



PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



CONGRATULATIONS WERE GIVEN TO SGT. DUAINÉ PIXLER & OFFICER KLAUDE THOMPSON FOR THEIR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PORTAGE PD AND TO THE CITIZENS OF PORTAGE.



New officers hired in 2017:

Police Officer Brian Loewenhagen was sworn in on 2-20-17. He replaced Officer Brandon Koziol who got hired by Lake Delton P.D. Brian comes to us with 11 years of experience on the Adams County Sheriff's Department.



Part-time Police Officer Scott Dadam was sworn in on 8-30-17. He helped fill in for an officer who was on light duty because of a shoulder injury and for Officer Sarah Rueth who was gone for military training. Scott comes to us with 15 years experience on the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. He is also one of our volunteer Police Chaplains.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – 2017



VIPS (Volunteers In Police Services) Bill & Joan Maxwell continue to remember our department and the Sheriff's Department every year with the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. They provided a cake along with other treats and refreshment. Mayor Rick Dodd also read a proclamation thanking law enforcement for their dedication and service.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY #8



Front Row L- R:

Vicki Vogts, Angela Clemmons, Shaina Simonson, Michaela Melby, Annette Monthey

Back Row L-R:

Lt. Keith Klafke, Karyn Wetzel, Jerrod Simonson, Lexin Aldridge, Andy Saloun,
Anastasia Kinney, Tamara Brantley, Officer Sarah Rueth, Chief Ken Manthey
(not pictured: Kory Morgan)

In January of 2017, we started up our 8th Citizen Police Academy 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) 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, 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) If you would like to join the 2019 class, please contact us. (You need to be at least 18 years old and have some direct connection to the City of Portage)

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. 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. 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”.

The volunteers have trained one evening per month with the primary focus on emergency management. Here are the calls for service in 2017:

- Two of our VIPS assisted with the Citizen Police Academy training
- Two of our VIPS assisted with the selection process for new officers
- Seven VIPS assisted with the “Touched Twice” event @ St. Mary’s on 4-29-17
- VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell assisted with two circus showings on 5-05-17
- Six VIPS assisted with the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th and eight more assisted with the Canal Days Parade on June 3rd
- Two VIPS assisted with the fly-over on June 3rd
- Two VIPS assisted with the DSH Run/Walk on June 3rd
- Seven VIPS assisted us with Concert in the Park & the fireworks on July 1st
- Eight VIPS assisted us with the Big Top Circus on August 3rd
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Relay for Life Cancer Walk on July 14th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the K-9 fundraiser on July 29th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the Kiwanis “Ride to Read” on August 12th
- VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell assisted with the “Music Fest” on August 19th
- One VIPS assisted COSO in Pardeeville with an Officer Involved Shooting on August 21st (he lives in the same block)
- Eight VIPS assisted us with the Silver Lake Triathlon on August 26th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Taste of Portage on August 26th
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Skateboard Park Levee Cruise on September 5th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Alzheimer’s Walk on September 10th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the John Muir “Color Run” on September 23rd
- One VIPS assisted us with the “Walk for Hope” on September 23rd
- Seven VIPS assisted us with the Homecoming Parade on September 29th
- Two VIPS assisted with our Open House on October 14th
- VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell assisted with the Wine Walk on October 27th

- Seven VIPS assisted us with the costume parade downtown on October 28th
- Ten VIPS assisted us with Trick or Treating on October 31st
- Two VIPS assisted us with the Santa Fly-In on November 24th
- Nine VIPS assisted us with the Holiday Parade on November 24th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Holiday Train on December 4th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Living Windows on December 9th

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run –2017

Every year, our police department, along with other agencies, participates in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Officer Klaude Thompson is our liaison. This is held 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.



L-R Special Olympian Steve Woodard, Officer Sarah Rueth, Chief Ken Manthey, Officer Pete Bartaczewicz, “Scoopy”, Officer Klaude Thompson, Lt. Rich Hoege, Officer AJ Brauner & Lt. Keith Klafke



Lt. Rich Hoege played his bagpipes for the 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; this practice allows students and staff to get to know the officers in a more relaxed and pleasant way. The policy helps officers get to know where the classrooms are located so if there is an emergency, they will know the layout much better.



Two of the top DARE Essay winners reading their DARE reports.

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.

- 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 them tours of the Police Department and Safety Talks and attending their ceremonies.



Brothers Conal, Liam and Eamon Seiler sold pumpkins in the fall of 2017 as a fundraiser for our DARE program and also for the VFW in Briggsville. They donated \$600 to each cause. Their parents are Todd & Katie Seiler. (Katie is the daughter of retired Ass't Police Chief Kevin O'Neill) They later gave a second generous donation.



