

West Allis Police Annual Report



2024



Message from the Chief of Police

The Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, Members of the Common Council, and Citizens of West Allis

On behalf of the men and women of the West Allis Police Department (WAPD), I thank you for taking the time to read our 2024 Annual Report. The West Allis Police Department is comprised of 126 sworn officers and 31 civilian members, who provide 24 hour a day service to residents and visitors. West Allis, with a population of approximately 60,000 residents, is a predominantly urban city which is a first tier suburb of the City of Milwaukee. The WAPD members work cooperatively with other government agencies as well as police departments and state and federal law enforcement agencies in the region.

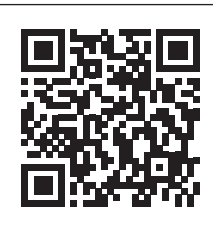
This report will provide information on department organization, leadership, operations, programs, and statistics. I hope that the report provides insight into the daily activities of department personnel and the positive impacts which department members make within the community.

During 2024, members of the WAPD continued to place an emphasis on traffic enforcement and performed approximately 9,000 traffic stops. The goal of traffic stops is to increase motorist and pedestrian safety. The WAPD continued to utilize Flock cameras to detect wanted vehicles traveling throughout the City, which led to several arrests for serious and violent crimes.

Department members, in cooperation with community members, continued to rapidly identify and respond to crime trends. The City experienced significant crime reductions in every major category, which will be explained in greater detail in this annual report.

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2024 Accomplishments



Reduction in Crime

Achieved a 19% reduction in crime compared to 2023.

Homicides drop to Zero

No homicides occurred in 2024, a 100% reduction compared to 2023.

Flock Cameras Enhance Crime Investigation

Continued to utilize an extensive network of Flock (automatic license plate reader) cameras as a valuable investigative tool to apprehend offenders.

Traffic Stops Increased

Conducted 9,449 traffic stops – a 5% increase compared to 2023.

Strengthening Community

Conducted 10 Community Police Academy sessions and three Landlord Trainings.

RNC Security

Deployed the SWAT Team and Suburban Major Incident Response Team to the Republican National Convention for event security.

Successful Recruitment

Conducted a recruitment period which resulted in the hiring of nine Police Officers, three Community Service Officers, and three Dispatchers.

Security Provided for Campaign Visits

Provided security for two Vice President Kamala Harris visits and one campaign visit for Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz.

Teaming Up Together

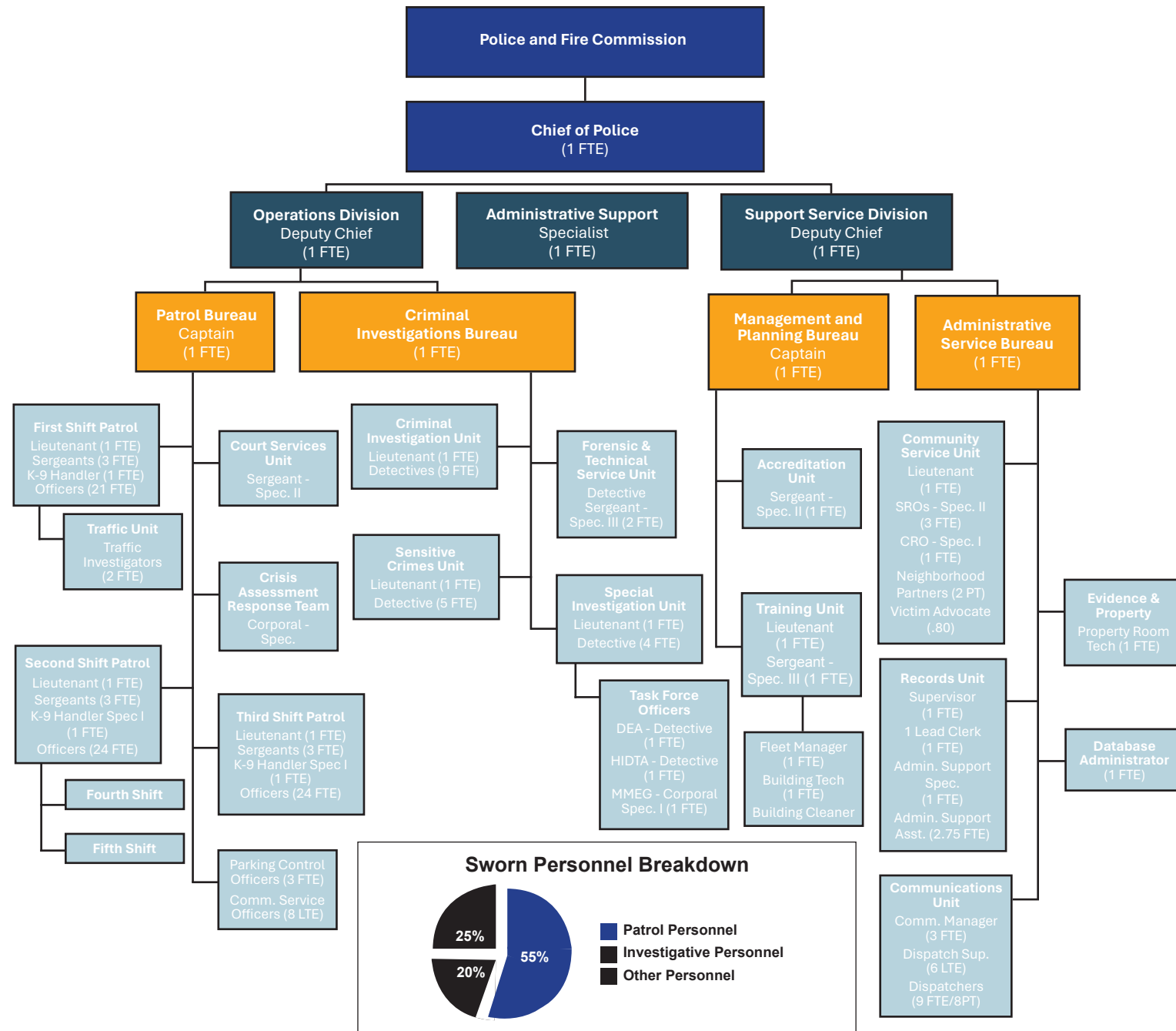
Conducted an Active Threat Tabletop exercise in conjunction with the West Allis West Milwaukee School District along with neighboring police and fire departments and school districts.

