraCs technology, which will involve populating driver and vehicle fields on the form by simply importing the information from their screens to the form.

Compliance with new Wisconsin Supreme Court rulings caused the purchase of equipment to allow for video and audio recording of suspect interviews. This project was partially funded by a grant.

The security camera system was completely upgraded inside and outside of the police department in 2006 along with certain upgrades for City Hall. This new system is completely digital and while it is constantly monitored by on duty Dispatchers, it can be accessed from any workstation at the police department when necessary to view or save certain portions of the recordings.

A plan for conversion to a digital telephone system was developed and implemented in 2006 to replace the telephone system for the City of Monona.

A new city-wide server was installed in 2006 to replace the aging server being used for our network system. A new Laser Fische server was also installed to allow for proper paperless storage of data.

Additional Digital Patroller digital camera systems were installed in squads in 2006 to allow for more efficient prosecution of suspects and to protect personnel from frivolous allegations.

## DETECTIVE DIVISION



The Detective Division of the Monona Police Department is responsible for criminal investigations within the City of Monona. These investigations are either the result of cases initiated by a Patrol Division member or in many instances as a result of direct contact with a Detective by a victim.

The Detective Division includes the Municipal and County Court systems as they relate to the Clerk of Courts. It also includes the School Liaison Officer position.

The Detective Division is currently responsible for all technology related issues within the police department.

The Detective Division is responsible for the Monona Emergency Dispatch personnel.

This portion of the report begins with a numerical listing of cases assigned, cleared and otherwise closed. The number of cases varies year to year depending on criminal activity and the seriousness of the incidents requiring investigation.

**Index Offenses:** Index offenses are those more serious offenses reported by law enforcement agencies to the FBI. Examples of index offenses are *sexual assault, murder, robbery, burglary, theft, etc.*

Below is an explanation of how crimes are classified at the end of an investigation.

**Exceptionally Cleared** cases are those cases where an offender has been identified, but for a variety of reasons there will be no prosecution such as a change of heart by the complainant, a warning per the request of the victim, or a determination that no prosecutable crime occurred.

**Closed cases** are those cases where the suspect cannot be identified or located. Closed cases can and will be reopened if any helpful information is developed in the future.

**Cleared By Arrest** are those cases where there has either been a physical arrest or a referral to the Dane County District Attorney's office has resulted in a criminal complaint.

**Unfounded cases** are those where the complaint has been determined to be unsubstantiated by facts.

**Open cases** are those still under investigation.

In the year 2006 there was no increase in personnel in the Detective Division. For investigative purposes the division consists of one supervisor and two detectives. The Patrol division continues to do an excellent job handling follow up investigations on less serious matters which helps the Detective Division tremendously with the case workload.

The cases assigned to Detectives for follow up are generally more serious in nature and very time consuming. A financial crime investigation generally takes several weeks and at times several months to complete the investigation. It is not uncommon for Felony investigations to encompass Detectives from several other area law enforcement agencies. These Detectives must work together to create prosecutable charges against the suspects with the Dane County District Attorney's office. Crimes such as Burglary, Armed Robbery and Financial Crimes will often spread across multiple jurisdictions as the offenders have a tendency to commit their crimes in many communities.

The analyzing of evidence by the Wisconsin State Crime Lab has added to the length of our investigations over the last few years as their budget has been cut to the point of being ridiculous. The average return on DNA comparisons lately has been at least 12 months and fingerprint analysis has been averaging two to three months. Cases cannot be prosecuted until the results of these comparisons have been completed.

The Detective Division maintains the Monona Police Department property room every day. Hundreds of evidentiary items are currently stored in the property room. One Detective who has been trained in various areas of evidence analysis works on the development of fingerprints from evidence to be sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab. Another Detective, trained in the recognition of drugs, uses chemical analysis to make a preliminary identification of confiscated drugs for final analysis by the Crime Lab.

Identity Theft and related crimes have increased dramatically over the past few years. This type of investigation is another example of one that takes months to complete and involves law enforcement agencies across the United States working together to solve one case.

