



PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



VIPS Team Leader Bill Maxwell & Ass't Chief Kevin O'Neill



L-R Lee Chenoweth, Barb Chenoweth, Sgt. Keith Klafke, Malu Durkin, Gary Alberts, Sue Wentz, Steve Aldridge, Ass't Chief Kevin O'Neill, Chief Ken Manthey, Jim Yonkie, Sue Wilcox, Bill Maxwell, Joan Maxwell

V.I.P.S. (Volunteers In Police Services) Program

In 2010, we started a “Volunteers in Policing” unit under the direction and coordination of Ass’t Police Chief Kevin O’Neill. On December 9th, the VIPS presented Kevin with a special plaque thanking him for his service, dedication, leadership and friendship as he had announced his upcoming retirement on January 5th, 2015.

The VIPS are made up of unpaid citizens who have completed ten weeks of training with the Citizen’s Police Academy and expressed a willingness to stay affiliated with our department. To be a VIPS, you must be a Citizens Police Academy graduate, a student presently enrolled full-time in a college-level Law Enforcement program or a formal Police Academy graduate not yet employed by an agency. A potential member may also be a former law enforcement officer, either retired or a former police officer who chose to go into another career field. Any prior law enforcement person *must* have left their previous department under favorable/honorable terms.

None of the volunteers are armed and they do not have police arrest powers. They may wear a pull-over or shirt with “Volunteer” on it. Safety vests worn will either be plain or state “volunteer”. Any identification card issued to them shall clearly show “volunteer”.



L-R Lee Chenoweth, Barb Chenoweth, Marie Darling-Ellis, Sue Wilcox, Kathy Hartl, Sue Wentz & Bill Maxwell as they headed out to assist with traffic control for the Holiday Parade on November 28th



Police VIPS Gary Alberts helping the runners/walkers stay safe (while offering encouragement at the same time) for the Silver Lake Triathlon on August 16th

We try to provide training to the VIPS one evening per month with the primary focus on emergency management. In 2014, the volunteers participated in or assisted us with numerous activities including the following:

- **Six VIPS attended our Citizen Police Academy graduation on March 11th**
- **Twenty VIPS attended training on 4-08-14**
- **Training was held on April 29th in preparation for large scale exercise**
- **Eighteen VIPS assisted us with the exercise held on May 3rd**
- **One VIPS assisted us with a training exercise at Human Services on May 15th**
- **Two VIPS assisted us with the St. Mary's Best Fest Walk Run held on May 17th**
- **Two VIPS assisted us with the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th**
- **Four VIPS assisted us with the Concerts in the Park and the fireworks display at Pauquette Park on June 28th**
- **Seven VIPS assisted us with the Silver Lake Triathlon on August 16th**
- **Four VIPS assisted us with the Skateboard Park Marathon on September 6th**
- **Eight VIPS attended training on September 16th (traffic direction and searches)**
- **Two VIPS assisted us with the DSH Run/Walk on September 27th**
- **Two VIPS assisted us with the Suicide Prevention "Walk for Hope" on October 4th**
- **Five VIPS assisted us with the Homecoming Parade on October 10th**
- **Eight VIPS attended training on identification of vehicles and suspects on October 21st**
- **Four VIPS assisted with the Halloween Costume Parade in the downtown area on October 25th**
- **Seven VIPS assisted with Halloween Trick or Treating on October 31st in the Indian Hills area (hundreds of children and parents came out)**
- **Two VIPS assisted with the Santa Fly-in on November 28th**
- **Seven VIPS assisted with the Holiday Parade also on November 28th**
- **Two VIPS assisted with the officer selection process on December 1st**
- **Seven VIPS assisted with the Holiday Train on December 8th**
- **Three VIPS assisted with Living Windows on December 13th**

New Police Officer:



On January 6th, 2014, Officer Sarah Rueth was sworn in as our newest Police Officer. She came to us with a Master's Degree in Science Environment and Resources from UW-Madison and she had worked at Mendota Mental Health Hospital as a Correctional Officer. (She replaced Officer David Clark who took a position with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department.) Officer Rueth successfully completed her Field Training Officer Program and went on her own at the end of March. She has proven herself to be a valuable member of our department.