Neighborhood Partnership Meetings Continue

Conducted quarterly Neighborhood Partnership meetings.

West Allis Police Department

Organization Chart



Mission and Vision Statements

Mission: The West Allis Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community through the protection of life and property, fair and unbiased law enforcement, and community partnerships.

Vision: The vision of the West Allis Police Department is to provide the best possible opportunity in which to live, work and raise a family in a safe community by minimizing both the reality and perception of crime.

Goal and Objectives:

Reckless Driving Deterrence Campaign

- Utilize Flock Cameras to reduce crime and reckless driving.
- Emphasis on increasing issuance of reckless driving citations.
- Apply Negligent Operation of Vehicle statute when appropriate.
- Designated officers assigned to each shift for traffic enforcement.

Establish and Enhance Community Partnerships

- West Allis Night Out.
- Citizen Police Academy.
- Conduct citizen educational programs.
- Regular meetings with neighborhood associations.

Promote Healthy Neighborhoods

- The WAPD Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) focuses on assisting and connecting individuals with mental health resources.

Values:

The men and women of the West Allis Police Department are committed to upholding the following values:

- Loyalty.
- Excellence.
- Human life.
- Our role in the community.
- Empathy and compassion.
- Teamwork and cooperation.
- Integrity and ethical behavior at all times.
- Inter- and intradepartmental communication.
- Respect for the Rule of Law and the dignity of all.
- Responsibility and accountability for our actions.

Accreditation

The department earned re-accreditation through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) in March 2022.

Key Services

Prompt responses to citizen calls for service
 | Proactive patrols | Criminal investigations |
 Community outreach





Administration



In addition to the chief of police, the administrative office consists of the deputy chief of operations and the deputy chief of support services.

Deputy Chief - Operations, Robert Fletcher (left)

Robert Fletcher earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor (Law) Degree from Marquette University and served for 5.5 years as an Assistant District Attorney with the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office. He is also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Public Manager Program and the FBI National Academy. Deputy Chief Fletcher was sworn in as a police officer with the West Allis Police Department in 2003. Since then, he served as a sergeant managing the WAPD's accreditation, a captain assigned to Administration, and most recently, a Deputy Chief. Currently, Deputy Chief Fletcher commands the Operations Division which encompasses the Patrol Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Deputy Chief - Support Services, Christopher Marks (right)

Christopher Marks earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice and Public Policy from Concordia University. Additionally, Deputy Chief Marks is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University - School of Police Staff and Command. Deputy Chief Marks started his career at the West Allis Police Department in 1998 as a dispatcher and was hired as a police officer in 1999. Throughout his tenure with the WAPD, he served as a detective, lieutenant, and captain serving in both operational and administrative assignments. Currently, he serves as a Deputy Chief commanding the Support Service Division which encompasses Management & Planning Bureau and Administrative Service Bureau.

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Patrol Bureau

Traffic Enforcement

The reduction of reckless driving remained a priority for the Patrol Bureau. Throughout 2024, police officers conducted over 9,000 traffic stops. During the month of October, the Patrol Bureau conducted a Traffic Initiative targeting reckless driving behaviors in the City of West Allis in partnership with the Wisconsin State Patrol. The initiative resulted in 90 traffic stops, issuance of 57 citations, 141 warnings for various violations and 12 arrests.

Community Oriented Policing

To better connect with the community, police officers conduct regular patrols on foot (park and walks) and by bike. In 2024, police officers conducted 2,154 park and walks. Officers certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) were deployed for patrols throughout the spring and summer months.