## **Notable Case Discussion**

**2005-07832**

**Robbery – Armed (see below)**

**2005-07834**

**Robbery – Attempted (see below)**

**2006-00088**

**Robbery – Attempted**

These three Armed Robberies involved one suspect threatening victims with a bicycle lock device on a chain. The suspect was identified and arrested.

**2005-07690**

**Burglary (see below)**

**2005-07693**

**Burglary (see below)**

**2005-07694**

**Burglary**

The three Burglaries listed above are three of dozens of Burglaries committed at various businesses all over Dane County. The suspects were arrested and some of the stolen property recovered.

**2006-00317**

**Theft – of purse**

An elderly victim had her purse stolen as she entered her vehicle just after filling a prescription at Walgreen's on Monona Drive. A suspect was identified, but the victim could not pick him out of a photo lineup. No charges were filed.

**2005-04992**

**Theft**

This case involves the theft of a \$17,000.00 trailer. Two suspects were identified and arrested.

**2006-00990**

**Robbery – Armed**

This case was an Armed Robbery of Associated Bank on Monona Drive. A possible suspect was identified and arrested on other charges, but this incident could not be charged due to a failure of bank personnel to select him from a photo lineup.

**2006-01168****Child Abuse - Information**

This case involved two teenage relatives claiming they were sexually abused 10 years ago by a relative. Numerous hours were spent on this case which resulted in Dane County Human Services ordering counseling for all involved. No criminal charges filed.

**2005-04461****Theft**

This case involved a theft of copper tubing. Several detectives from Dane County worked together to attempt to solve this and many related cases. Some were cleared by arrests and others remain open.

**2005-05497****Stalking**

This case of Stalking went to a trial in Dane County Circuit Court. The Jury found the defendant not guilty. The female victim has moved from the area in an attempt to protect herself from the suspect.

**2006-01215****Fraud**

This case involved a Credit card theft and unlawful use at numerous locations. The suspect was identified and arrested.

**2006-01263****Threats Complaint**

This was a case involving email threats. The suspect lives in Ohio and detectives from Ohio took over the investigation.

**2006-01471****Criminal Damage to Property**

All four brand new tires were slashed on the complainant's vehicle by his ex-girlfriend. The girlfriend had proof that she had just purchased the tires for the victim and then found him cheating. No charges were filed as the female owned the tires.

**2006-01505****Theft**

After several thefts from the girls locker room at Monona Grove High School bait money was used to catch a 15-year-old female. The student entered the locker room and stole the money from an item of clothing. She was issued a citation for Theft and referred to Monona Municipal Court.

**2006-02256**

**Fraud**

This was a typical Nigerian scam where the victim was sent a counterfeit check to purchase her car. The check was written for more than the amount necessary. The victim cashed the check and sent the overpayment back to Nigeria. She lost \$2,400.00 in this scam.

**2006-01854**

**Aggravated Battery – with Dangerous Weapon**

**2 Counts – Felony Bail Jumping**

At a preliminary hearing for a female who had shot her husband, the female was arrested for bail jumping after she appeared at the hearing intoxicated.

**2006-02167**

**Armed Robbery**

This Armed Robbery took place at a Monona Drive restaurant. This was one of many similar Armed Robberies in the area. Three suspects were arrested and charged.

**2006-01753**

**Forgery**

This case involved a suspect cashing counterfeit money orders at local convenient stores. He was arrested and charged.

**2006-03119**

**Child Abuse**

The mother of a 5 year old child reported finding bruises on her child after a visit to a local dentist. The investigation revealed the dentist did nothing improper and no charges were filed.

**2006-03909**

**Theft by Fraud**

The suspect in this case was writing dozens of worthless checks in Monona and Madison. He was identified and his Probation was revoked, sending him back to prison.

**2006-03569**

**Burglary**

Safe Burglary at a local business. The suspect was identified, arrested and charged with this Burglary and several others in the cities of Madison and Stoughton.

**2006-03250**

**Sexual Assault**

A 14 year old female reported being assaulted in the bathroom at Fireman's Park by male classmates. All involved were charged.