Retirement:

Officer Jeff Stumpf retired from the Portage Police Department on October 1st, 2014. He was a dispatcher for us for four years and was then a Police Officer for ten years. He is looking forward to driving trucks and combines and sleeping at night time! Below is Jeff receiving his retirement plaque.



Promotions:



Sgt. Keith Klafke was promoted to Administrative Lt. on December 22nd as he prepared to take over the duties of Ass't Chief Kevin O'Neill who retired in early 2015



Officer Ben Neumann was promoted to Patrol Sgt. on December 22nd as he prepared to take over the duties of newly promoted Lt. Keith Klafke



Officer Bob Bagnall was promoted to Detective on December 1st. As a patrol officer, he had been assigned to the Detective Division for almost two years. He also acted as the School Liaison Officer; doing a very good job in both capacities.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY #5

In January of 2014, we started up our 5th Citizen Police Academy Citizen Police Academy. We had another great group of citizens attend. Ass't Chief Kevin O'Neill and Sgt. Keith Klafke were our main coordinators but many of our officers gave presentations on fields that they have specialized training in. This is a 10 week program (which runs from January through March) to show citizens the different kinds of training that we go through so that we can perform our duties to the best of our abilities. Topics included firearms & Tasers, traffic stops, drug investigations, emergency management, legal issues, sex offenders, Triad, domestic abuse, fingerprinting & DNA, Amber Alert/ A Child is Missing/ Project Lifesaver, Defense and Arrest Techniques/ Handcuffing & OMVWI & SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Testing) If you would like to join the 2016 class, please contact me. (You need to be at least 18 years old and have some direct connection to the City of Portage)



1st Row: Jordan Heisz, Sue Wentz, Kay Miller, Tammy O'Leary
2nd Row: Carol Witzig, Jennifer Loveland, Tracey Lentz, Pat Hartley, Mark Goldsworthy
3rd Row: Ass't Chief O'Neill, Terry Witzig, Scott Vater, Rik Rickerson, Dan Kremer, Keith Klafke, Chief Manthey

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Every year, our police department, along with other agencies, participate in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. This is held the first Thursday in June every year. Participating for our department in 2014 were Sgt. Keith Klafke, Officers Klaude Thompson, Mike Schutz, Sarah Rueth and Chief Manthey. Mayor Tierney also joined us this year. Officer Thompson continues to be the coordinator of this event; he has been in charge of this for many years.

DARE/School Liaison Officer/School functions

Starting in January of 2013, our department began daily visits to our schools because of the Sandy Hook shootings. This has been a very positive experience for the officers, the teachers and the students. Officers have been greeted with friendly waves, questions by students, and a few high-fives. Police are not there to interrupt classes, but we are walking the hallways and greeting staff and students to let them know that we are there and available when we are needed. In the past, police visited only when there was trouble; the new practice will allow students and staff to get to know the officers in a more relaxed and pleasant way. The policy also will help officers get to know where classrooms are located. It gives each of the officers a better knowledge (of the schools) so if there is an emergency, they will know the layout.

We continue to support the DARE training in all of the schools in the City of Portage not only for the educational value but for the bonding that takes place between the officer and the students.



Officer Dennis Pomeroy & Ass't Chief Kevin O'Neill at
Officer Pomeroy's DARE graduation on 2-06-14



Officer Dennis Pomeroy and Chief Manthey
with the top three DARE essay winners at
Rusch Elementary School on June 4th, 2014



DARE Graduation @ St. Mary's
Catholic School on June 6th, 2014

Other school activities:

- Chief Manthey attended the 2014 Heroes Program at Rusch Elementary School
- When needed, we supply an officer at dances, football games, basketball games, or other community events.
- We also assist the schools with their Homecoming Parade, the High School graduation and the Project Graduation lock-in. Officer Bob Bagnall and Chief Manthey attended the new teacher program held in August.
- Officer Pete Bartaczewicz was the chaperone for the school safety patrol trip from May 13th through May 17th
- We are happy to give talks or presentations in the schools on just about any law enforcement related topic. We also give tours of the police department and have students “job-shadow” with police officers.
- We help the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in Portage by assisting them in earning their badges. We have fingerprinted them, given them tours of the Police Department, safety talks and attending their ceremonies.

