PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

This report is dedicated to the five officers who were killed in the line of duty in Dallas, Texas, on July 7th, 2016.

On July 7th, 2016, we saw the horror unfold in Dallas Texas as five police officers were gunned down and killed by a sniper with a high powered rifle (and seven more wounded) while protecting citizens marching in a peaceful protest.

Corporal Lorne Ahrens

Officer Brent Thompson

Officer Pat Zammaripa

Officer Mike Krol

Sgt. Mike Smith

Officers and Police Volunteers from Portage PD purchased T-shirts like the one in the photo below to help raise funds for the families of the slain officers.

2016 was a very tough year for law enforcement around the country with 135 officers losing their lives (64 were shot and killed; 21 of them due to ambushes from people who hated law enforcement.) There were also many protests against law enforcement. However in October of 2016, a new report said that people say they have more respect for police than they have in almost half a century. A Gallup poll released found that a little more than three in four Americans (76 percent) reported having “a great deal” of respect for the police who patrol their communities, a significant uptick over 2015 and the highest share reported to Gallup since 1967.

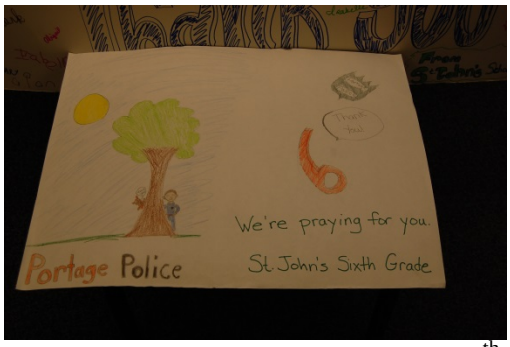
We certainly saw that support from the citizens of Portage as well as all of Columbia County. Below are some of the visible signs (literal and figuratively) of support that we received from the community.

Cory Otto, a realtor and former COSO Deputy Sheriff, and fellow businessman Greg Steinhaus purchased 200 of the "WE BACK THE BADGE" lawn signs; they later purchased 200 more because they were so popular. They sold them to citizens for $10 apiece and then donated half the proceeds to our department for our K-9 fund and the other half to the COSO K-9 fund.

Cory Otto’s business associate, Sarah Tredinnick, opened up a lemonade stand in the summer of 2016 and then gave the proceeds to our PPD K-9 fund. Pictured with Lt. Klafke, Chief Manthey, Lt. Hoege and Det. Lt. Dan Garrigan is Sarah’s daughter.

VIPS Bill and Joan Maxwell brought in a cake that had the words
“We Back the Badge” on it; pictured are Bill and
Officer Pete Warning and Sgt. Brian Fehd.

Bill & Joan hold up a large “thank-you” sign made by
students of St. John’s Lutheran School

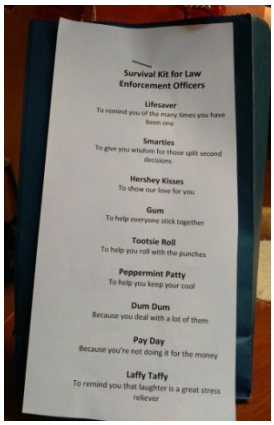


Poster made by St. John's Lutheran 6th Grade Class

Compilation of thank-you cards from St. John's Lutheran & John Muir schools

We had a great turn-out for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – 2016 with Mayor Bill Tierney reading the proclamation & COSO providing their Honor Guard

"Survival Kits" made by River of Life Church members provided us with treats & humor!



Survival Kit for Law Enforcement Officers

Lifesaver
To remind you of the many times you have been one

Smarties
To give you wisdom for those split second decisions

Hershey Kisses
To show our love for you

Gum
To help everyone stick together

Tootsie Roll
To help you roll with the punches

Peppermint Patty
To help you keep your cool

Dum Dum
Because you deal with a lot of them

Pay Day
Because you're not doing it for the money

Laffy Taffy
To remind you that laughter is a great stress reliever

Backpack spotted @ Rusch School with PPD & PFD badges

New Patrol Lieutenant:

On 5-02-16, Lt. Rich Hoege was sworn in as our new Patrol Lieutenant. He came to us from the Columbia County Sheriff's Department after 25 years of faithful service to Columbia County. (Rich was in charge of Pardeeville for 11 years and he missed being deeply involved in community policing.) Alongside Rich is his wife, Gayle.