**2006-04342**

**Death Investigation**

A male who had attempted suicide in the past was successful this time as he sat on a park bench at Schluter Beach and discharged a firearm into his body.

**2006-04251**

**Robbery-Strong Arm-Injured Victim**

A 54 year old female was beaten and injured by two suspects as she walked to her car in the Copps Foods parking lot. Her injuries were the result of the suspects knocking her down to take her purse. The investigation produced two suspects who were arrested and charged.

**2006-04730**

**Burglary – Business**

An ATM machine was taken from inside of a local business during a Burglary. This is one of several similar incidents in Dane County. Detectives from several jurisdictions are working together to attempt to identify the suspect(s).

**2006-04987**

**Robbery – Armed**

**Action Insurance**

**2006-05034**

**Robbery – Armed**

**Guaranty Bank**

This was an Armed Robbery of Associated Bank at Copps Food Store preceded by an Armed Robbery of Action Insurance on W. Broadway. One suspect was arrested and charged. The second suspect was killed during an armed standoff with police.

**2006-05014**

**Sexual assault of a child.**

This case involved a 15 year old female and a 21 year old male having consensual sex. The male was arrested and charged with this crime and other similar incidents involving young girls.

**2006-05039**

**Residential burglary**

This was a Burglary to an apartment on Monona Drive. The suspect was identified and arrested.

**2006-05368**

**Fraud**

This case involved a worthless check in the amount of \$4,000.00 to a local business. The suspect was identified and an arrest warrant issued.

**2006-05514**

**Theft**

This was a theft of copper tubing in the amount of \$4,000.00. A suspect was identified, but could not be selected by the witnesses in the photo lineup. No charges were filed.

**2006-05304**

**2006-06252**

**2006-06454**

**2006-07005**

**Armed robbery**

These incidents involved four Armed Robberies at Mutual bank on Monona Drive. Nine other Armed Robberies were committed by the same suspects at other area banks.. (Both suspects were identified at the end of 2006 and charged with seven counts of Bank Robbery)

**2006-05554**

**Strong Armed Robbery**

The victim in this case claims unknown persons entered his apartment on Monona Drive and took property from him while pointing a firearm at him. The victim's versions of this incident kept changing and none were very believable. At this point it is not certain that this reported incident ever occurred.

**2006-05635**

**Battery**

This was a road rage incident that turned into a physical confrontation. One participant was arrested and charged with Battery.

**2006-05761**

**Forgery**

This case involved the arrest of a Madison high school student after he passed a counterfeit \$50.00 bill in the City of Monona.

**2006-03801**

**Theft**

This was reported as a theft of services when an employer discovered an employee was leaving the workplace without checking out on the time stamp clock. The District Attorney declined to charge, indicating the employer would have to obtain satisfaction in civil court.

**2006-06284**

**Criminal Damage To Property**

This case involved a stolen vehicle being intentionally rammed into a local business, causing thousands of dollars in damage. The suspect was identified and arrested.

**2006-06616****Theft**

The victim in this case returned from a two week stay in the hospital to find property missing from his apartment and his debit card used a few times at ATM's. It is believed the person responsible for caring for the victim is our suspect, but no charges have been filed due to lack of evidence.

**2006-06363****Fraud**

This case involves the use of counterfeit American Express gift cards. A suspect has been identified, but has not been located.

**2006-05745****Theft by Fraud**

A local business was defrauded by a suspect who paid for expensive repairs to his vehicle with a closed checking account. The suspect was charged.

**2006-06698****Weapons Violation**

A 13 year old male was arrested after he brought a loaded pellet gun to school.

**2006-07866****Fraud**

A complainant from California accepted a check from a local Monona business owner for almost \$2,000.00 in merchandise. The check was worthless and the owner of the Monona business has been referred to the DA's office for charges.

**2006-06309****OMVWI/Weapons Offense**

Patrol officers took a loaded firearm into custody after a traffic stop where the firearm was tossed from the vehicle. Latent prints were removed from the firearm to identify the correct suspect in this case as several people were in the vehicle.