PORTAGE UNITED METHODIST FALL RALLY DAY FOR CHILDREN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2014



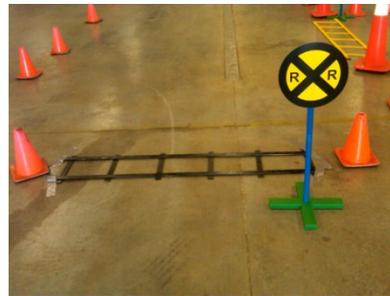
OFFICER AJ BRAUNER & EMS PERSONNEL JON YASKAL
AND MATT GRAF

- We had our annual bike rodeo on May 10th; approximately 100 bike helmets were given away; these were donated by the Salvation Army, two bikes were donated by Kiwanis (given away through a drawing) and Divine Savior Hospital/EMS staff helped out with the fitting of the helmets. Children were taught how to ride their bikes safely and we had another great turn-out.

PHOTOS FROM BIKE RODEO



Officer AJ Brauner and Community Service Officer Kevin Todryk assisted Lt. Penny Kiefer with the annual Bike Rodeo



Lt. Kiefer found some street signs and also had assistance in making the railroad & pedestrian crossings to make the obstacle course more realistic and interesting.



Bike Winners: Abby Evert and Anton Kilde

- We work with five full-time adult crossing guards and one substitute and they do an outstanding job for us. Warren Taylor, Jayne Krall, Marie Hoffer, Virgil Chance & Wally Roderick are the regulars. Unfortunately, Don Picha, our substitute, passed away unexpectedly on April 28th, 2014. Bob Griepentrog was hired to fill Don Picha as our substitute.



L-R Marie Hoffer, Virgil Chance, Warren Taylor, Wally Roderick, Don Picha, Jayne Krall

Triad/S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law enforcement working Together.)

- We continue to work with TRIAD/SALT. Lt. Penny Kiefer is the lead person on these programs.
- 9-1-1 cell phones are still being distributed this past year through the direction of Lt. Kiefer and with the help of citizen volunteers & CSO's
- Every spring, a training day is held in the Senior Center below City Hall
- Medication collection has taken place due to the partnership formed between TRIAD, Walgreen's, Portage PD & Divine Savior Healthcare; we also have a drug safe in our lobby where people can drop off prescription medication that is no longer being used
- In October, they had a Senior Safe Night where they got together in the basement of city hall for a nice meal and entertainment.

Regional Sex Offender Notification Team

- Our Sex Offender Notification Team meets monthly and strives to keep the public informed, as soon as possible, of any new released offenders moving into our area. Det. Lt. Hahn is our department Liaison and he is assisting Det. Lt. Roger Brander of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department in running this team. Besides Portage PD and the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, the State of WI Probation & Parole, the Department of Corrections, the District Attorney's Office and the Victim-Witness Office make up this team. We also invite Police Chiefs from other communities to attend our meetings if a sex offender is moving into their jurisdiction.

Business Security Checks

- Our patrol officers continue to perform security checks on businesses at night. They will occasionally leave a card informing the business owner that we were checking their business.

Columbia County Crimestoppers:

- We continue to work with Columbia County Crimestoppers. Det. Lt. Hahn is the liaison for our department
- Crimestoppers continues to help our department solve crimes in and around Portage

Portage Police Chaplains' Program

In 2014, Pastor Dick Inglett accepted a call to be a Pastor in Elkhorn, WI. He had been our lead Police Chaplain since we started the program in 2005. We presented him with a plaque thanking him for his faithful service for almost 10 ten years with us.



L-R Officer AJ Brauner, Det. Bob Bagnall, Officer Mike Schutz, Pastor Dick Inglett Lt. Keith Klafke, Chief Ken Manthey & Sgt. Brian Fehd

Our two current Police Chaplains are Pastor Scott Schultz of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy (trained specifically to be a Police Chaplain) We had our annual Police Chaplain meeting in December of 2014 and the two chaplains signed up for the on-call list to cover the year of 2015. We are actively seeking one or two more Police Chaplains.