New Command Staff
Chief Manthey, Patrol Lt. Rich Hoege, Administrative Lt. Keith Klafke
& Detective Lt. Dan Garrigan

Lt. Penny Kiefer retired in 2016:

February 27, 2016, marked Lt. Penny Kiefer's last day with Portage P.D because of a career ending injury. Above are pictures with Penny with some of our staff at shift change that day and the majority of the Detective Division from the Columbia County Sheriff's Department.

Above is a great picture of Penny from the Portage Daily Register as she stood in front of the courthouse for Elder Abuse Awareness

Penny was named the Portage Daily Register's 2013 Anne Zimmerman Person of the Year; she is holding her grandchildren, Eve & Josie

Penny has touched many lives in the Portage area by serving the Portage Police Department and the community of Portage for 38 years. She started for the Police Department on 9-18-78 as a dispatcher. On 9-27-81, she became a patrol officer. On 7-15-90, she was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help those who were in need of her services.

Penny has been very active in the Portage community. She was doing community policing before it became a "buzzword". In 2003, just one month after her 25 year anniversary, Penny was awarded the Mary Rita Ostrander Leadership Award which is the highest award a female officer can receive in Wisconsin. (It's even greater than "Woman Police Officer of the Year" because it recognizes outstanding service for many years, not just one.)

Here are more of Penny's accomplishments:

- She led one of Wisconsin's most active TRIAD/SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement working Together) organizations, offering older people education on topics such as identify theft, scams and other law enforcement issues.
- Making blankets, hats and mitten for law enforcement and Health and Human Services workers to give to children who suffer abuse; she also makes sure that each squad car has teddy bears, blankets and books for children caught in tough law enforcement situations, such as witnessing a crime.
- Taking charge of the PPD's annual open house.
- Serving as the PPD's liaison to the Salvation Army, which helps her secure vouchers for people in need.
- Serving as the department's liaison for the Columbia County Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Abuse Coalition.
- Overseeing the department's annual bike rodeo, where youngsters practice safe riding skills, get free helmets and get their bikes serviced for free.
- Serving on the board of the Columbia County ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) and working with ABC Connections to help seniors get access to the services they need.
- Representing the department on the Columbia County Highway Safety Commission; which meets to address hazardous and dangerous road situations.
- Participating, from her teen years, in Kiwanis — starting with the Portage High School Key Club and continuing today with the Portage Family Skate Park project.
- Participating in the city's current efforts to create a dementia-friendly community.

Sgt. Adam Malchow retired:

On March 18th, 2016, Sgt. Adam Malchow retired. Adam started for us in 1988 and faithfully served Portage PD and the citizens of Portage for 28 years; the last 21 years as a Patrol Sergeant. Adam served on the Historic Preservation Committee and the Business Improvement District Board. He spearheaded our department's goal of developing our current Mission Statement of "Protecting Our Community and its Quality of Life by Delivering Exceptional Law Enforcement Services." Below are Adam and wife, Tammy.

As you'll read below, Officer Mike Schutz was promoted to Patrol Sergeant to fill Adam's supervisory position. Kate Kalmerton was sworn in as a new Police Officer and she took Adam's badge number (#12).

Detective Promotion:

On January 4th, 2016, Officer Jason Stenberg was sworn in as our newest Detective. He had been temporarily assigned to the Detective Division prior to 2016 and decided to compete for the full time position. He also celebrated his 17 year anniversary with Portage PD on his promotion date.

Jason & wife, Heather, and their good friends, Don & Judy Henrich

Patrol Sgt. Promotion:

On April 11th, 2016, Officer Mike Schutz was sworn in as our newest Patrol Sgt. He replaced Sgt. Adam Malchow who retired. Alongside Mike is Liz Olson, his significant other, who is a Sgt. for COSO Dispatch Center.