**2006-06990****Ordinance Violation**

This case involved a complaint of strippers performing for a local men's group at a Monona business. The group, "The Old Bastards" have decided to move their meetings outside of the City of Monona and into the Village of McFarland.

## GOALS FOR 2006

The Monona Police Department strives to constantly and continually improve itself through goal setting and training opportunities. Goal achievements in 2006 included:

### **Public Safety Law Enforcement**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2007 GOALS:**

Continue working with other departments in Dane County with respect to sharing information through the New World Record Management System.

The TRACS programs have been installed into all of the marked squad laptops. It is anticipated that a majority of all written citations, written warnings and MV4000 traffic crash reports will be completed on the laptops for more accuracy and efficiency.

Continue monitoring and improvement of our web based services. This includes the Self Reporting program, viewing of traffic crash data and reports, and paying fines and citations.

Continued participation and improvements with our training consortium. Monona has partnered with the UW Madison PD for quarterly in-service training. With the current level of participation we seem to be better able to deliver a higher quality of training to meet the needs of both organizations. We anticipate training additional instructors from within our department to assist in the consortium. Specifically we will be adding a Defense and Arrest Tactics instructor and a Professional Communications instructor. Sworn personnel are required to attend State mandated emergency vehicle operation training in 2007. With the cities purchase of the Garden Circle area, it is anticipated these buildings will be used for in-service training and a joint exercise with the Monona Fire Department.

Continued development of the emergency response annexes as they apply to the Police and Dispatch sections.

Continue efforts to reduce the high rate of traffic accidents in the City of Monona by using focused traffic enforcement and traffic grants when available. Continue to work with other departments in the area in an effort to improve traffic safety.

Work with the new City Engineer on issues that relate to traffic problems and speed studies.

With the approval for hiring our 20<sup>th</sup> officer under the funding of the COPS grant, the position of Community Relations Officer is being established. In addition to providing guidance in preventative and educational measures, this officer is expected to organize and instruct in the Citizens Police Academy, be responsible for GIS mapping and crime analysis, planning review for safe environments, and have more contact with senior citizens and crime victims.

Officer Tom Brennan has announced his retirement effect August 1, 2007. This will open up the position of School Resource Officer, the job Tom has held for many years. This position is expected to be filled from among the current members of the police department.

With the expected opening of the new Wal-Mart Super Store in Fall of 2007 we will closely monitor traffic and criminal activity to determine the impact on our services to the community.

## **2006 GOAL ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Purchased, installed and activated the third of our in-car digital cameras. Funding for this project was accomplished using capital funds. An additional unit is included in the capital budget for 2007 to fully equip the marked patrol fleet.

TRACS software was installed in Department marked squad car computers. Training commenced late in 2006 and will continue through January of 2007. The traffic crash report application has been delayed due to circumstances outside the control of Monona PD.

TASERs were approved for use and purchased using funds available from a private donation. After much discussion and review our policy was crafted to incorporate the very latest information on this topic. All department personnel have been trained in the policy and use of the TASER.

A new self-reporting form was developed for citizens to file reports over our web site link. First incorporated in August of 2005, it has allowed citizens to file minor complaints that would normally take away from a patrol officer's time doing enforcement, or when officers would be delayed because of other calls. This has developed into a very valuable tool that makes us more accessible to our client base without detracting from other priority law enforcement needs.

The Madison Area Loss Prevention Association (MALPA) continues to be hosted by the Monona Police Department. The association consists of loss prevention personnel from over 30 retail businesses in Dane County and law enforcement officers. Each month a meeting is held at the Monona Police Department for the purposes of information sharing. In addition to the meetings the Monona Police Department provides this group with a secure area on the police department web site where they can post information about criminal activity in their stores along with suspect photos and information. Interest in this group has now spread to loss prevention and law enforcement personnel in the Milwaukee area and some have been given access to the web site to share in the information.