Fire Calls

- Our officers respond to fire calls and help with traffic control and assist the Portage Fire Department in any way we can. We have a very good working relationship with the fire department.

Special Events:

- We assist in all kinds of special events such as Memorial Day Parade, Taste of Portage, Silver Lake Triathlon, Trick or Treating, Living Windows, the Christmas Parade and the Christmas Train. Portage can be very proud of all the great activities they offer to the greater Portage area.

Ride-Along Program:

- We offer citizens the opportunity to ride with a police officer. We will first do a brief background check on the person and they must sign a waiver of liability form. This gives the general public a better idea what our police officers do and it especially provides them with some insight in the event they're contemplating becoming a police officer. We had approximately 20 ride-alongs in 2014.

Open House

- We had our annual open house on October 11th, 2014, in conjunction with the Fire Department's open house. Lt. Penny Kiefer is in charge of organizing this from the police department's standpoint. The turn-out from the public was excellent and it was a beautiful day. Carlton Hughan, Sr., a Portage Firefighter, agreed to be Tasered for the Taser demonstration.



Grimacing under the effects of a Taser strike, volunteer Carlton Hughan Sr. is helped down to the mat by Portage Police Officer Ben Neumann and Sgt. Brian Fehd during a demonstration at the Police and Fire Open House on 10-11-14.

Photos from 2014 Open House



More Photos from 2014 Open House



Ambulance Calls:

- Our officers attempt to respond to every ambulance call when possible (with the exception of routine transfers). We responded to 788 ambulance calls in 2014.
- If necessary, we will call out a Police Chaplain or assist family members in any way we can when they're dealing with the medical issues of a loved one.

We had three "saves" in 2014 with the use of the defibrillator.

SAVE #1

On March 30th, Brandon Eichstadt, age 37, had a heart attack and quit breathing. Officers Teresa Johnson & AJ Brauner quickly responded to the call. Deputy Terri Pulvermacher was close and she also responded. They hooked up the defibrillator and shocked him and took turns doing chest compressions. Divine Savior EMT's/Paramedics arrived on scene and took over his care; shocking him several more times. Mr. Eichstadt had a full recovery and he received a defibrillator implant. On the next page is a photo of the officers/deputy with Mr. Eichstadt after they received letters of commendation at a Common Council meeting for helping to save his life.



**L-R Officer Teresa Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Terri Pulvermacher,
Brandon Eichstadt, Officer AJ Brauner**

SAVE #2

On June 22nd, Raymond Poppenga, age 66, had a heart attack and quit breathing while attending an auction at the Portage Enterprise Center. Off-duty Det. Lt. Roger Brandner was attending the auction and he immediately began CPR. Sgt. Eric Walters, Officer Ben Neumann and Officer Mike Schutz all quickly responded to assist. Oxygen was provided and the AED was administered. Chest compressions were continued for almost 30 minutes with the officers and civilians rotating in and out; it was a great team effort!



**L-R Officer Ben Neumann, Janet Bare (daughter of victim) Officer Mike Schutz
& COSO Det. Lt. Roger Brandner (Sgt. Walters unavailable)**

SAVE #3

On October 29th, Henry Niemeyer, age 83, collapsed and quit breathing while walking with his good friend, Marilyn McFarlane. She immediately began doing CPR and asked for help. Sgt. Brian Fehd, Officer Teresa Johnson and Officer Sarah Rueth all quickly responded. Fortunately this happened by off-duty jailer Toni Ebert's home and she was summoned to help. She took over compressions from Marilyn. Bob Lentz, Jr. whose dad lives in the area, also responded and helped with compressions until the officers arrived on scene and they took over. Divine Savior EMS arrived and took over his care with the assistance from the officers. This was another great example of teamwork and it shows the importance of private citizens knowing how to do CPR.