New Police Officer sworn in:

Officer Katelyn Kalmerton was sworn in as our newest officer on 7-11-16. City Clerk Marie Moe did the swearing in. Kate's grandfather had the honor of pinning on her badge. Kate graduated from MATC recently and this is her first job in law enforcement.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY #7

In January of 2016, we started up our 7th Citizen Police Academy. We had another great group of citizens attend. Lt. Keith Klafke and Officer Sarah Rueth 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) where we 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, surveillance equipment, cameras, legal issues, sex offenders, Triad, domestic abuse, fingerprinting & DNA, DARE/School Liaison, Amber Alert/ A Child is Missing/ Project Lifesaver, Defense and Arrest Techniques/ Handcuffing & OMVWI & SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Testing) To join, you need to be at least 18 years old, have some direct connection to the City of Portage and pass a basic background check. We had our biggest class in 2016 with seventeen participants.

L-R Chief Manthey, Klay Vehring, Deb Thompson, Beth Manthey, Amy Cole, Jon Stefonek, Rita Haase, Kay Winter, Jeff Melby, Candice Wade, Jerry Indermark, Kaylee Griffin, Pastor/Chaplain Alan Boeck, Mike Greiner, Greg Keip, Bobbie Greiner, Vitorio Catenacci, Jessica Greiner, Lt. Klafke

VI.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. When he retired in 2015, Administrative Lt. Keith Klafke took the group over. 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. Future membership will require the person to be either a Citizens Police Academy graduate, a student presently enrolled full-time in a college-level Law Enforcement program, or formal Police Academy graduate not yet employed by an agency.

The volunteers train one evening per month with the primary focus on emergency management. Below are the calls for service in 2016:

- Several VIPS assisted with and attended the Citizen Police Academy training
- Two of our VIPS assisted with the selection process for new officers
- Five VIPS assisted with the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th
- Eleven VIPS assisted with the Canal Days Parade on June 11th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the DSH Run/Walk on June 11th
- Twelve VIPS had CPR training on June 20th

- Five VIPS assisted us with Concert in the Park & the fireworks on July 2nd
- Four VIPS assisted us with Tractor Daze @ the fairgrounds July 8th – 10th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Relay for Life fundraiser on July 15th
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Edsel gathering downtown on July 21st
- Two VIPS assisted us with the DARE car wash fundraiser on July 23rd
- One VIPS assisted us with the K-9 golf fundraiser on July 30th
- Two VIPS assisted with the Kiwanis Ride to Read event on August 13th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Silver Lake Triathlon on August 27th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Taste of Portage on August 21st, 22nd
- One VIPS attended the ribbon cutting for the Skate Park on September 9th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the Skateboard Park Levee Cruise on September 10th
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Alzheimer's Walk on September 11th
- Four VIPS assisted with the 15 year anniversary of 9-11 on September 11th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the John Muir "Color Run" on September 17th
- Two VIPS assisted with the KIA Memorial Service on September 27th
- Six VIPS assisted us with the Homecoming Parade on October 7th
- Two VIPS assisted us with our Open House on October 8th
- One VIPS assisted with the annual coat distribution on October 28th
- Eight VIPS assisted us with the costume parade downtown on October 29th
- Five VIPS assisted us with Trick or Treating on October 31st
- Six VIPS assisted with the "Phantom of the Portage Opera" on October 31st
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Santa Fly-In on November 25th
- Eight VIPS assisted with the Holiday Parade on November 25th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Holiday Train on December 7th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Living Windows on December 10th and two VIPS assisted with the community Christmas program at the Presbyterian Church

L-R Bill Maxwell, Pastor Alan Boeck, Barb Chenoweth, Steve Aldridge, Betty Telvick, CSO Kevin Todryk, Kathy Hartl, Kay Winter, Lee Chenoweth (photo taken during costume contest/walking parade downtown – Halloween)

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run – 30 Year Anniversary in 2016
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. We would like to thank owners Chad Stevenson and Jeff Liegel from Culver's for their continued generosity by providing meals and treats for all the participants. Officer Klaude Thompson continues to be our liaison/lead person for this event.

