

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report

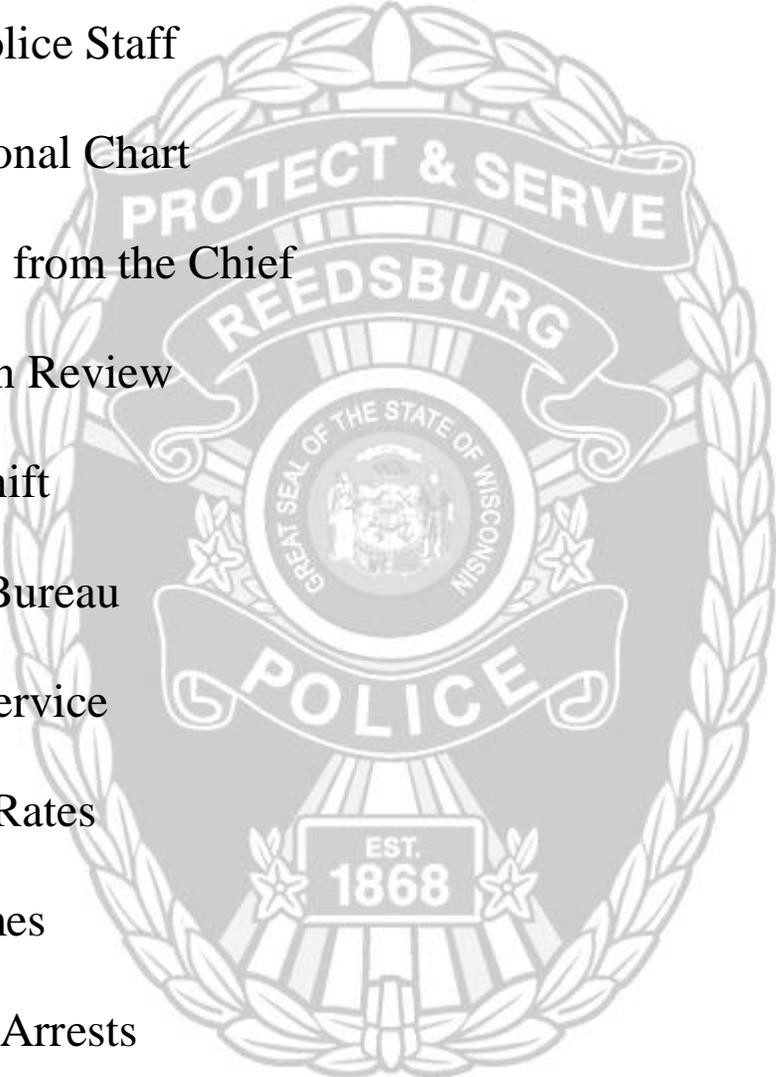


2011

Timothy M. Becker
Chief of Police

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The seal of the Reedsburg Police Department is centered on the page. It features a circular emblem with a central figure, surrounded by the text "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN". Above the emblem is a banner that reads "PROTECT & SERVE" and below it is another banner that reads "REEDSBURG". At the bottom of the seal, a small rectangular box contains the text "EST. 1868". The entire seal is framed by a laurel wreath.

Sworn Police Staff

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Garry Zellmer	Detective Bureau Commander	107
Sergeant Darrin Frye	A Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	B Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	C Shift Commander	128
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Bernard Jernander	Patrol	103
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	School Resource Officer	112
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Richard Wolf	Patrol	129
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Geffert	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Mark Eberle	Patrol	137
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Kyle Mueller	Patrol	141
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol	142

