

**MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**



**MAY 2021**

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

In May of 2021, the Operations Division handled 38 vehicle crashes and issued 31 traffic warnings, 90 traffic citations, and one parking ticket. Our calls total for May was 908 calls for service.

### **Training**

All Officers attended an 8-hour State required Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control (EVOC) In-Service either on a date in May or in June.

Lt. Wiegel watched the 1-hour PBS Documentary: *Jim Crow of the North*, regarding housing segregation via redlining and restrictive housing covenants in the Minneapolis area. This was recommended as a part of week 16 of the United Way's 21-week Equity Challenge. I highly recommend this documentary. It can be found on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWQfDbbQv9E>

Officer Flora attended the REID Interview and Interrogation training. This 24-hour training was held at the WCTC Campus.

Officer Flora attend the 8-hour Advanced REID Interview and Interrogation training held at the WCTC Campus.

SRO Wunsch attended the following webinars in May:

An Exploration of Family-Facilitated Child Sex Trafficking (1.25 hours)

Human Trafficking: What Educators Need to Know (1 hour)

Searching Without a Warrant (1 hour)

5 Layers of School Safety (1 hour),

Averting Targeted School Violence (2 hours)

Officers Flora and Hoffman attended a 2-hour webinar on Cultural Competence.

### **Speed Trailer**

To request the speed trailer in your neighborhood contact Community Relations Officer Nathan Reynolds at [nreynolds@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:nreynolds@ci.monona.wi.us)

### **Security Checks**

Officers performed 33 security checks in the month of May. A security check is when an Officer goes into a business and walks around to meet with staff to discuss any problems that the businesses are aware of. This also serves as a deterrent for theft. For the overnight shift, this entails checking the perimeter of the business and pulling on doors to make sure the businesses are secure.

## **Retail Thefts**

There were 24 retail theft cases in May, up quite a few from the 11 cases in April. Around 40 cases are typical in a month. These cases can be time consuming if the suspect flees and follow-up outside the City is necessary.

## **Use of Force Incidents**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 9:27 p.m. an Officer observed a vehicle traveling 84 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. A stop was attempted but the driver accelerated in speed and deactivated its lights. An officer was nearby and was going to attempt to deploy a tire deflation device but the vehicle passed his location before that could be done. The pursuit was then terminated. (MO21-3576) Driver not identified.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:55 p.m. an Officer attempted to make a stop on a vehicle with an expired temporary tag. The vehicle driver rapidly accelerated and the pursuit was terminated. (MO21-4361). Driver not identified.

## **Citizen Complaints**

There were no formal citizen complaints in May. One person did make an informal complaint about the lack of follow up for a specific incident and in review of the matter, the person was absolutely correct, and the Officer was issued written discipline.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Shift Monthly Report** (Highlighted events)

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 11:43 a.m., an Officer was dispatched to a local hotel as the maid found what was believed to be drugs on the dresser of one of the rooms. The Officer responded and determined it was crack cocaine. The person who rented the room was from out of town and was apparently on the hotel's banned customer list due to prior drug use, but the night clerk missed the notice.  
(MO21-03649)

## Officer Overtime Analysis

<b>2021</b>	JAN Hrs	FEB Hrs	MAR Hrs	APR Hrs	MAY Hrs	TOTAL HRS To Date	APPROX COST To Date
TRAINING CONSORTIUM (In-Service)	17	-	63.5	-	24	104.5	\$5,813
TRAINING CONSORTIUM (Instructors for In-Service)	8.5	-	8	-	8	24.5	\$1,363
OTHER REQUIRED TRAINING (ECIR/Radar/CPR/K9)	8	15	8	56	24	111	\$6,175
OPTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING	-	-	12.5	20.5	-	33	\$1,836
SICK LEAVE Coverage	4	16	20	42	24	106	\$5,897
VACATION Coverage	16	28	28	24	32	128	\$7,121
FLOATING HOLIDAY Coverage	-	12	-	8	8	28	\$1,558
FMLA Coverage (Work injury, baby leave, etc)	-	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
COURT	19	14	33.25	23	13	102.25	\$5,688
LATE/EARLY CALL or SERIOUS INCIDENT	42.5	3	13	21	3.25	82.75	\$4,603
Special Event (Meeting, Parade, Festival, Drug Work)	1	24	4.25	1.5	9.5	40.25	\$2,239
Mental Health Case	-	7	1	-	-	8	\$445
Officer Dispatch Coverage	-	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
MG High School OT (Reimbursed)	-	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
TRAFFIC GRANT (Reimbursed)	27	28.5	44	68	36	203.5	\$11,321
TASK FORCE (Reimbursed)	-	-	-	-	-	0	\$0
TOTAL HRS	143.00	147.50	235.50	264.00	181.75	971.75	
Expense Per Month @ average OT rate \$55.63 / HR	\$7,955	\$8,205	\$13,101	\$14,686	\$10,111		\$54,058

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## **2nd Shift**

In May of 2021, Officers conducted 41 traffic stops, handled 9 Retail Thefts, and 34 vehicle crashes.