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 are walking the hallways and greeting staff and students to let them know that they are there and available when they 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 officer's better knowledge (of the schools) so if there is an emergency, they will know the layout.

- Chief Manthey attended the 2015 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. Detective Bob Bagnall, Det. Lt. Dan Garrigan and I attended the new teacher program held in August.
- 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 tours of the Police Department, safety talks and attended their ceremonies.

Active Shooter Training at Portage High School on August 9th, 2016

On Tuesday evening, August 9th, we had a large scale active shooter & rescue force training exercise at the Portage High School. Participants included members of Portage PD, COSO, Rio PD, Poynette PD, Lodi PD, Lake Delton PD, Wisconsin State Patrol, DNR, Portage Fire, Divine Savior EMS & Emergency Room staff & Portage & Rio School officials and staff & Columbia County Emergency Management.

COSO Sgt. Mike Haverley checks in with Dispatch while he and Rio Police Officer Nathan Duell give protection to firefighters

Emergency vehicles lined up outside the Portage High School

DSH EMT's & Paramedics

Portage High School staff exiting building with their hands up

Officers & Deputies entering the building to search for the gunman

Detective Lt. Dan Garrigan running the command post

Preparation for Active Shooter/Rescue Force Training:
In January of 2016, we used the old nursing home at 715 West Pleasant Street to train in to prepare for the August large scale exercise. We used all three floors and we had two Instructors on each floor so that we could rotate officers and deputies into the different scenarios.

Officers Derek Anderson & Pete Warning give protection to an EMT

CSO Kevin Todryk and Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy being prepped by Instructor/ Detective Jason Stenberg

Lt. Rich Hoege giving training advice to Officers & Deputies

Officer AJ Brauner (foreground) guards the hallway while Instructor/Lt. Keith Klafke observes the training exercise

CSO Todryk portraying an “Active Shooter”

In 2016, Lt. Rich Hoege gave ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training sessions to St. Mary's and St. John's parochial schools staff. The training helps school staff to be prepared for dealing with a violent intruder.

PORTAGE UNITED METHODIST FALL RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2016

Lt. Rich Hoege & two cute kids

Lt. Hoege, Fire Inspector Craig Ratz
EMT's Barb Krohn & Ben Grosse

- We had our annual bike rodeo on May 7th, 2016. Numerous 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.

Kiwanis Members

DSH EMT's assisted with fitting the bike helmets

Officer AJ Brauner (left photo) and Community Service Officer Kevin Todryk (right photo) coordinated the annual Bike Rodeo in 2016

- We work with seven adult crossing guards and they do an outstanding job for us. L-R Warren Taylor, Wally Roderick, Bob Griepentrog, Marie Hoffer, Virgil Chance, Jayne Krall, & Jim Stafford help protect our kids as they cross the streets before and after school

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

- We continue to work with TRIAD/SALT. Officer Teresa Johnson and CSO Jerilyn Jerome took over this program after Lt. Penny Kiefer retired
- 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 drop off box in our lobby where people can drop off prescription medication that is no longer being used

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. Garrigan is now our department Liaison and he is assisting Det. Lt. Roger Brander of the Columba 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. Garrigan is the liaison for our department
- Crimestoppers continues to help our department solve crimes in and around Portage

Portage Police Chaplains' Program
In 2016, we kept our same four Police Chaplains and they assisted us in many ways throughout the year including making some very tough death notifications.