Police Fleet - 1961



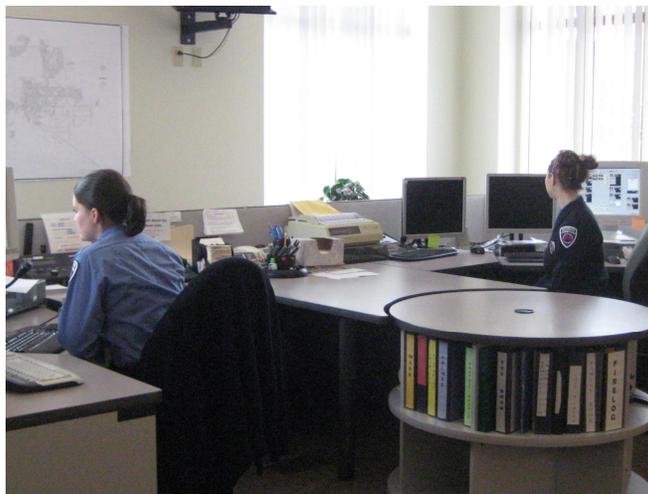
Civilian Police Staffí

Communication Center:

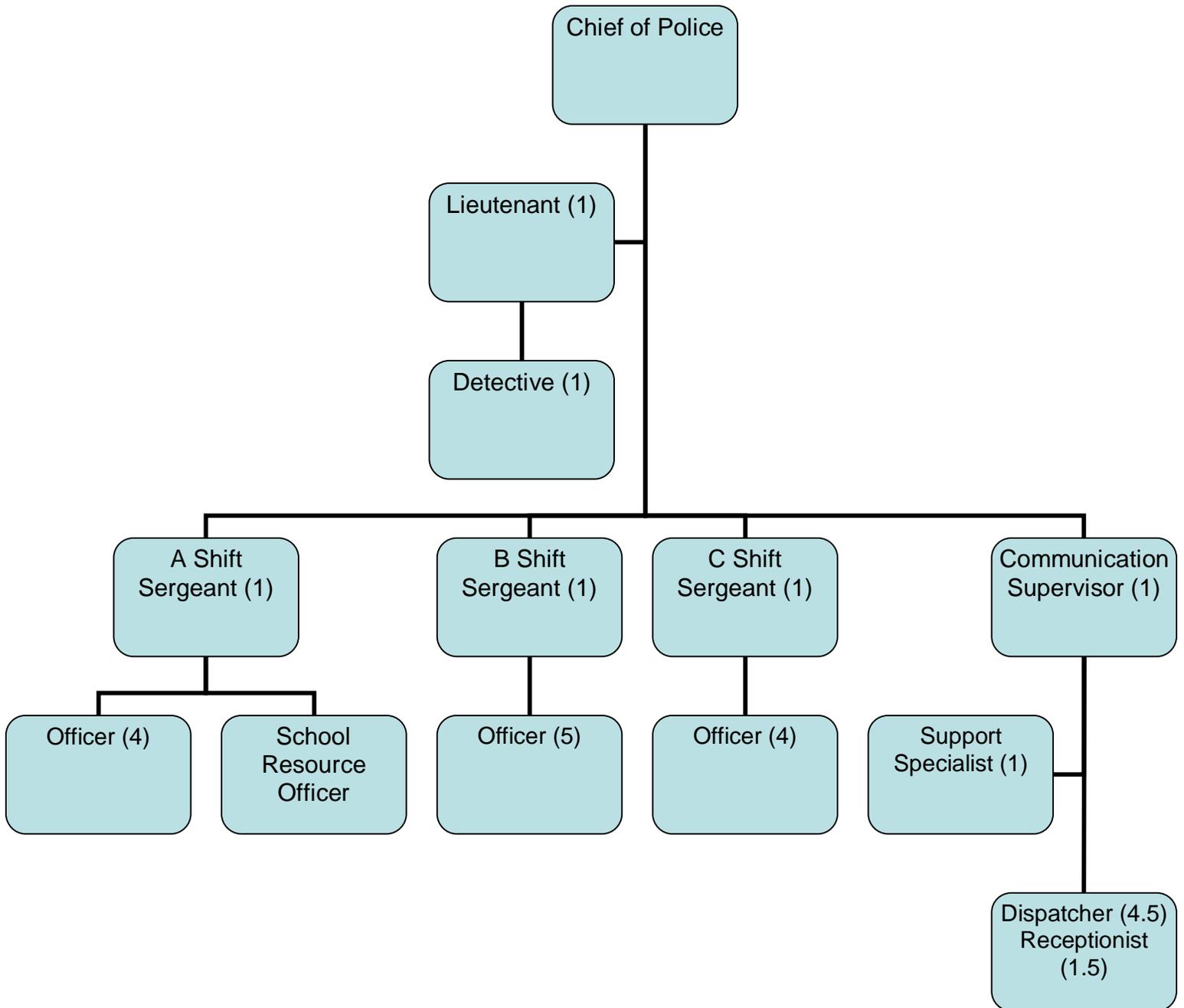
Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Kimberly Hoekstra	Operator	523
Amy Breidenbach	Operator	524
Elena Weber	Operator	525
Erik Knull	Operator (PT)	513

