

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2008

Timothy M. Becker

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Sworn Police Staff...

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Garry Zellmer	Detective Bureau Commander	107
Sergeant Thomas Peters	A Shift Commander	110
Sergeant Darrin Frye	B Shift Commander	115
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 John Trago	Patrol	117
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Andrew Foesch	K9/ Patrol	126
Officer Patrick Cummings	Patrol	128
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 Bret Meinen	Patrol	138
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139

Police Fleet - 1961



Civilian Police Staff...

Communication Center:

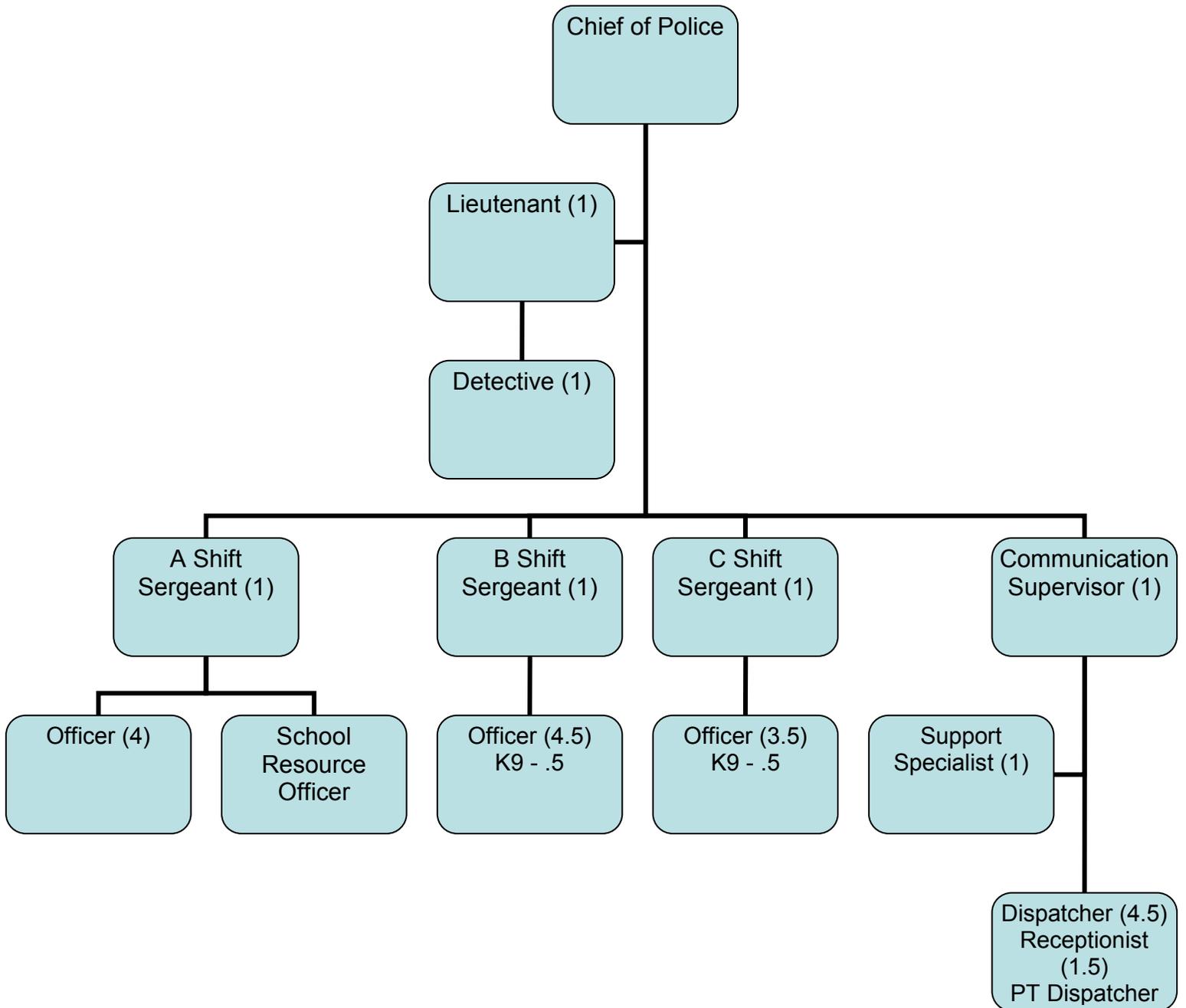
Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dorine Helm	Operator	522
Kimberly Higgins	Operator	523
Amy Breidenbach	Operator	524
Elena Weber	Operator	525
Erik Knull	Operator	513
Edward Pohlman III	Operator	519

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
Pastor Scott Buhrow	Police Chaplain	700



Organization Chart...