Patrol Sections

To ensure uniform coverage, the police department divides the City into three geographical Patrol Sections: East, Center and West. Shift Commanders assign police officers long term to a Patrol Section which enables them to become familiar with the needs of the City's many neighborhoods.



Captain Todd Clementi commands the Patrol Bureau and is assisted by three lieutenants.

Captain Todd Clementi commands the Patrol Bureau which delivers services to approximately 60,000 West Allis citizens who reside in the center of a metro-area with a population of more than 1.5 million people. The men and women assigned to the Patrol Bureau responded to more than 51,000 calls for service this year.

Community Events

Popular events such as the Cheese Wheel Classic Bike Race, Cream City 5K, and the Independence Day and Christmas parades drew thousands of spectators. The Wisconsin State Fair drew over 1 million visitors over an 11-day period. The Patrol Bureau plays an integral role in securing public safety and traffic management during these heavily attended events.



Lieutenant Jonathan Fabrycki

Second shift patrol officers work from 3–11 p.m. under the direction of Lieutenant Jonathan Fabrycki. Comprised of three Sergeants, one K-9 team and 20 Police Officers, these men and women respond to a wide variety of calls for service during the City's most active time of day.

Second shift officers handle a wide variety of calls, while also making time to enforce traffic laws, perform foot patrols and contribute to crime prevention efforts. Officers also frequently conduct compliance checks of West Allis businesses licensed to sell tobacco and alcohol products.

Second shift also deploys bike patrol officers during the summer months, when staffing allows, to be more interactive and visible with the citizens of the community. This is done in an effort to continually find ways to connect with the citizens of West Allis.

Targeted Patrol Initiative

With input gathered from the department's crime analyst, police officers assigned to the Targeted Patrol Initiative conduct surveillance and proactive patrols in identified hot spots throughout the city. When staffing allows, second shift utilizes either a two-officer squad, or two officers working in tandem, to target and reduce crime in specific high crime areas of the city. The Targeted Patrol Initiative goal is to disrupt the criminal element through the interdiction of illegal drugs and illegal firearms.

Since its activation in 2018, the initiative has produced a number of drug and gun arrests based on self-initiated and proactive traffic stops in these identified areas.

DWI Enforcement

In 2024, second shift officers made 141 OWI arrests. 108 of these arrests involved alcohol and the remaining 33 involved controlled substance impairment.

Patrol Bureau

First, Second and Third Shift

Second Shift

Repeat Offender Prevention Enforcement (ROPE) Program

Second shift officers continued to work collaboratively with agents from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to ensure compliance with court-imposed restrictions by those under probation/parole supervision. One day a month for approximately four hours (6 p.m.–10 p.m.), two agents from probation and parole conduct home visits with several of their clients that reside in the City of West Allis. This is done to make sure their clients are following the conditions of their probation/parole.

Two second shift officers are assigned to accompany the probation and parole agents on home visits to assist with this process. Individuals who demonstrate their unwillingness to comply with the conditions of their probation/parole may be taken into custody and ordered to serve the remainder of their sentence within a secure correctional facility.

HWY 100 Initiative

During the summer of 2024, second shift officers conducted an aggressive traffic enforcement campaign (HWY 100 Initiative), in conjunction with State Patrol, with the goal of curtailing reckless driving, cruising, speeding, OWI, loitering and any other violations that negatively impact area residents' quality of life. This initiative was deployed on the weekends from 7 p.m.–11 p.m. when increased traffic was expected, due to warm weather and "cruising" trends.

The HWY 100 Initiative begins Memorial Day weekend and ends Labor Day weekend. The 2024 initiative resulted in the following approximate statistics:

- 305 Traffic Stops
- 23 Traffic Citations Issued
- 9 Arrests Made

These statistics do not include activity generated by the Wisconsin State Patrol during their time in our city associated with this initiative.

First, Second and Third Shift

First Shift



Headed up by the leadership team of Lieutenant Christopher Beldin, Sergeant Megan Stikl, Sergeant Ricky Orlowski, and Sergeant Kevin Schmidt, the veteran police officers assigned to the day shift provide high visibility patrols to deter crime and reckless driving in a city that doubles in population during the daytime hours with both workers and visitors. Day shift police officers regularly conduct park and walks throughout the City's many parks, neighborhoods, and the downtown business district.

Home to some of the state's most heavily traveled arterial roadways, two Traffic Investigators handle complex crash investigations, some requiring sophisticated mapping and detailed reconstruction utilizing highly advanced equipment. In addition, Corporal Paul Taylor is the day shift Crisis Assessment and Response Team Officer (CART) and is paired with a Mental Health Clinician from Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services. Together Corporal Taylor and the clinician respond to calls with people experiencing a mental health crisis.

Throughout 2024, day shift police officers continued to support the work of the West Allis Police Department's victim advocate by accompanying her on follow-up visits with high-risk domestic violence victims.

(Left to right) Lieutenant Christopher Beldin, Sergeants Megan Stikl, Ricky Orlowski and Kevin Schmidt.