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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Organization Chart



A Message from the Chief

Honorable David G. Estes,
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2011 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2011 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The Police Department has experienced a significant increase in the demand for service by our residents. 2011 has documented the highest amount of calls in the history of the Department with nearly 16,000.

In addition to enduring the highest quantity of calls we have ever had; the complexity of the calls has also increased. In 2011 the City had its first homicide since the early 1980's. A 3-month old infant was brutally bludgeoned to death while in the care of a babysitter. The babysitter was arrested and is awaiting trial. The Police Department also issued its first Amber Alert for a child abduction. The child was located and returned unharmed. An ultra-light plane crash near the airport killed two men in the summer of 2011 and the end of the year brought a \$100,000 arson of the Farmer's Co-Op, downtown. The arsonist is also awaiting trial.

In addition to the increased high-profile cases that the Police Department investigated, we are also charged with enforcing the City's Sexual Offender Residency ordinance. Using this ordinance as a guide the Police Department has relocated 4 sexual offenders that were illegally residing in the City.

The Police Department has also begun our accreditation process with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. This is a long and arduous process that examines every aspect of the service we provide. The Police Department welcomes an opportunity to be evaluated as a means to provide the highest most affordable level of service.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Timothy M. Becker

Chief of Police

The Year in Reviewí

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2011:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2010) 80% to (2011) 87%.
- Calls for Service increased from (2010) 11,978 to (2011) 15,704.
- Total activity increased 31%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests increased 4%.
- Traffic complaints/citations increased 47%.
- Traffic Accidents decreased 7%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 100 drunk drivers in 2011.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual (5/5) and physical assaults (33/33).
- Investigated and cleared the first homicide in the City since 1983.
- Investigated and cleared Farmer's Co-Op Arson.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Darrin Frye. Sgt. Frye oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 4,453 calls for service.

B Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Andy Foesch commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Foesch is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 6,192 calls for service.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Cummings performs functions such as tavern checks and business checks. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Cummings supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 5,059 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