The police department was fully staffed for most of the year. This has had a very positive effect on service to the community, productivity, and morale on the department. On average we were only down one officer for just over two months in 2006.

In addition to quarterly in-service training, during 2006 operations personnel received additional training in the following areas: State mandated instructor update training; vehicle contacts; FBI National Academy Association, and Northwestern first line supervisor training. The following CVMIC classes were attended: supervisor training program; harassment training; fleet safety training; and in-custody death prevention training. The Detective Division personnel received specialized training in the following areas: Shaken Baby Syndrome, Financial Crimes, Cyberbot-Internet Crimes Against Children, Search Warrants (Creation and Legal Matters involving Search Warrants), Off-Line NCIC Search Training and Release of Information as it Concerns Juvenile Sex Offenders.

We have continued to seek additional “free training” for our officers using CVMIC and other associations (i.e., Wisconsin Department of Justice, The National White Collar Crime Center and the Mid-states Organized Crime Information Center). Because we are active members with these organizations we are often able to obtain free training with reimbursement for travel and lodging.

Dane County emergency management provided disaster preparedness training. This was grant funded training for an initial table top exercise. The exercise included participation by elected officials, outside agencies and all departments of the city.

Last spring police officers from Monona and Cottage Grove participated with the Fire Department to stage a mock OWI crash at the Monona-Grove High School. The scenario, which also included members from the Corner’s office and Med Flight, was viewed by students to dissuade them from becoming involved in drinking and driving incidents.

Monona officers have increased enforcement in the higher crash areas and have increased the number of citations issued at crashes. A crash problem will continue to exist in the Monona Drive corridor due to highway design. These concerns are being addressed in the planning stages for the reconstruction of Monona Dr. Officers also focused traffic enforcement efforts on Winnequah Road at Monona Drive and on the South end of Winnequah Road during road reconstruction. In the area of OWI traffic enforcement we increased from 70 OWI arrests in 2004, to 149 in 2005 and 202 in 2006. Some costs associated with our extra enforcement was recovered in our participation in the traffic grant project “DETER”, the goal of which was to reduce the number of speeding and OWI violations on the beltline.

Monona PD continues to participate in the County wide gang and drug task force.

#### **GOALS NOT ACHIEVED IN 2006:**

Patrol Sergeant Brian Redman resigned in December 2006 for employment with the McFarland Police Department. Brian was a valuable member of our department and we shall miss him.

The Citizen’s Police Academy, cancelled in 2004 due to budget constraints, remained inactive through 2006.

## **Public Safety Emergency Communications**

#### **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 2007 GOALS:**

Continue implementation of the New World CAD and Record Management System.

Approval was granted in the 2007 operations budget to hire and train a 5<sup>th</sup> full-time dispatcher to provide improved 24 hour staffing.

For the first time in recent history dispatchers are going to be receiving additional formal annual training.

In an effort to assist with an increase in court activity, at least one of the full time dispatchers will be cross-trained to provide partial assistance with the Court Clerk's duties.

As part of the City Hall capital plan, the 911 room located in the communications area is scheduled for an expansion and upgrade. This room currently houses all equipment for city services (i.e., phone system, computer servers, radio transmitters and receivers, digital recorders, camera systems, alarms, etc.). For improved access for service and expansion, and a better climate controlled environment this area is long overdue for modernization.

### **GOAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2006:**

In order to provide improved staffing responsibilities, Lieutenant Rich O'Connor was assigned to the supervision of the communications section.

In February of 2006 we had to hire and train two new full-time dispatchers, followed by a third full-time dispatcher in May of 2006. The problem we were encountering was that the full-timers could not be granted appropriate leave time due to understaffing. The 2007 operations budget was approved with an additional full-time position added to the communications staff. This will hopefully relieve some of the stress, burnout and high turnover rate associated with this critical position.

### **GOALS NOT ACHIEVED IN 2006:**

With staffing issues and high turnover rate, dispatch personnel were not cross-trained with the Court Clerk duties in 2006.