Patrol Bureau

First, Second and Third Shift

Second Shift



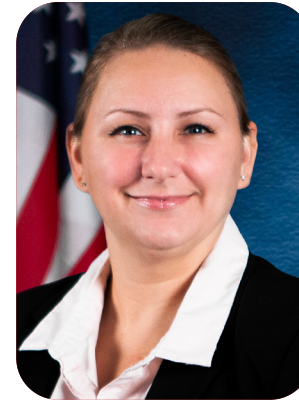
Wisconsin State Fair

Second shift monitors the nightly closing of the Wisconsin State Fair. As with the past several years, no major incidents occurred related to the Wisconsin State Fair in 2024.

Second shift continually strives to ensure the safety of visitors to the City and the State Fair through high visibility foot and bike patrols within the neighborhoods surrounding the Wisconsin State Fair Park, while also handling other

calls for service in the City between 3–11 p.m.

Foot and bike patrol officers are not only very visible to the general public but are invaluable when it comes to moving quickly from one location to another around State Fair Park, compared to squad cars, due to the heavy vehicle traffic on city streets associated with the fair.



Patrol Bureau

First, Second and Third Shift

Third Shift

DWI Investigations

Third shift officers have historically, and continue to make, the most arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI).

- DWI Due to Alcohol: 139
- DWI Due to Drugs: 28
- Total DWI arrests: 167

The WAPD has several Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) who have the capability to evaluate individuals suspected to be under the influence of a drug while operating a vehicle. To become a certified DRE, officers must complete a demanding training and certification process. Due to their unique skill set, DREs are highly valued and are often times asked to respond to neighboring jurisdictions to assist law enforcement partners with DWI investigations.

Stolen Vehicles

Unfortunately, West Allis has not been immune to the stolen vehicle epidemic that continues to plague the Metro Milwaukee region. Recently, the department began using specially designed Terminator tire deflation devices to be used on stationary vehicles. The combination of Flock (automatic license plate cameras), Stop Stick and Terminator tire deflation devices, and the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT), enabled third shift officers to quickly end pursuits. Those arrested often have lengthy and violent criminal histories for offenses such as recklessly endangering safety, possession of firearms by felons and homicide. Additionally, officers regularly seize significant amounts of illegal firearms, drugs and money generated from street level narcotic sales at the conclusion of these vehicular pursuits.

Flock

Flock cameras read license plates and send real-time alerts to officers when the cameras identify license plates that match those on “hot lists” of cars that are stolen or otherwise of interest to law enforcement. Flock cameras serve as a force multiplier that has enabled the department to improve its operational and investigative efficiency. During 2024, Flock cameras in West Allis resulted in the following:

- 58 felony arrests
- 36 Misdemeanor arrests
- 18 arrests for municipal ordinance violations
- Eight warrant arrests

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is a component of the Patrol Bureau staffed by two specially trained Traffic Investigators. Traffic Investigators conduct traffic enforcement, investigate motor vehicle crashes, review crash reports submitted by police officers, and digital reconstruction of crashes and major crime scenes. In 2024, the WAPD responded to:

- 425 traffic crashes involving injury and (3 fatalities)
- 1,161 traffic crashes involving property damage only
- Total: 1,586 reportable traffic crashes

DWI Enforcement

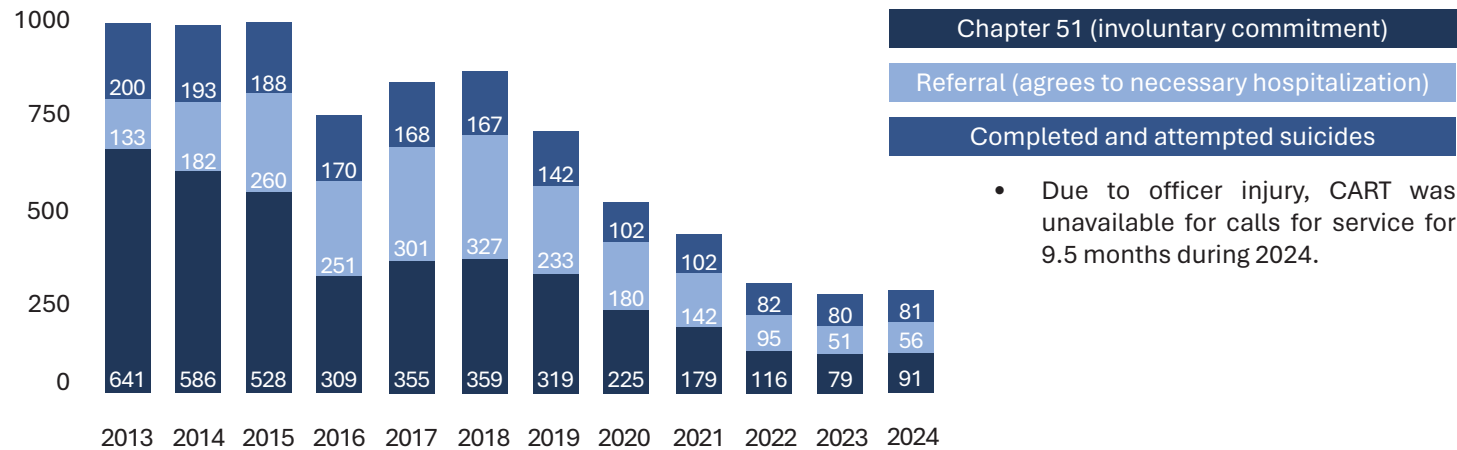
The West Allis Police Officers make some of the most DWI arrests in the Metro Milwaukee region. The department continues to take an aggressive stance against impaired driving. During 2024, officers arrested 354 people for DWI.