L-R COSO Jailer Toni Ebert, Bob Lentz Jr, Marilyn McFarlane, Officer Sarah Rueth & Sgt. Brian Fehd (Officer Teresa Johnson unavailable)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERAGENCY:

Our department continues to have solid working relationships with all of the agencies that we associate with. The Columbia County Chiefs of Police Association (representing the Chiefs, Sheriff, DA, Probation & Parole, State Patrol, DNR) have been rotating our monthly meetings around the county and these have been well attended. We work closely with Probation and Parole, the District Attorney's Office, the City Attorney and Human Services. As noted previously, we have a good relationship with all of the schools. We have assisted other agencies by sitting in on interview panels and vice versa. We have assisted numerous law enforcement agencies at the local hospital with drunk drivers, emergency commitments or potentially violent persons.

We have a particularly strong working relationship with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. They assist us when we execute search warrants; especially when its drug related. We share our range with them for qualifications. We assist each other with accidents and other serious calls in or near the city limits. We trained together in the spring of 2014 for in-service training and we will be together again in 2015.

Large Exercise Drill on May 3rd, 2014

On May 3rd, 2014, our department participated in a large scale exercise drill held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The scenario was a mock factory explosion with numerous injuries and several fatalities. Fire Chief Simonson was the Incident Commander and did a great job overseeing this. He will have more detailed information on this exercise in his 2014 annual report. Below are the different agencies who participated:

Portage Fire Department
Pardeeville Fire Department
Poynette Fire Department
Lodi Fire Department
Portage Police Department (full-time Police Officers, Non-sworn Community Service Officers, Police Volunteers “VIPS”, Police Chaplain)
City of Portage (Mayor, City Administrator, Director of Public Works, Public Works Department, Park and Recreation)
Columbia County Sheriff’s Department (Sheriff, Det. Sgt., Dispatch)
Communications Services (supporting the command center)
Columbia County ARIES Races
Columbia County Emergency Management
Columbia County Medical Examiner’s Office
Columbia County Highway Department
Divine Savior EMS
Divine Savior Hospital/Emergency Room
Salvation Army



Officer Sarah Rueth and Police VIPS Steve Aldridge protecting the scene of the mock factory explosion



Police VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell and Police Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy touching base with Army National Guard Chaplain Robertson & Chaplain Candidate 1st Lt. Puente

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS:

CSO's Jerilyn Jerome and Kevin Todryk continue to do a very nice job for our department and for the community. Their duties include:

- Ordinance enforcement including animal complaints, parking complaints, tall grass, junk vehicles, unshoveled sidewalks & other quality of life issues
- Assist in special events including parades, bike rodeos, crowd control, open house, senior safe night out, kids' day, etc.
- Parking enforcement & record keeping
- Coordinates crossing guards and fill in as substitute when needed
- Motorist assists and funeral escorts (when officers are busy on priority calls)
- Assist with special events
- Run background checks on over 200 bartender license applications and dozens of taxi cab license applications
- Performs secretarial and receptionist duties: types police reports; prepares, sorts, files and maintains reports and case materials such as incident and accident reports; takes complainant statements; handles incoming and outgoing mail.
- Assist with squad, garage & property room maintenance
- Performs other duties as needed

POLICE FAMILY:



Lt. Penny Kiefer and Officer Bob Bagnall received Asset Builder Award plaques on April 27th, 2014 at the annual awards ceremony; Penny was recognized for her work in the community and Bob was recognized for his work in the schools.



Officer Bill Charlebois and his wife, Diana, were blessed with a baby girl on 8-01-14



CSO Kevin Todryk and his wife, Kari, were blessed with a baby boy on 11-12-14



Our department was asked to put a team together again for the St. Mary's Best Fest Bed Race on May 17th; from L-R standing Chief Manthey, Police Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy, Officer Mike Schutz, Officer Bob Bagnall and driving is COSO Secretary Barb Turner

ALS CHALLENGE 8-25-14

We were challenged by the Portage Fire Department to participate in the challenge and they were more than happy to help facilitate this!



(L-R) Sgt. Brian Fehd, Secretary Jen Mecum, Secretary Denise Vater, Officer AJ Brauner, Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy, Sgt. Eric Walters, Officer Pete Bartaczewicz, Officer Bob Bagnall, Sgt. Keith Klafke, Officer Sarah Rueth, Chief Ken Manthey

PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CHALLENGE COINS

In 2014, we had a committee (Mike Schutz, Jason Stenberg, Ben Neumann, Chaplain Goldsworthy and Chief Manthey) work on the design for a challenge coin for our department. (Officer Schutz was familiar with these coins from working with the WI Dells Police Department prior to joining us) On the front of the coin is our shoulder patch surrounded by our mission statement “Protecting Our Community and Its Quality of Life by Delivering Exceptional Law Enforcement Services”. On the back is the State of WI seal surrounded by the words “Integrity, Courage and Honor”. (I would like to thank Officer Mike Schutz and Chaplain Mark for assisting me with donating money to help pay for these coins.)