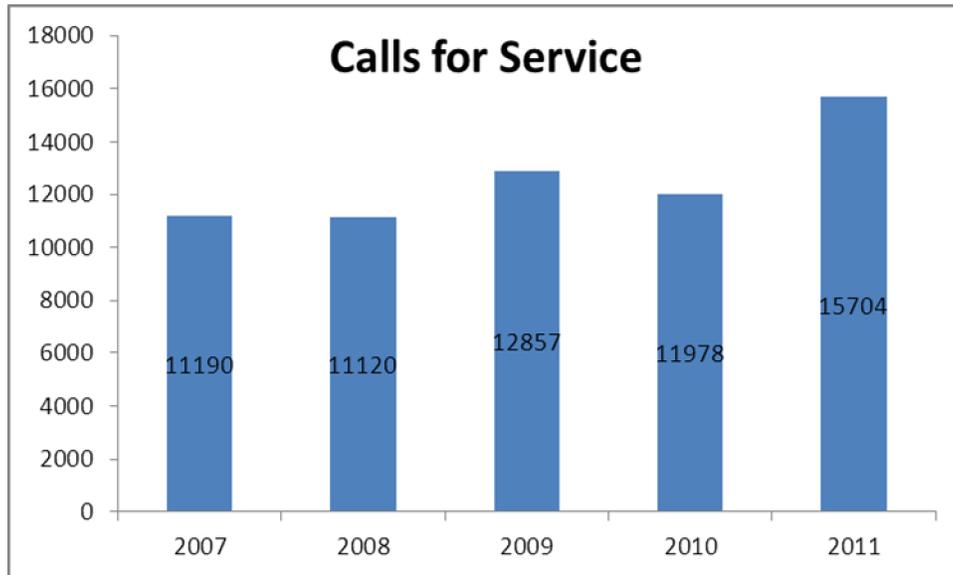
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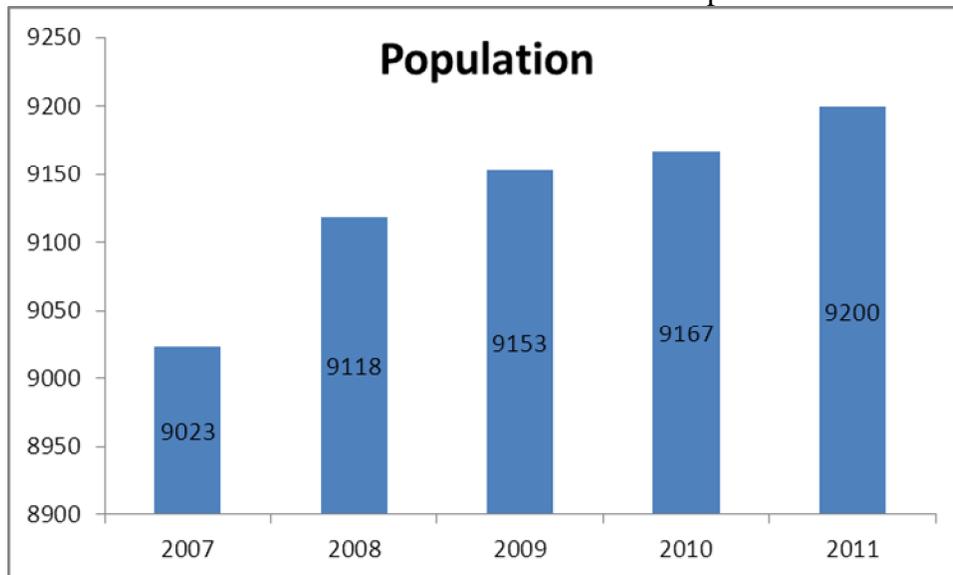
Lt. Garry Zellmer commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Zellmer and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2011, the Detective Bureau was assigned 911 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations.