The following are some of the cases second shift handled this month.

As construction continues on the beltline, so do the crashes. Afternoon and late night shifts have seen a dramatic increase in crashes the past two months due to vehicles following too closely and inattentive driving.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, around 4:56 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the area of Monona Dr. and Tompkins Drive, for what the caller thought were 20 gun shots. Madison Police Department was also dispatched to check the area east of there, towards Stoughton Rd. Monona Officers checked the area and did not locate any evidence of a shooting.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> at about 8:05 p.m. Officers were sent to Pier 37 near Staples for a physical fight. Callers reported two people fighting. When Officers arrived they made contact with the suspects. Both suspects were cited and released.

Sergeant Jeremy Winge is the 2nd shift patrol supervisor and can be contacted at:  
[jwinge@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:jwinge@ci.monona.wi.us)

### **3rd Shift May 2021 Monthly Report**

During the month of May, third shift officers for the Monona Police Department conducted 13 traffic stops, resulting in 3 citations and 10 warnings. Four additional traffic stops were attempted however, the vehicles eluded officers. Officers arrested one individual for operating while intoxicated, investigated two accidents, and responded to several disturbance calls.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 11:29 p.m. Monona Police Officers responded to an armed robbery at McDonald's, located at 2051 W. Broadway. The investigation determined an unidentified male entered the premise through an unlocked door, implied he had a gun and stole an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency. The case was forwarded to the Detective Division.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:42 a.m. Officers responded to a check property on the 6300 block of Winnequah Rd. The investigation determined that two males arrived at this location and cut a catalytic converter off a vehicle parked on the street. The investigation is ongoing.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:22 a.m. Officers responded to Wal-Mart for a suspicious vehicle. Dispatch ran the registration plate on the vehicle, which came back stolen through the City of Madison. The owner of the vehicle was contacted, and requested the vehicle be towed. A review of store surveillance shows the vehicle being abandoned in the parking lot a few hours prior, with the occupants getting into another vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:07 a.m. Officers assisted with a high risk traffic stop that was conducted on HWY 51 just north of the City of Monona. A woman reported she and her three children were being held at gunpoint inside a vehicle being driven by her boyfriend. Law enforcement was tracking the vehicle which was stopped near Monona. The suspect was taken into custody and the handgun was recovered.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:02 a.m. Officers responded to Kwik Trip for a two vehicle accident. Because of the investigation, the driver who struck another car in the parking lot was arrested for OWI 1<sup>st</sup>, offense with a B.A.C. of .13.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:28 a.m. an Officer patrolling the area heard gunshots coming from the area of Breakwater, 6308 Inland Way. During this, dispatch received multiple calls for the weapons violations. Officers arrived on scene and observed a large crowd dispersing from the area. Officers located multiple shell casings and damaged vehicles from the gunfire. No injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing.

Sergeant Adam Nachreiner is 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol supervisor and can be contacted at [anachreiner@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:anachreiner@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **Community Relations Officer May '21 Notable Activities**

\*Kicked off Good Neighbor Project Throughout May

05/01- Race Day Event

05/06- Updated PD Website

05/11- LRC Meeting

05/11- Sun Run & Solar Plunge Meeting at Schluter Beach

05/14- License Check w/Sunny Massage upon their re-opening

05/14- Investigated/Followed-Up/Made Arrest regarding Hit & Run Crash

USHWY12/South Towne Drive

05/15- Allied Drive Bike Rodeo

05/18- Problem Oriented Policing Conference Sun Prairie PD

05/18- Virtual Amigos en Azul Meeting

05/19- Meeting with School Board President Loreen Gage at Monona PD

05/20- LRC Meeting

\*Placed Speed Trailer in 6200blk Bridge Road & 600blk W Dean Ave

\*Continued to Update Emergency Key Holder Directory reference Monona Businesses

\*Reviewed License Requests throughout May

## INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

### Detective Unit

During the month of May, 56 cases were reviewed for possible referral to the Investigative Division.

Crime	Number of Cases
Burglary	1
Death Investigation	1
Drug Investigation	1
Fraud	4
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Retail Theft	24
Robbery – Armed	2
Stolen Vehicle	2
Theft	14
Threats	3
Weapons Violation	3

Members of the Investigative Unit were assigned to review and/or assist with many of the current and past incidents.

### Current Investigations

#### **MO21-03711 – HIT AND RUN**

Detectives assisted patrol with a hit-and-run crash on the beltline. Detectives located the suspect vehicle after it was ditched behind a local business.

#### **MO20-06272 WEAPONS VIOLATION**

Detectives closed a case from last summer when a house was shot up. Detectives followed many leads over the past year, developed one suspect, but no criminal charges resulted from this investigation.

#### **MO21-04505 - DRUG INVESTIGATION**

Detectives are investigating a subject who is allegedly selling drugs at a location in Monona. The subject does have previous history of similar behavior.