A Message from the Chief...

Honorable Carol Held,
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 2008 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2008 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress through the past year. 2008 had a tremendous share of catastrophic weather with record snow in the winter months and record flooding in the summer.

The police department had a major impact in ushering the city through the weather related emergencies that presented themselves in 2008. In addition to blocking and manning several intersections during the flood, officers assisted the fire department in rescuing residents from their flooded homes.

The police department was charged with enforcing the City's Sexual Offender Residency ordinance. Although this ordinance is controversial, it has resulted in three sexual offenders being prohibited from re-locating in Reedsburg. I believe this makes all of us safer.

The department also investigated a record high nine death investigations in 2008. These investigations are incredibly time-consuming and intricate, stretching the department's resources to their limits and beyond. The department has seen a reduction in serious crime in 2008. Burglaries are down 25%, Auto Thefts are down 30%, and Sexual Assaults are down 29%. In a direct reflection of how dedicated and professional the staff of the Reedsburg Police Department is, we have achieved a 2008 clearance rate of 74% as compared to the State of Wisconsin average of 25%.

The Department also issued eight narcotics search warrants in 2008, resulting in the confiscation of nearly 50 pounds of illegal narcotics.

The Department was also able to implement a Mobile Data Browser program due to over \$32,000 in secured grants from several sources.

The Department was able to upgrade its mobile radios (as well as the radios for DPW) due to a grant for \$29,000 from the Department of Homeland Security.

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 2008 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Chief Timothy M. Becker

The Year in Review...

There were many issues that befell the Reedsburg Police Department in 2008, these are a sampling:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2007) 66.1% to (2008) 74.63%
- Calls for Service decreased from (2007) 11,190 to (2008) 11,120
- Total activity decreased 8.10%
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 5.49%
- Traffic complaints/citations rose .52%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 89 drunk drivers.
- Cleared 100% of all Burglaries (15/15) and physical assaults (44/44).
- Index Crime Decreased 27%.
- Over \$60,000 in grants awarded for communications projects.

Patrol Calls by Shift...

A – Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Tom Peters. Sgt. Peters oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 3,544 calls for service.

B-Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Darrin Frye commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Frye is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 4,876 calls for service in 2008.

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 which includes the K9 Unit. C-Shift responded to 2,700 calls for service.

Detective Bureau...

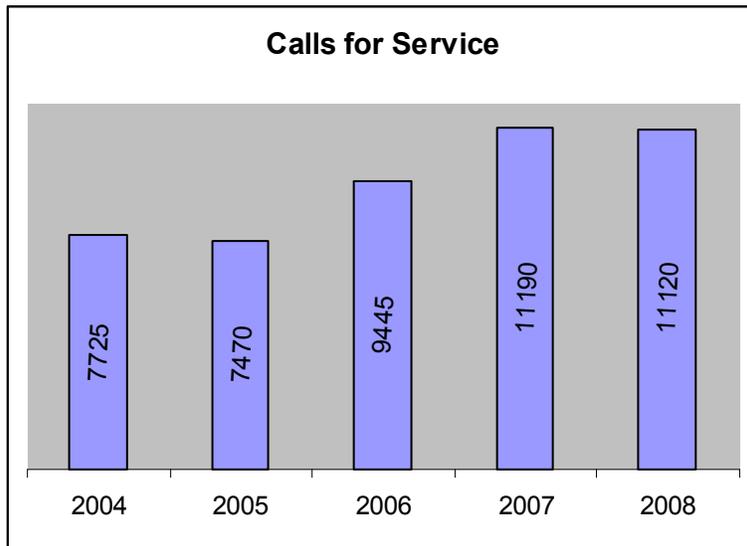
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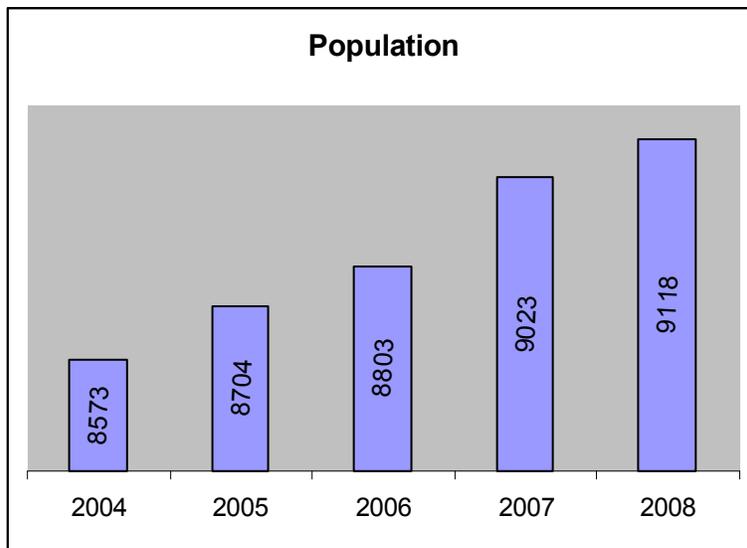
Lt. Garry Zellmer commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Zellmer and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle “in-progress” calls. In 2008, the Detective Bureau was assigned 219 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations.