Chief Manthey & Lt. Klafke gave a tour of the PD and the showing of a squad to Mrs. Carol Austin's class from St. Mary's on 5-15-17

Chief Manthey @ Learning Tree



Lt. Klafke's son, Knight @ Little School presentation



CSO Kevin Todryk assisting with Halloween Walking Parade on 10-28-17



Trick or treaters from Alphabet Express Pre-school paid us a visit on Halloween, 10-31-17. Secretary Jen Mecum and CSO Kevin Todryk got in the act.

- We had our annual bike rodeo on May 2nd 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.



Park & Recreation Safety Day
6-23-17



Fire Inspector Craig Ratz, CSO Kevin Todryk & Lt. Keith Klafke



K-9 Deputy Greg Kaschinske



- We work with seven adult crossing guards and they do an outstanding job for us. Warren Taylor, Jayne Krall, Marie Hoffer, Bob Griepentrog, Robert Weishoff and Willard Carpenter 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 are our department liaisons.
- Every spring, a training day is held in the meeting room 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 get together in the basement of city hall for a nice meal and entertainment.



Spring Drug Collection @ Walgreen's 4-29-17
L-R CSO Jerilyn Jerome, EMT Kari Moore,
Officer Teresa Johnson, Herb Jones (Triad)
EMT Lonnie Martinez



Fall Drug Collection @ Walgreen's 10-28-17
Herb Jones, Officer Pete Bartaczewicz
Officer Teresa Johnson, Patricia
Figueroa (Triad) CSO Jerilyn Jerome

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 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. Garrigan is the liaison for our department
- Crimestoppers continues to help our department solve crimes in and around Portage

Portage Police Chaplains' Program

We continue to be blessed with four Police Chaplains. They are Pastor Alan Boeck (retired from St. John's Lutheran Church, Pastor Scott Dadam-River of Life Church, (Scott is also a military chaplain), Pastor Scott Schultz of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy (trained specifically to be a Police Chaplain)



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

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, Canal Days Parade, Taste of Portage, Silver Lake Triathlon, Living Windows, the Holiday Parade and the Holiday 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.

GOVERNMENTAL/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 2017 for in-service training and we will be together again in 2018.

POLICE FAMILY:

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Service 5-19-17
Lt. Rich Hoege and Officer Brian Loewenhagen





Community Service Officer Jerilyn Jerome celebrated her 20 year anniversary with PPD on 10-06-17



Sgt. Eric Walters celebrated his 20 year anniversary with PPD on 2-28-17



Police Secretary Denise Vater and her husband, Scott, were blessed with a healthy baby boy (Mason) on 10-22-17



Allison Gorman, summer intern, 2017

Chief Manthey celebrated his 40 year anniversary with PPD on July 5th. A surprise party was held for him on June 29th and there was a very nice turn-out.



The “Summer School” students from St. John’s Child Development Center made a sign for Chief Manthey congratulating him on his 40 years of service to Portage.



Lt. Keith Klafke and his fiancée, Nancy Ballweg, were married on 8-12-17 by Judge Andy Voigt



Det. Lt. Dan Garrigan, Adm. Lt. Keith Klafke & Detective Jason Stenberg, along with former Police Officer Blaine Young, sponsored a hole and played in the golf tournament fundraiser for the Portage Fire Department on 8-19-17



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.

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 are 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 fortunate to have Madison PD's training center available to us. It eliminates the need to pay for housing and extra meals.

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

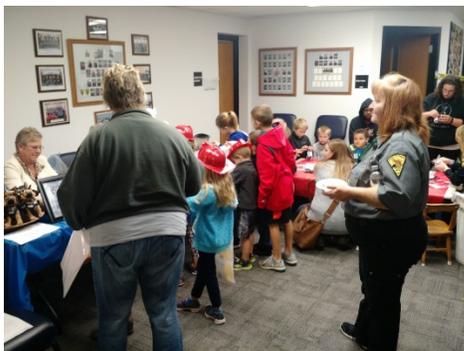
- Officer Pete Warning is now our Taser instructor. This training and the tool has helped our department in reducing liability, injuries and even saving lives. This is a good working tool to help combat violent individuals.
- Sgt. Brian Fehd continues to be our EVOIC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) 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.
- Lt. Keith Klafke, Lt. Rich Hoege 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.

POLICE/FIRE OPEN HOUSE HELD ON 10-14-17

We had our annual open house in conjunction with the Fire Department's open house.



Officer Kate Kalmerton



**Community Service Officer
Jerilyn Jerome**



Officer Pete Warning



Officer Brian Loewenhagen

Portage Firefighter Aeriond Liu agreed to be Tasered. In one of the photos below, he is supported by Lt. Keith Klafke and Officer Brian Loewenhagen after being Tasered by Officer Pete Warning.