## USE OF FORCE REPORT

March 15, 2006: Officers dealt with an uncooperative strong armed robbery suspect. The suspect was apprehended within a short time of robbing the Walgreen's. A conducted energy weapon (TASER) was pointed at the suspect, with the laser pointer activated. The suspect then complied with officer commands. As a result of the compliance it was not necessary to activate the weapon.

March 28, 2006: Officers were in a very brief low speed pursuit of a violator who refused to stop for officers. The vehicle speed did not exceed 36 mph. The pursuit was from Garden Circle to the area of Owen Rd between Pheasant Hill Rd and Bridge Rd. Due to the nature of the incident a firearm was drawn, but not used. The suspect complied and was taken into custody without incident.

May 15, 2006: Officer held suspect at gunpoint. Suspect was wanted by Madison PD for vehicle theft. It was reported that the suspect was armed with a gun. Monona officer found the vehicle and suspect on St Theresa Terrace. While fleeing, the officer observed the suspect reaching underneath his shirt and behind his back (a common area of the body for secreting a weapon). The officer drew his side arm and commanded the suspect to stop. The suspect fled from the officer. The suspect was later apprehended in one of the nearby buildings. The weapon he had been carrying was found near the area where the officer first made contact with the suspect.

May 29, 2006: Officer drew weapon while making a high risk traffic stop. Suspect failed to stop for the officer. Once the suspect vehicle had pulled over, the suspect driver began to exit the vehicle, as if to flee. The officer drew his service weapon and gained verbal control of the suspect, taking the suspect into custody.

June 15, 2006: Officers stopped a stolen vehicle. Due to the high threat nature of this type of encounter side arms were drawn. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.

August 2, 2006 – An Officer was in a short pursuit of a traffic violator. The pursuit (which was being monitored by the on-duty supervisor) was terminated by the officer, as continuing the pursuit would have been a violation of Department policy. Had the officer continued with the activity, the supervisor would have terminated the pursuit.

August 5, 2006: Two officers contacted a suspect who was creating a disturbance at South Towne mall. The suspect had made comments about having explosives he could use. Due to the potential threat, one officer drew his duty weapon. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

August 30, 2006: An officer was in foot pursuit with a fleeing suspect wanted for traffic. The suspect ran into an overgrown bushy area to hide and the officer followed. The suspect then prepared to lunge at and attack the officer. The officer deployed his TASER to interrupt the

attack by the suspect. The suspect was apprehended without injury to either the suspect or the officer. The suspect was wanted on several warrants and had a prior homicide conviction for which he only served 5 years in prison.

September 12, 2006: A suspect stopped for drunk driving became resistive and tried to pull away from the arresting officer. The arresting officer placed the suspect on the ground to gain control and complete the physical arrest.

September 17, 2006: An officer checking the trailer park at night for a suspicious person observed movement from between trailers and then was confronted with an individual, dressed in black with a belt with objects on the belt. As a precaution, the officer drew their duty weapon when confronted with the suspicious subject. The individual complied with the officers instructions and was properly identified.

October, 14, 2006 –While conducting a drunken driving traffic stop the front seat passenger threw a loaded firearm out of the vehicle. Officers removed all vehicle occupants at gun point. The incident was resolved peacefully, with the driver and passenger both being arrested.

November 16, 2006: Intoxicated suspect resisted arrest. Officers applied a compliance hold to control the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody without further difficulty.

November 22, 2006: Officers were aware that the suspect had fled from Cottage Grove Police (about a month prior) and at that time a gun had been found in the suspect vehicle. Officers drew duty weapons as this was now a high risk traffic stop. Suspect was taken into custody without incident on two outstanding warrants and the weapons violation charge from Cottage Grove PD.

December 2, 2006: Officers responded to a Domestic Dispute with knives being brandished by the suspect. Officers made contact at the apartment of the disturbance. Officers had a firearm and ECD drawn. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The knives were found in the suspect's room.

December 2, 2006: Officers assisted the Madison Police Department on a high risk traffic stop. The suspect had a known violent history from an earlier call that evening where shots were fired and expended shell casings were found at the scene. Officers drew their handguns. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.