Crisis Assessment Response Team

The West Allis Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)

A mental health crisis may manifest itself in an individual regardless of race, gender, age, sex, or socio-economic status. The West Allis Police Department was an early implementer of the Crisis Assessment Response Team. Today, the WAPD CART serves as a model and training resource for other agencies interested in starting their own programs. Staffed by a police corporal and a clinician from the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Department, CART assists people struggling with thoughts or plans of self-harm, harm to others, psychosis, and suicide. CART provides safety planning, stabilization, and education for these individuals.

2024 Mental Health Statistics



Sensitive Crimes Unit (SCU)

Lieutenant Michael Sitter supervises five detectives who investigate crimes involving some of the community's most vulnerable individuals. SCU detectives investigate sexual assaults, elder abuse, child abuse and delinquent acts committed by children. SCU also investigates cases of missing and/or endangered juveniles and adults. The personnel assigned to the SCU work in partnership with social service agencies in an effort to protect children in our community.



Child Abuse Review Team

Throughout 2024, SCU continued to participate in the Child Abuse Review Team (CART) which met monthly. Comprised of law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical professionals, victim advocates, mental health providers and the public school system, CART strives to minimize trauma to child victims. Through CART, children and families are supported through the use of training, culturally sensitive advocates and mental health providers who respond to trauma in an informed and compassionate way.

Internet Crimes Against Children

The West Allis Police Department is an affiliate of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program. The ICAC program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 3,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. It is an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet. The department investigated 28 ICAC referrals throughout 2024.

Sex Offender Registration

SCU detectives continuously review the status of sex offenders who live in the City and may be in violation of the city's ordinance regarding residency restrictions. SCU Detectives registered 14 sex offenders throughout 2024.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Led by Lieutenant James Cato, SIU includes one detective sergeant, six detectives and two corporals who investigate drug-related offenses. Three SIU investigators staff the following drug task forces: the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG).



Prescription Drug Collection

SIU continued to be responsible for administrating the department's Prescription Drug Collection Program. The Program aims to keep prescription medications out of the hands of minors, unauthorized users, and the municipal wastewater system. The department drug collection drop box within the WAPD lobby resulted in the destruction of 1,075.4 pounds of pills, liquids, and creams. Additionally, the department participated in two Wisconsin Department of Justice sponsored Drug Take Back Days, in which 85.5 pounds worth of pills, liquids and creams were collected and destroyed.

WAPD Drug-Related Investigation and Arrest Activity			
	SIU	Patrol	Combined Totals
Total Defendants	81	536	617
Residential Search Warrants	15	0	15
Buy Busts	1	0	1
Felony Counts	75	460	535
Misdemeanor Counts	13	217	230
Municipal Citations	52	716	768
Firearms Seized	38	91	129
Cash Seized	\$24,047	\$5,275	\$29,322
Vehicles Seized	3	3	6

Controlled Substance Seized	Quantity		Combined Totals
	SIU	Patrol	
Heroin	73.13g	127.61g	200.74g
Cocaine	553.35g	230.62	783.97g
Marijuana	2,849.22g	7,420.98g	10,270g
MDMA / Ecstasy	0.00g	0.84g	0.84g
Other Pills	682 doses	1,350 doses	2,032 doses
Fentanyl	1,611 g	8.05g	1,619.31g

Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB)

Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB)

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(Left to right) Captain Brian Saftig, Lieutenant Michael Sitter, Lieutenants James Cato and Timothy Gold

Commanded by Captain Brian Saftig and assisted by Lieutenant Michael Sitter, Lieutenant James Cato and Lieutenant Timothy Gold, the CIB utilizes the latest technological resources to conduct prompt and thorough investigations. Detectives of the CIB are assigned to one of three investigative units: the Sensitive Crimes Unit (SCU), the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU).

The following are examples of some notable investigations that occurred during 2024:

Fraud

In 2024, the WAPD began receiving numerous reports of personal checks that were placed in United States Postal Service mailboxes that were stolen, washed and cashed for a higher value. Through an in-depth investigation that utilized watching several hours of City cameras, search warrants and bank subpoenas a 27-year-old male from Milwaukee was arrested (charges pending). The male is responsible for at least 14 separate cases with a value of approximately \$112,000. Detectives continue to work with outside agencies to determine if there are more victims and what cases can be linked to the male suspect.