L-R Pastor Scott Schultz, Pastor Alan Boeck, Community Representative & Funeral Director Bob Mendrala, Pastor Scott Dadam, Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy

Open House

- We had our annual open house on October 8th, 2016, in conjunction with the Fire Department's open house. Instead of doing our usual Taser demonstration, Blystone's loaned us a vehicle and we used a tire deflation system to stop the vehicle. VIPS Steve Aldridge portrayed being a "bad guy" (left photo) and CSO Kevin Todryk also played a "bad guy" where K-9 Ares apprehended him (right photo). K-9 Ares also alerted on the vehicle for drugs. (bottom photo)

POLICE FAMILY:

Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Madison on May 20th

Lt. Keith Klafke, Police Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy, Bill & Joan Maxwell (who lost their son, Rich, in the line of duty) & Chief Manthey

Twenty Year Recognition Plaques

On 5-25-16, we celebrated Officer Pete Bartaczewicz's and Detective Bob Bagnall's 20 year anniversaries with Portage P.D. They were both given plaques thanking them for their devoted service to Portage PD and the citizens of Portage.

Coffee with a Cop:

In 2016, we started a new program in Portage called “Coffee with a Cop”. Lt. Rich Hoege is our coordinator but many of our officers have helped out with this. Rich rotates this to different restaurants/establishments.

Join Your Neighbors and Police Officers for Coffee and Conversation

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions,

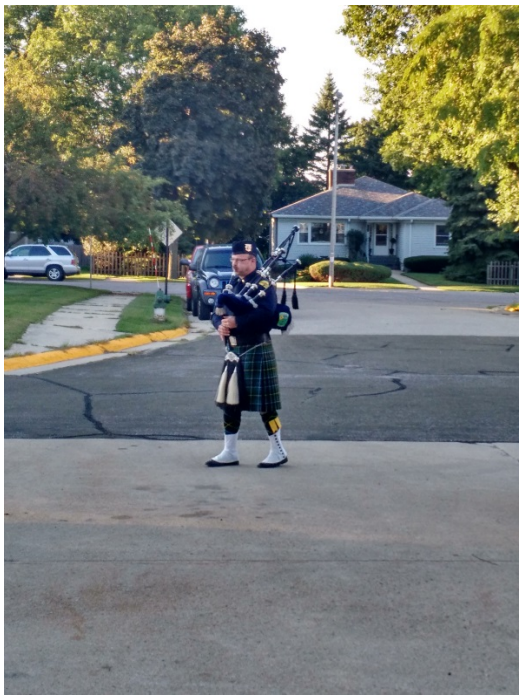
and get to know your officers!

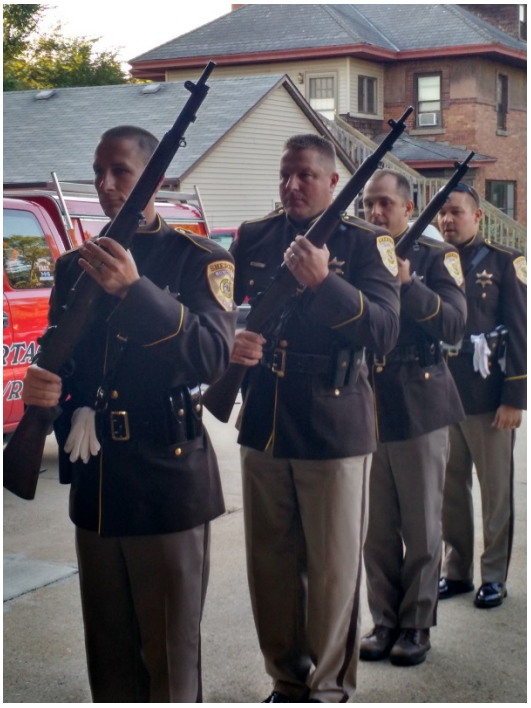
Contact Lt. Richard Hoege for more information richard.hoege@portagewi.gov

COSO Sgt. Todd Horn and Lt. Keith Klafke meet with some children @ Two River Coffee

Officer Derek Anderson, Officer Bill Charlebois, Detective Bob Bagnall, Sgt. Ben Neumann and his wife, Monica

FIFTEEN YEAR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE OF 9/11





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I would like to recognize and thank Police Lt. Keith Klafke and Fire Inspector Craig Ratz for putting the 15 year remembrance service of 9-11 together; they did a great job.