Calls for Service

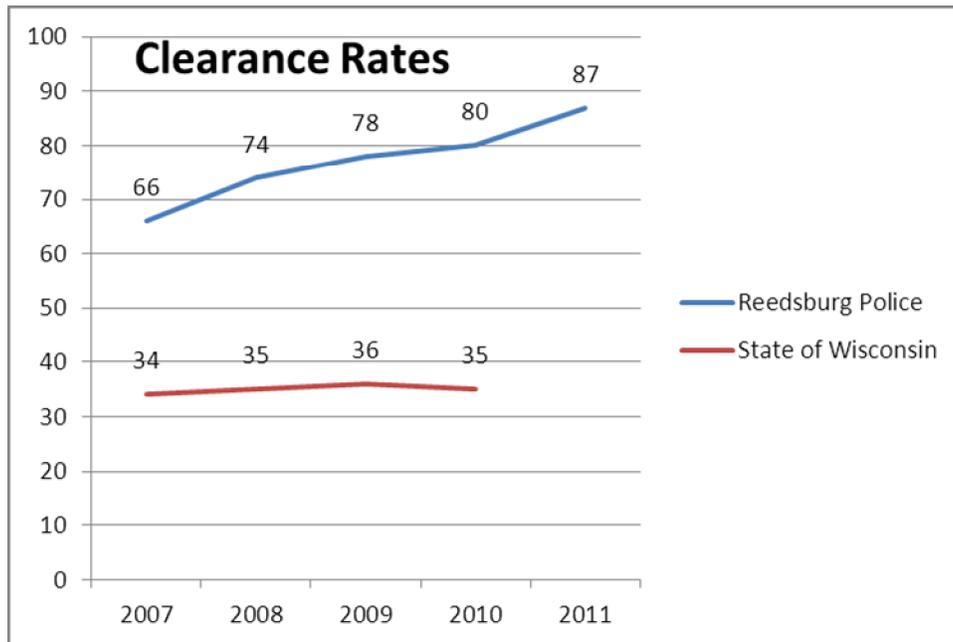


The Police Department realized a large increase in calls for service from 2010 to 2011. In 2010, calls for service averaged 665 per sworn position. In 2011 the calls for service averaged 785 calls per sworn position which is the highest amount since records were kept.



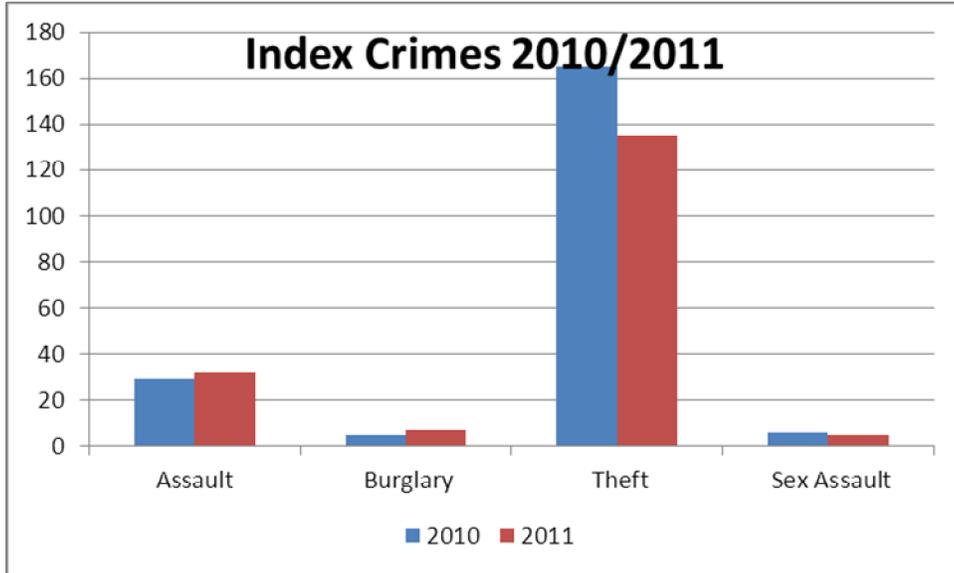
The City of Reedsburg continues its reign as the fastest growing community in Sauk County. With increased population come needs for law enforcement services.