Calls for Service...

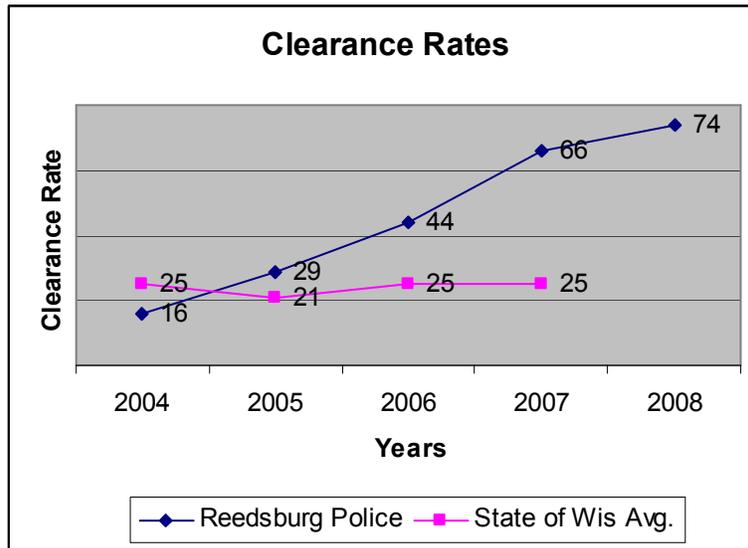


The Police Department realized a slight decrease in calls for service from 2007 to 2008. In 2007 calls for service averaged 621 per sworn position. In 2008 the calls for service averaged 585 calls per sworn position.



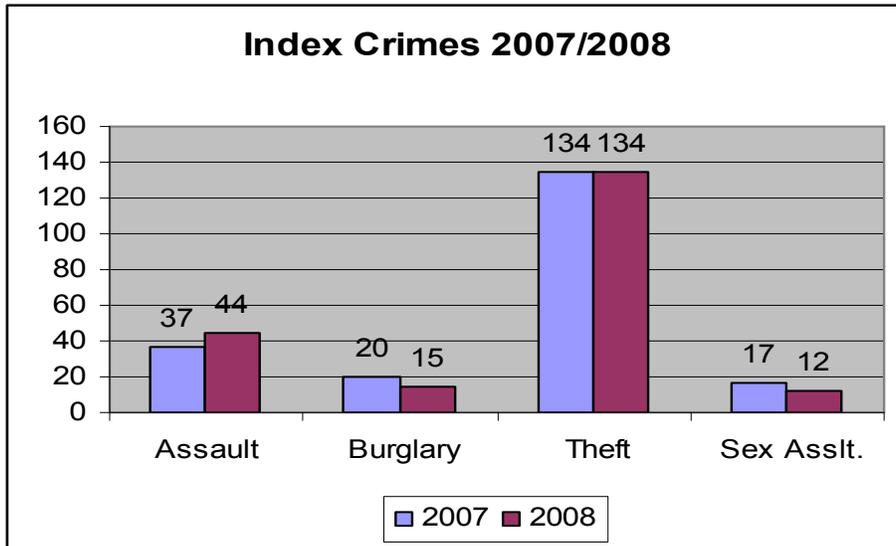
The City of Reedsburg continues its reign as the fastest growing community in Sauk County. With increased population come needs for law enforcement services. This was very evident in 2008 as the Department averaged 1.21 calls per capita.

Clearance Rates...