#### **MO21-03983 – RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO**

An abandoned stolen vehicle was found in the underground parking lot of Walmart. The Mercedes Benz was partially stripped of parts. Video showed another probable stolen vehicle arriving along with this stolen vehicle that likely picked up the driver of the stolen vehicle. There are currently no viable leads to work this case.

### **MO21-03550 – ROBBERY**

This was a robbery that occurred at McDonald's South. A suspect came inside the restaurant and proceeded to the back office where a manager was located. The suspect removed a large amount of cash from the safe and left on foot. This case is still under investigation.

### **MO21-04341 – WEAPONS VIOLATION**

This was a disturbance in the parking lot of Breakwater. Two different vehicles were shot up after numerous rounds were fired. A detective was called in to assist with the investigation. There was no evidence located at the scene to suggest any person had been injured. Officers on scene attempted to contact patrons who were at the scene but received virtually no cooperation. Detectives are awaiting video from the establishment. The incident is still under investigation.

### **Other Activities**

Property room management

Municipal court officer duties

In-service instructing

Auto theft task force meeting

Assisted Madison with their internal Detective promotion process

Background investigation and PFC consulting

Evidence work with DCI

Purchasing of new equipment for our department

If you have information to provide in these or other incidents, please contact:

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Det. Matthew Bomkamp can be contacted at [mbomkamp@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:mbomkamp@ci.monona.wi.us)

## **School Resource Officer**

The month of May brought some warmer weather, further construction on the high school football field, and some parking issues. I issued 4 parking citations to students who parked in reserved staff spots.

A refresher on ALICE (Active Threat Response) to include table top scenarios, was conducted in the high school student's advisory class. Additionally, safety scenarios were presented to high school administration and possible responses were discussed. The scenarios encompassed all security, not just active threats.

On 05/04/21, a concerned parent called stating her elementary aged daughter overheard another student talking about blowing up the school. Winnequah Elementary administration spoke with the student and determined there was no threat. Due to the history with the student, I recommended to administration a threat assessment be done. A threat assessment team was developed to discuss the topic and the decision was made to not conduct a threat assessment at the time.

On 05/13/21, a high school student came into the main office and reportedly saw a handgun in another student's backpack. The alleged suspect was unknown to the reporter. After further discussion, interviews, and video footage review, no handgun or any other weapons were located.

On 05/18/21, Winnequah Elementary principal called me and reported a student had sent a photo of himself holding a handgun to another student. The other student was viewing the photo while he was in class and the teacher saw the photo. The two students were friends and there were not any threats or comments made with the photo. After a thorough investigation and several interviews, it was determined the photo was of a BB gun. The photo had been taken approximately 8 months earlier. The BB gun belonged to a former friend of the student. The student's parents were contacted and he did not have any weapons in the house or access to any weapons. I recommended a threat assessment be done on the student and was told the concern would be passed along to district office.

Additional information on Wisconsin School Threat Assessment Protocols can be found at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/office-school-safety/school-safety-resources>

School Resource Officer Luke Wunsch can be contacted at [Lwunsch@ci.monona.wi.us](mailto:Lwunsch@ci.monona.wi.us)

## Citation and Arrest Statistics

During the month of May, the Monona Police issued numerous traffic citations, municipal ordinance (non-traffic) citations, parking citations and warnings. In addition, there were many referrals for charges. See the detail below.

Traffic Citations	95
Municipal Ordinance Citations	22
Parking Citations	8
Traffic Warnings	31
Adult Arrests & Referrals	7
Juvenile Arrests & Referrals	0
Warrant Arrest	1
Eligible CRC Referrals	0

Each of the adult and juvenile arrests and referrals take at least an hour of the Dispatchers' time to complete the reports and intake paperwork for the Dane County District Attorney's Office. Once completed these forms and reports are reviewed by the Investigations Lieutenant before submitting them to the DA's Office. Each of these submissions is reviewed for referral to the Dane County Community Restorative Court (CRC). CRC is a program to address youthful offenders, age 17 – 25, with little or no Criminal History in a restorative justice model as an alternative to formal criminal charges. The CRC Referrals line above shows the number of Adult Arrests & Referrals who qualified to participate in CRC. Offenders who fail to complete CRC are referred back to the DA's Office for formal charging.

## Dispatch

The Monona Communications Center answers business line calls for Police, Fire, and EMS incidents. Calls for service for Fire and EMS are transferred to the Dane County Communications Center for dispatching of Monona Fire and EMS personnel. The Monona Communications Center advises Police of high priority Fire and EMS calls in the event Officer Response is required. Many of the business line calls include routine phone calls from citizens who are not only seeking police assistance, but also assistance with processing citation payments, requesting police records and general assistance. The dispatchers are also responsible for preparing and filing officer reports, citations, accidents, parking, UCR reporting and many other routine daily duties.

During the month of May, Dispatchers handled 908 calls for service. Most of these calls for service were received on the non-emergency lines, via personal reporting at the Police Department, transfers from the Dane County Communications Center or as self-initiated calls directly from Monona Officers.

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