Fire Inspector Craig Ratz



State Trooper Erica Ballweg-Larsen



Trooper Ballweg-Larsen demonstrating the "Little Convincer"; showing the importance of wearing your seatbelts

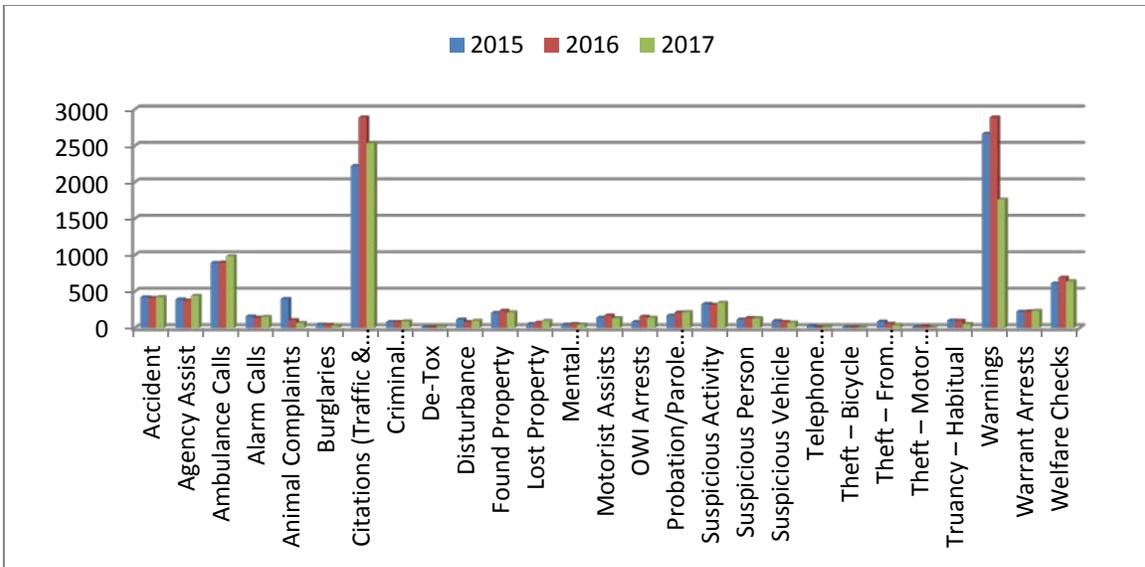
CONGRATULATIONS, DENNIS, DEREK & BEN FOR SAVING A 52 YEAR OLD MAN'S LIFE ON 12-03-16 BY DOING CPR, USING A DEFIBRILLATOR AND HELPING WITH A BAG VALVE MASK



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO, BEN, FOR SAVING A 51 YEAR OLD MAN'S LIFE BY DOING THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER AFTER HE WAS CHOKING ON A PIECE OF MEAT ON 1-29-17



2017 Statistics comparison							
Incident Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Accident	451	386	442	412	420	411	422
Agency Assist	355	410	412	402	390	376	440
Ambulance Calls	717	788	789	788	892	897	984
Alarm Calls	144	151	194	156	157	171	151
Animal Complaints	344	359	382	408	398	107	68
Burglaries	14	17	18	36	47	43	30
Citations (Traffic & Ordinance)	1975	2514	2642	2131	2224	2889	2535
Criminal Damage/Property	58	54	68	59	80	80	90
De-Tox	17	23	11	15	9	9	22
Disturbance	218	201	160	143	115	82	100
Found Property	205	220	215	201	207	235	213
Lost Property	37	53	47	42	52	72	95
Mental Commitment	36	42	28	25	44	54	44
Motorist Assists	50	87	149	154	140	172	132
OWI Arrests	109	114	72	60	81	155	139
Probation/Parole Arrests	134	147	119	132	169	211	216
Suspicious Activity	290	361	347	343	329	318	345
Suspicious Person	92	105	99	83	115	136	131
Suspicious Vehicle	71	43	75	74	94	82	72
Telephone Harassment	77	28	26	25	29	10	13
Theft – Bicycle	24	14	18	21	9	9	5
Theft – From Motor Vehicle	20	26	47	45	86	57	39
Theft – Motor Vehicle	4	5	6	10	13	22	4
Truancy – Habitual	49	41	43	18	102	99	52
Warnings	1822	1426	962	1388	2666	2891	1761
Warrant Arrests	127	153	183	178	223	227	232
Welfare Checks	404	502	470	523	611	690	639



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 fulfill our mission statement every day. ***“Protecting our community and its quality of life by delivering exceptional law enforcement services.”***

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Manthey
Chief of Police 3-13-18