Lead Investigators: (left to right) Detective Jason Vanderwerff and Detective Anthony Wagner



The Forensic and Technical Service Unit

The Forensic and Technical Services Unit is staffed by two detective sergeants who conduct advanced crime scene processing, firearms ballistic analysis, photography/videography, scene reconstruction, and computer and smartphone analysis. They assist all department personnel with major investigations.

The Crime Analyst

The crime analyst provides crime trend and pattern information, to aide in apprehension suspects and prevention of crime. The crime analyst plays an integral role in the systematic, data-driven approach to investigating crime. The crime analyst often links related cases, identifies additional suspects, and performs highly technical analysis to support ongoing investigations

The FBI Milwaukee Area Violent Crime Task Force

The FBI Milwaukee Area Violent Crime Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional task force serving the most populous region of Wisconsin. The West Allis Police Department currently assigns one detective to the Milwaukee Area Violent Crime Task Force. In addition to their mission of focusing in the investigation of violent crime, members of the Task Force also participate in violence prevention efforts with Milwaukee's Office of Violence Prevention, the Division of Youth and Family Services and other entities.



Armed Robbery / Recklessly Endangering Safety

On August 1, 2024, day shift patrol and detectives responded to the area of South 111 St. and West Walker St. for a report of shots fired. Investigation revealed the victim in this case met with the suspect in order to conduct a test drive of a vehicle he was intending to sell. During the test drive, the suspect abruptly pulled over, exited the vehicle and threatened the victim with a firearm. The victim subsequently pushed past the suspect and got into the driver's seat and as he began to flee from the area, the suspect fired five rounds at the vehicle with two striking it. The suspect then fled the area with another accomplice in a trailing vehicle. Further investigation led to the arrest of a 15-year-old male from Milwaukee (shooter) and an 18-year-old male from Milwaukee (driver of trailing vehicle). The 15-year-old male was charged and sentenced to confinement, while charges for the 18-year-old male are still pending.



Lead Investigators (left to right) top row: Detective Caleb Porter, Detective Jon Cerqua, Detective Eric French, Detective Sharif Said, Detective Nick Stachula; Bottom row: Detective Anthony Wagner and Detective Sergeant Jared Manthe.

Suburban-Major Incident Response Team (S-MIRT)

S-MIRT is a multi-jurisdictional team which specializes in the rapid deployment of police officers to ensure groups are able to exercise their First Amendment rights while ensuring safety and security. Through mutual aid agreements S-MIRT may respond anywhere in the Metro Milwaukee region. All police officers assigned to S-MIRT undergo specialized training conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). S-MIRT

utilizes specialized equipment to aid with the latest crowd management tactics. S-MIRT officers participate in regularly scheduled training to maintain their skill set. Most recently, S-MIRT officers assisted the Milwaukee Police Department and the United States Secret Service (USSS) with the Republican National Convention (RNC) held from July 15-18.

Management and Planning Bureau

Captain Chad Everson oversees professional standards, accreditation, and grant administration. Additionally, the Management and Planning Bureau Captain supervises the Accreditation Unit and Training Unit.

The Accreditation Unit

The Accreditation Unit is overseen by Sergeant Phillip Noche who serves as the department's Accreditation Manager and is responsible for maintaining the Department's accredited status through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Accreditation strives to professionalize policing through the utilization of best practices. The Accreditation Unit also handles policy and procedure research, development, and implementation.



(Left to right) Captain Chad Everson, Sergeant Phillip Noche, Lieutenant Michael Kempinski and Sergeant Joseph Mathy

The Training Unit

Lieutenant Michael Kempinski and Sergeant Joseph Mathy worked diligently to implement, deliver and coordinate the department's training programs. The Training Unit, with assistance from the department's many Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) certified instructors, provided mandated biannual training to all sworn members. Additionally, the Training Unit administers WAPD's six week New Officer Training program that all newly hired officers must complete prior to their Field Training assignments. The Training Unit also manages the WAPD Training Facility which is used for force-on-force scenario-based training by WAPD and several local and federal law enforcement partners. Some of the 2024 Training Unit accomplishments include:

- Coordinated the hiring and training of 9 new Police Officers and 3 Community Service Officers.
- Initiated and coordinated the implementation of department owned handguns being issued to officers for the first time in WAPD history.
- Coordinated purchase and planned implementation of red dot sighting systems to be used on the new department owned handguns.
- Selected to be 1 of 6 law enforcement training units nationally to present training programs and recommendations to the entire Axon VR Division.
- Initiated and oversaw the redevelopment of the WAPD firing range to include improvements to infrastructure for additional training opportunities in WAPD history.
- Completed biennial emergency vehicle operation, vehicle pursuit, and Pursuit Intervention Training of all WAPD officers and Brookfield PD and Wisconsin State Fair Park PD officers.
- Provided training of updated Taser 7 Virtual Reality platform including addition of three new WAPD Taser instructors and recertification of additional tire Axon VR Division.
- Facilitated Defense and Arrest Tactics Training (DAAT) to include and reinforce the importance of de-escalation techniques training opportunities in WAPD history.
- Organized additional supervisory training for Patrol Sergeants and Acting Sergeants which covered procedures, equipment, use of force, and critical incident preparation in Brookfield PD and Wisconsin State Fair Park PD officers.
- Led the implementation of the ReadyOp communication program implementation and created department efficiencies for process items.
- Provided continuing education for Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement.