Homicide at Ridge Motor Inn:
On Monday morning, February 15th, officers responded to the rear of the Ridge Motor Inn at 2900 New Pinery Road for a report of a woman who had been shot. Tracy Krueger, age 41, was found mortally wounded. Officers put out a suspect vehicle description and within minutes, Sgt. Todd Horn of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department spotted the vehicle heading west out of Portage on Highway 16. Sgt. Horn, assisted by other deputies, stopped the vehicle and Kevin Krueger, age 51, was taken into custody. A shotgun was located inside the vehicle. It was learned that Tracy Krueger had been estranged from her husband and she had gone to the Ridge Motor Inn for Valentine's Day weekend with her boyfriend.

Homicide at Cattail Lodge:
On Sunday evening, December 18th, officers responded to the Cattail Lodge at 1720 New Pinery Road for a report of a shooting. Jason Laack, age 22, was found mortally wounded; he had been shot twice. It was learned that this was a drug deal that went bad. Mario Brown, age 24, of Madison was taken into custody in Madison the following day. An investigation revealed that three other suspects were involved; two had gone into the apartment and two had stayed in the vehicle. With invaluable assistance from Madison PD, all four suspects were rounded up and taken into custody.

Heroin Epidemic:
The heroin epidemic continued to plague our community in 2016; as it is doing around the country. Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death in America, surpassing traffic fatalities.

On 5-18-16, Police Officers responded to an apartment on the north side of Portage for a 59 year old Portage man who was deceased. He had died from a heroin overdose; his mother had found the needle still sticking in his hand.

On 11-17-16, Police Officers and EMT's from Divine Savior Hospital responded to an apartment on the north side of Portage for a 19 year old young man who was not breathing. Despite life-saving measures, they could not bring him back to life. He had just been in court and was sentenced to probation and he made the comment to a friend that he wanted to "party it up" before his probation officially started. He had also been a former heroin user.

As members of the PARCC (Prevention And Response Columbia County), we were very pleased that Stacy Davenport was selected to be our Medication Assisted Recovery Coordinator. Stacy had a lot of experience working with Columbia County Human Services as their Crisis Coordinator. In her new role, she quickly received 38 referrals in 2016. Her duties include:

- Act as a central access point for individuals with opioid use disorders
- Available on call for law enforcement, jails and hospitals
- Meet with individuals requesting help within 24 hours
- Educate clients about medication assisted treatment & gain agreement for participation in program

	2016 Statistics comparison						
Incident Type	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**
Accident	450	451	386	442	412	420	411
Agency Assist	375	355	410	412	402	390	376
Ambulance Calls	656	717	788	789	788	892	897
Alarm Calls	173	144	151	194	156	157	171
Animal Complaints	369	344	359	382	408	398	107
Burglaries	19	14	17	18	36	47	43
Citations (Traffic & Ordinance)	2044	1975	2514	2642	2131	2224	2889
Criminal Damage/Property	88	58	54	68	59	80	80
De-Tox	18	17	23	11	15	9	9
Disturbance	289	218	201	160	143	115	82
Found Property	225	205	220	215	201	207	235
Lost Property	44	37	53	47	42	52	72
Mental Commitment	51	36	42	28	25	44	54
Motorist Assists	71	50	87	149	154	140	172
OWI Arrests	134	109	114	72	60	81	155
Probation/Parole Arrests	195	134	147	119	132	169	211
Suspicious Activity	341	290	361	347	343	329	318
Suspicious Person	89	92	105	99	83	115	136
Suspicious Vehicle	61	71	43	75	74	94	82
Telephone Harassment	38	77	28	26	25	29	10
Theft – Bicycle	18	24	14	18	21	9	9
Theft – From Motor Vehicle	40	20	26	47	45	86	57
Theft – Motor Vehicle	7	4	5	6	10	13	22
Truancy – Habitual	72	49	41	43	18	102	99
Warnings	2353	1822	1426	962	1388	2666	2891
Warrant Arrests	124	127	153	183	178	223	27
Welfare Checks	397	404	502	470	523	611	690

In summary, we once again had a very busy year. I am very proud of our department. We have a very dedicated staff that does their best to protect and serve our community every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Manthey
Chief of Police 4-04-17