We are very fortunate to have two great secretaries in Jen Mecum (who celebrated her five year anniversary with us in 2014) and Denise Vater (who celebrated her one year anniversary with us in 2014). They do a very nice job in typing the reports, entering the information, scanning the numerous documents to accompany the reports, waiting on people at the window and all daily operations. They make a great team.



Denise and Jen dressed up as “bacon and eggs” as they get ready to welcome the Pre-school “Trick or Treaters” at Halloween

TRAINING:

We continue to train our officers by either sending them to training courses or by providing the training in-house. By LESB (Law Enforcement Standard Board) standards, our officers have to receive a minimum of 24 hours of training every year to remain certified as law enforcement officers. We are reimbursed from the State \$160 per officer.

No matter what training we have, we do our best to make sure that it’s good training not only for the officer but for the department as well. We also try to select training that is in our area to prevent additional costs such as motel room bills. We were able to access a lot of good training at no cost from Volk field through federal funds. (They absorb all training costs including meals and housing)

We are also very fortunate to have our in-house trainers:

- Sgt. Klafke continues to be our Taser instructor. This has helped our department in reducing liability, injuries and even saving lives. This is a good working tool to help combat violent individuals.
- Sgt. Brian Fehd continues to be our EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) Instructors. He teaches our officers how to maneuver our squads as safely as possible to keep the officers safe and avoid accidents. He is also our DAAT (Defense And Arrest Tactics) instructor and he teaches the officers how to use verbal commands properly, how to handcuff people properly, the use of pepper spray, batons, etc. He went to a three-week training course to become qualified to teach at this level. He is also our Vehicle Contact Instructor.
- Sgt. Keith Klafke and Officer Jason Stenberg continue to be our Range Officers. They run officers through the range on a quarterly basis to make sure the officers are proficient with their service weapons and to make sure the weapons are cleaned thoroughly.

KEY EVENTS IN 2014

Subway Homicide:

Jordan Scott was sentenced to life in prison on 6-26-14 and must serve at least 47 years before he is eligible for supervised release for the 1st degree intentional homicide of David Johnson at the Subway restaurant on 9-05-13.

Bomb Threats:

A bomb threat was called into our local Probation and Parole office on 6-09-14 and again on 6-11-14. A suspect was developed and he confessed to both crimes. He was taken into custody.

Fatal Accident:

On 2-28-14, a 29 year old worker was killed at Wieser Concrete when a large piece of concrete fell on him; he was killed instantly. No foul play was suspected and OSHA responded to investigate this as a workplace accident. Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy assisted us with the death notifications.

Sexual Assault:

In February of 2014, a 24 year old registered sex offender was taken into custody and charged with six counts of sexual assault of a 15 year old girl. He was also charged with child enticement and the use of a computer to facilitate a sex offense. In March of 2014, the suspect made phone calls from the Columbia County Jail to a relative asking her to contact people to beat the victim up. He also contacted a 14 year old girl; which was a violation of his bond as he was to have no contact with that minor. He was charged with six counts of felony bailjumping and two counts of intimidation of a witness. He remains in the Columbia County Jail on a \$10,000 cash bond and awaiting a jury trial.

Strong Armed Robberies:

On 1-21-14, we had a strong armed robbery at the Market Basket where cash was taken from the cash register by force. The suspect fled from the store but was apprehended the next day. He stole the money because of a drug dependency.

On 3-19-14, we had a strong armed robbery at Kwik Trip south where a 22 year old man was robbed in the parking lot; he had been carrying cash and drugs. Four suspects were later taken into custody.