Administrative Service Bureau

The Administrative Services Bureau

Captain Steven Beyer oversees the Administrative Services Bureau which provides critical support for day-to-day operations through the Communications Unit, the Community Services Unit and the Records Unit. In 2025, the Administrative Services Bureau experienced a number of staffing changes and focused on training personnel while continuing to provide support for day-to-day operations.



(Left to right) Captain Steven Beyer and Communications Manager Doreen Blattner

The Database Administrator

The Database Administrator performs technological functions and oversees the department's sophisticated records management system. The Database Administrator works in tandem with the City IT professionals to perform capacity planning, installation, configuration, design, migration, performance monitoring, security, and data recovery.

The Property Room Technician

The Property Room Technician manages all evidence and property collected by police officers and detectives. With a physical inventory in excess of 17,000 items, the Property Room Technician categorizes all evidence. The Property Room Technician regularly coordinates with sworn personnel in releasing evidence needed for Municipal Court or Wisconsin Circuit Court cases. Additionally, the Property Room Technician arranges for the return of property to owners upon the adjudication of the cases.

The Communications Unit

Overseen by Communications Manager Doreen Blattner, the department operates its own telecommunications center, handling dispatch operations for both the police and fire departments. As the first point of public contact, telecommunicators answer all incoming 911 emergency and non-emergency calls, which are entered into the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. Certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch, all telecommunicators have ability to provide callers with CPR, AED directions, and first aid instructions to callers prior to the arrival of EMS units. In 2024, the Communications Unit documented 51,658 police CAD events and 11,619 fire and EMS calls. The Communications Unit also processed 765 requests for recorded information.





(Left to right) Lieutenant Trever Pasdera and Records Unit Supervisor Deyana Messinger

The Community Services Unit (CSU)

The Community Services Unit (CSU) conducts community presentations, residential security inspections, and develops crime prevention programs. Lieutenant Trever Pasdera supervises three School Resource Officers, one Community Resource Officer, the Victim Advocate, and two Neighborhood Partnership Specialists.

School Resource Officers

School Resources Officers (SROs) provide a safe learning environment for students and educators. SROs work collaboratively with each school's administration to find positive ways to support students. Prior to becoming an SRO, officers must successfully complete specialized training. SROs also complete mandatory annual training. SROs are currently assigned to Nathan Hale High School, West Allis Central High School, and Frank Lloyd Wright Middle School.

Community Resource Officer

The Community Resource Officer develops long-term partnerships with citizens to solve community problems related to crime, quality of life issues, and neighborhood conditions. Often times, the Community Resource Officer will coordinate resources from other governmental agencies to devise long term solutions.

West Allis Night Out

West Allis Night Out encourages crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthens neighborhood, police and community partnerships. West Allis Night Out lasts two days and involves block parties throughout many of the City's unique neighborhoods.

Fines, Costs and Fees	\$743,476.47
Parking Citations	\$1,157,293.60
Parking Permits	\$490,763.58
Warrant Fees	\$507
Photo Copies	\$7,130.63
Bail Fees	\$4,865
Alarm Fees	\$26,150
Alarm Permits	\$3,050
Fingerprint Fees	\$2,927
Dangerous Dog Fee	\$1,250
Counter Fee	\$3,850

The Records Unit

The Records Unit Supervisor Deyana Messinger manages a staff who maintain all department records, files, reports and citations. In addition, the Records Unit fulfills all open records requests and receive money related to bonds, citations, and parking permit sales. In 2024, the Records Unit processed more than 6,353 open record requests.

Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks

To curb the underage alcohol and tobacco sales, the Community Services Unit regularly conducts compliance checks of businesses. Businesses that fail to ask for identification and sell to underage individuals are cited and reported to the Licensing Committee. The following is a summary of the compliance checks for 2024.

Tavern Compliance

- 20 checked.
- 18 taverns selling out of compliance.

Retail Alcohol Compliance

- 32 checked.
- 12 taverns selling out of compliance.

Tobacco Compliance

- 38 checked.
- No taverns selling out of compliance.



Referral Source	Total Referrals
West Allis Police Department	14
West Allis Health Department	8
Sojourner Family Peace Center	3
WAWM School District	2
Local Church	4
Aurora Health / Hospital	1
Other / Newspaper / Online	2
Total	34

Women Initiate Self-healing & Hope (WISH) Program

- WISH is an on-going support and educational group for victims of domestic violence.
- The WISH group ran from Jan. 8, 2024 to Dec. 30, 2024.
- WISH meets for 49 weeks in the calendar year of 2024.