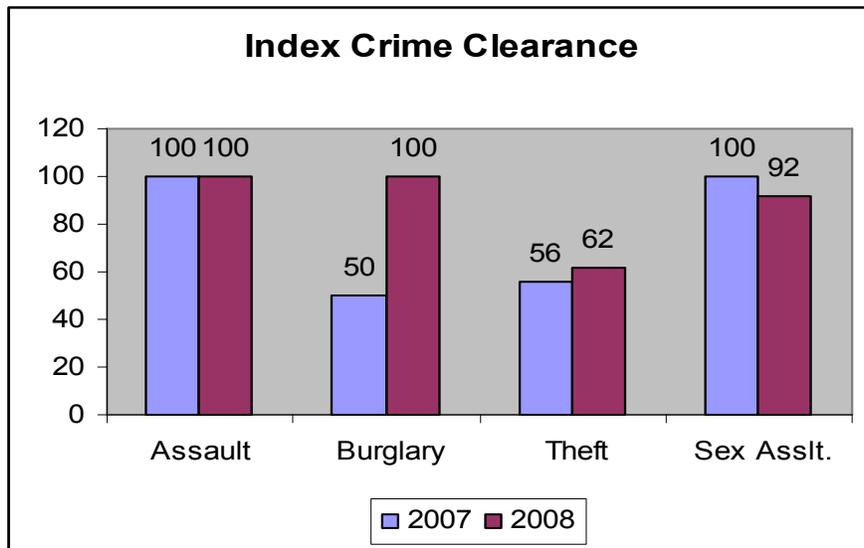


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is beginning to consistently outpace the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. In 2008, the Department added a Lieutenant of Detectives to supervise the Detective Bureau and carry an investigative caseload. That investment has paid off in solving a staggering 74% of criminal offenses. As illustrated, this is far beyond 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...



Arrests and Apprehensions	Year to Date 2008	Year to Date 2007	% Change 07 to 08
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ADULT

Burglary	14	11	27.27%
Narcotics	67	45	48.89%
Theft	106	74	43.24%
Criminal Damage	11	17	-35.29%
Weapons Violations	2	7	-71.43%
Battery	25	35	-28.57%
Warrants	147	183	-19.67%
Disorderly Conduct	126	142	-11.27%
Liquor Law Violation	52	81	-35.80%
Obstructing an Officer	29	46	-36.96%
Worthless Checks	385	469	-17.91%
Trespass	9	8	12.50%
Miscellaneous	119	96	23.96%
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	1092	1214	-10.05%

JUVENILE

Recovered Runaway	43	92	-53.26%
Curfew Violations	84	92	-8.70%
Theft	67	33	103.03%
Disorderly Conduct	73	35	108.57%
Truancy	79	124	-36.29%
Smoking Violation	44	24	83.33%
Vandalism	19	13	46.15%
Weapons Violations	0	1	
Liquor Law Violations	40	54	-25.93%
Trespassing	1	2	-50.00%
Obstructing an Officer	0	1	
Narcotics	15	10	50.00%
Burglary	28	5	460.00%
Battery	12	7	71.43%
Miscellaneous	38	23	65.22%
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	543	516	5.23%
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	1635	1730	-5.49%

Statistics...

Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
04-03-08	19:40	DVDC, DC, Battery, Resisting, Resisting	Taser	Yes
06-27-08	02:08	DC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
07-04-08	20:57	DC, DC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
07-27-08	00:07	Open Intox, Possession of THC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
08-03-08	19:45	DVDC, DC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
08-03-08	00:06	Underage Drinking, Possession of THC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
09-03-08	01:46	Battery to LE x 2, DC x 2, Resisting	Taser	Yes
09-13-08	02:43	Assist SASO, Criminal Traffic, Resisting	Taser	Yes
12-08-08	16:38	DVDC, DV Felony Battery, Resisting	Taser	Yes

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 444 times in 2008, which is up from 355 in 2007. 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 2008. The Department was awarded a \$4,000 grant in support of these programs. These programs concentrated on OWI and Seatbelt violations. Traffic citations rose slightly which is directly responsible for an overall decrease in injury motor vehicle accidents by 8.7%. Although traffic is often looked at negatively, you cannot argue the results of increased safety and decreased personal injury. This is an area that still needs to be concentrated on in 2009.

Photos...



Officer Andy Foesch & Fritz 22 Pounds of Marijuana



June 2008 Flood Granite Avenue/West Main Street



Neighborhood Electric Vehicle



Officer Bret Meinen capturing a raccoon



Police Chaplain Ben Seamans on the National Day of Prayer



Sauk County TRIAD Senior Vehicle Evaluation