Major drug arrest:

On 2-16-14, we received a tip of an individual selling marijuana out of an apartment on the east side of Portage. Contact was made with the suspect and he allowed officers to search the apartment. Sixty-one (61) small baggies of marijuana were recovered as well as a larger bag containing marijuana and a scale and other drug paraphernalia. The suspect was taken into custody and the female renter of the apartment was charged with maintaining a drug dwelling. There were two children residing in this apartment.

Heroin/other drug overdoses:

On 2-05-14, a 44 year old Portage woman died of an apparent overdose. Her blood taken at the autopsy showed a combination of numerous drugs and alcohol in her system. We were not able to determine where she obtained the drugs.

On 2-27-14, a 19 year old man overdosed on heroin in the 200 block of East Howard but fortunately he was able to be revived with Narcan. The man that provided him with the heroin was later arrested. The officers (Sgt. Fehd, Officers Teresa Johnson, Bob Bagnall and Mike Schutz) that responded to this call were given letters of commendation for helping to save this young man's life.

On 9-20-14, a 43 year old Westfield man overdosed on heroin in the Wal*Mart parking lot. He survived but refused to identify his source. On 9-24-14, he along with several other suspects were arrested when he attempted to purchase more heroin in the Wal*Mart parking lot. One of them had been the supplier on the overdose.

On 10-09-14, a 38 year old Portage man overdosed on heroin in the 100 block of East Emmett Street but fortunately he was revived. He and a 42 year old woman were treated at Divine Savior and then taken to jail where they were held on a cash bond.

On 11-04-14, we had a 40 year old Portage man die from an overdose on heroin in the 100 block of East Emmett Street. He was the brother of the 38 year old that overdosed on October 9th; see above entry. (this sad case highlights the power that this drug has on people; the man was trying to get off his addiction to the drug)

Major Embezzlement:

In January of 2014, the owner of Aspen Family Counseling realized that his bookkeeper had been embezzling money from the business. (He had checked CCAP prior to hiring her and nothing showed. However, the 50 year old woman had changed her name slightly and it was learned she was on probation for embezzling from another firm that she previously worked for.) She admitted to taking money but minimized the total amount that she took over a two year period. In doing a forensic audit, it showed that she took over \$100,000. She was convicted and was sentenced to one year in jail and three years' probation. She paid \$17,000 towards her restitution and there will be a restitution hearing in 2015 to determine the exact amount that she still owes.

Most common/frequent calls for service:

2014 Statistics comparison							
Incident Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Accident	498	372	450	451	386	442	412
Agency Assist	402	402	375	355	410	412	402
Ambulance Calls	548	562	656	717	788	789	788
Alarm Calls	147	167	173	144	151	194	156
Animal Complaints	402	435	369	344	359	382	408
Burglaries	19	18	19	14	17	18	36
Citations (Traffic & Ordinance)	2213	2142	2044	1975	2514	2642	2131
Criminal Damage/Property	120	100	88	58	54	68	59
De-Tox	32	20	18	17	23	11	15
Disturbance	282	329	289	218	201	160	143
Found Property	318	266	225	205	220	215	201
Lost Property	61	52	44	37	53	47	42
Mental Commitment	60	72	51	36	42	28	25
Motorist Assists	115	49	71	50	87	149	154
OWI Arrests	137	130	134	109	114	72	60
Probation/Parole Arrests	179	130	195	134	147	119	132
Suspicious Activity	468	378	341	290	361	347	343
Suspicious Person	134	121	89	92	105	99	83
Suspicious Vehicle	56	64	61	71	43	75	74
Telephone Harassment	78	62	38	77	28	26	25
Theft – Bicycle	41	28	18	24	14	18	21
Theft – From Motor Vehicle	51	48	40	20	26	47	45
Theft – Motor Vehicle	9	8	7	4	5	6	10
Truancy – Habitual	144	116	72	49	41	43	18
Warnings	2994	2946	2353	1822	1426	962	1388
Warrant Arrests	116	88	124	127	153	183	178
Welfare Checks	389	370	397	404	502	470	523

In summary, we once again had a very busy year. I am very proud of our department. We have a very dedicated staff who do their best to fulfill our mission statement of:

“Protecting Our Community and Its Quality of Life by Delivering Exceptional Law Enforcement Services”.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Manthey
Chief of Police 3-27-15