2024	Women*	Children*	New Clients Per Month
January – 4 meetings*	37	32	1
February – 4 meetings	26	21	0
March – 4 meetings	26	24	0
April – 4 meetings*	34	22	2
May – 5 meetings	31	17	0
June – 5 meetings*	30	18	1
July – 5 meetings	37	21	0
August – 5 meetings*	24	8	0
September – 4 meetings	27	23	2
October – 5 meetings*	33	27	1
November – 4 meetings	20	24	2
December – 4 meetings*	42	26	13
Total # of participants	365	263	22

* Attendance per month (new participants and continuing participants)
 ** Months indicated having one less meeting or no child care for a meeting

- 942 total number of hours of education offered to participants.
- The program continues to have an increase in new participants per year with 22 for 2024. This increase included the number of families who received help from the WISH Holiday Gift Drive.
- The average weekly attendance is seven women and five children.
- 20 families, (21 adults/27 children), for a total of 48 individuals were adopted for the 2024 Holiday season by the WAPD Annual WISH Holiday Gift Drive.
- 276 hours have been donated by volunteers to the WISH program
- Three presentations provided an increase in domestic violence awareness, the support services offered through the Victim Advocate Program including the WISH support group.
- Two guest speakers provided additional support and education to participants.
- ZOOM WISH meetings are a virtual platform which continues to be offered to women who are uncomfortable meeting in-person or due to health reasons preventing them from attending in-person. The meetings on Zoom help connect women to a supportive network which is a critical step after leaving an abusive relationship.

Police K-9 Unit



Top row: (left to right) Corporal Ryan McNally and K-9 Gizmo and Corporal Doug Sayeg and K-9 KC
Second row: Corporal Allison Clark and K-9 Shadow



The WAPD K-9 Unit is comprised of three dual purpose canines:

- **First Shift Patrol:** Cpl. Ryan McNally and K-9 Gizmo.
- **Second Shift Patrol:** Cpl. Doug Sayeg and K-9 KC.
- **Third Shift Patrol:** Cpl. Allison Clark and K-9 Shadow.

The K-9 teams assist police offers with:

- Building searches.
- Area searches.
- Tracking.
- Evidence recovery.
- Narcotics detection.
- Officer protection.

The K-9s certify annually through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and are members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Association.

The WAPD Police K-9 Unit relies on the financial generosity of local businesses, non-profit organizations, family and friends to support its operation, training and development. The K-9 Unit hosts an annual golf outing to raise funds for the unit. We appreciate the continued support of the WAPD Police K-9 Unit by several local businesses and private donors.

Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)

To become a part of SWAT, prospective operators must undergo a rigorous evaluation process which includes physical fitness, marksmanship and decision making assessments. After appointment to SWAT, operators participate in regular training which includes ongoing physical fitness assessments and force-on-force based scenarios. Equipped with some of law enforcement's most advanced equipment, SWAT manages high-risk incidents, such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, buy-bust operations, and search warrant execution. SWAT consists of a two member command staff (Captain Todd Clementi and Lieutenant Timothy Gold), three team leaders, thirteen tactical operators, and four negotiators.



(Left to right) Captain Todd Clementi and Lieutenant Timothy Gold

During 2024, SWAT conducted the following activities:

49 knock and announce warrants
Two arrest operations
Two SWAT call ups
11 days of the Wisconsin State Fair (event protection)
Two parades (event protection)
Five days of Republican National Convention (event protection)
Two Presidential campaign visits (event protection)

Illegal Firearms Recovered:

47 handguns (two illegally equipped with fully automatic fire control groups)
17 rifles
Two shotguns

Quarterly Crime and Service

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	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			Totals		
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
Homicide	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%	0	1	-100%	0	2	-100%	0	5	-100%
Aggravated Assault	34	23	48%	37	29	28%	23	48	-52%	23	46	-50%	117	146	-20%
Sexual Assault	17	18	-6%	11	21	-48%	14	21	-33%	8	12	-33%	50	72	-31%
Robbery	10	7	43%	7	19	-63%	15	14	7%	15	18	-17%	47	58	-19%
Burglary	16	28	-43%	37	30	23%	34	44	-23%	24	31	-23%	111	133	-17%
Theft	228	248	-8%	248	314	-21%	236	270	-13%	221	286	-23%	933	1118	-17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	49	-10%	46	71	-35%	50	79	-37%	47	53	-11%	187	252	-26%
Arson	2	2	0%	4	1	300%	5	3	67%	1	3	-67%	12	9	33%
Totals	351	376	-7%	390	486	-20%	377	480	-21%	339	451	-25%	1457	1793	-19%
Assault Firearm	9	3	200%	8	5	60%	5	13	-62%	3	9	-67%	25	30	-17%
Robbery Firearm	4	4	0%	2	9	-78%	7	3	133%	1	3	-67%	14	19	-26%
Shots Confirmed	9	3	200%	7	6	17%	6	7	-14%	6	7	-14%	28	23	22%

Tactical data only subject to change based on new information and coding.