Clearance Rates

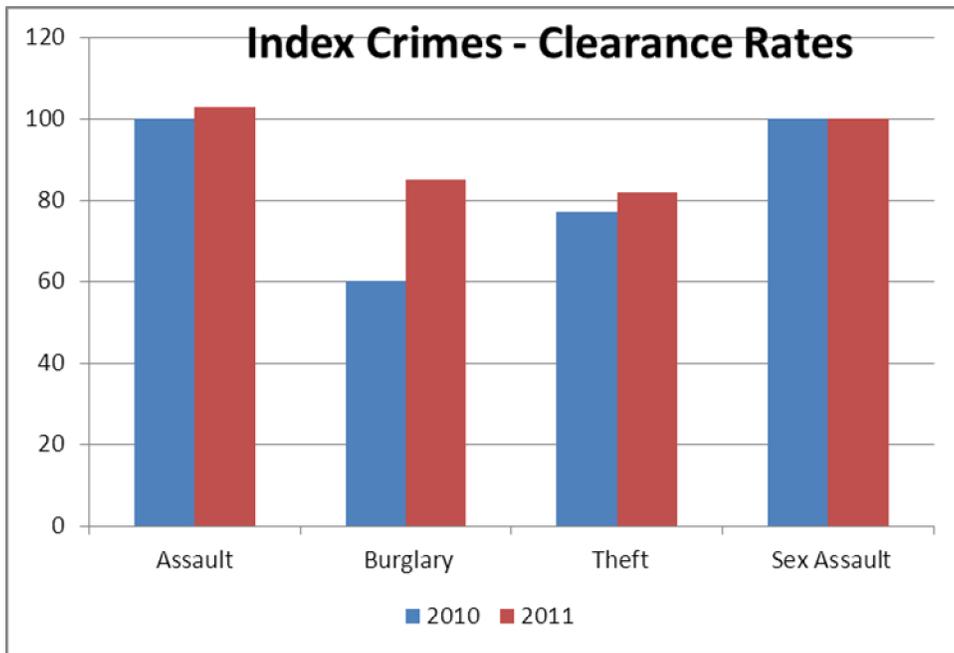


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 80% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

Index Crimes



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in all categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



Crime and Arrests



ADULT	2011	2010	% Change
Burglary	5	2	150
Narcotics	95	67	41.79
Theft	114	130	-12.31
Criminal Damage	17	25	-32
Weapons Violations	12	11	9.09
Battery	42	26	61.5
Warrants	124	92	34.78
Disorderly Conduct	140	127	10.24
Liquor Law Violations	44	66	-33.33
Obstructing an Officer	47	47	0
Worthless Checks	166	210	-20.95
Trespass	11	5	120
Miscellaneous	84	129	-34.88
Total Adult Arrests	901	937	-3.84
JUVENILE			
Recovered Runaway	46	19	142.11
Curfew Violations	107	81	32.10
Theft	26	50	-48
Disorderly Conduct	46	29	58.62
Truancy	46	30	53.33
Smoking Violations	31	24	29.17
Vandalism	11	10	10
Liquor Law Violations	28	15	86.67
Narcotics	8	4	100
Burglary	2	0	
Battery	4	6	-33.33
Miscellaneous	36	37	-2.70
Total Juvenile Arrests	392	305	28.52
Total Criminal Arrests	1293	1242	4.11%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
01/05/11	6:25pm	Emergency Detention	Physical	Yes
03/22/11	12:00pm	Disorderly Conduct	Physical	No
05/22/11	2:30am	Battery to LE, Resisting, DCx2	Physical	Yes
06/27/11	12:08am	Resisting, Emergency Detention	Physical	Yes
07/09/11	4:26pm	Bail Jumping, Resisting	Physical	Yes
07/20/11	5:15pm	Narcotics Arrest, Resisting	Physical	No
10/02/11	5:00am	Armed, Emergency Detention, Resisting	Physical	Yes
11/25/11	9:50pm	Disorderly Conduct, Resisting	Physical	Yes

*Physical means empty hands techniques were used to overpower the resistive behavior. Force beyond that was not necessary.

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 433 times in 2011 as compared to 423 in 2010. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department participated in three Wisconsin traffic programs in 2011.

In appreciation of our voluntary participation in these programs, the Police Department was awarded a \$4,000 equipment grant from the Department of Transportation.

Emergency Detention/Transports:

Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility to transport them to a specialized hospital. Normally, these transports are made to Madison but occasionally they are made to Winnebago County. These cases not only take several hours to triage, the transports are becoming extremely more time consuming. The transports require the use of two personnel to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 86 transports in 2011 compared to 75 in 2010.