

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2012

Timothy M. Becker
Chief of Police

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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 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 Staff

Communication Center:

Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Missy Honer	Operator	527
Jimmy Bowen	Operator	528
Erik Knull	Operator (PT)	513

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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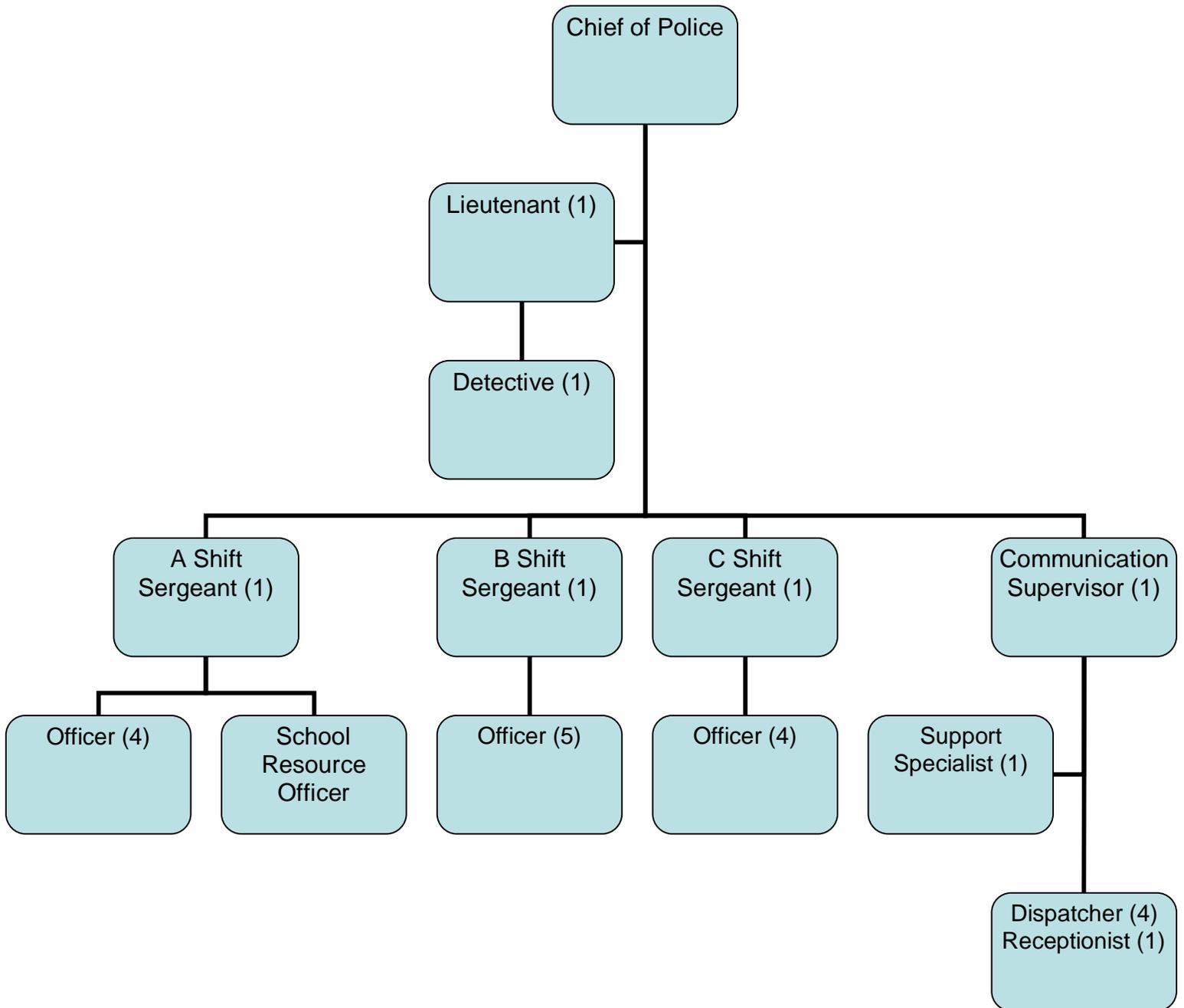


Dispatchers Dori Helm & Lynn Petersen at RPD Egg Hunt



Police Chaplain Ben Seamans leads on National Day of Prayer

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 2012 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2012 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. 2012 has documented the highest amount of calls in the history of the Department with nearly 20,000.

In addition to enduring the highest quantity of calls we have ever had; the complexity of the calls has also increased. In 2012 the City recorded its second homicide in two years. The suspect in this case killed his girlfriend, and then also killed himself. The Department also worked a complex embezzlement case that affected a local hockey league, eventually arresting its long-time treasurer.

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 7 sexual offenders that were illegally residing in the City.

The Police Department also continues 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 2012 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 2012:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2011) 87% to (2012) 95%.
- Calls for Service increased from (2011) 15,704 to 19,542(2012).
- Total activity increased 26%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests increased 2%.
- Traffic complaints/citations increased 33%.
- Traffic Accidents decreased 19%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 119 drunk drivers in 2012.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual (5/5) and physical assaults (33/33).
- Investigated and cleared a homicide/suicide.
- Investigated and cleared embezzlement case from Reedsburg Youth Hockey League.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A ó 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 7,023 calls for service.

B ó 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 7,049 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 5,470 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

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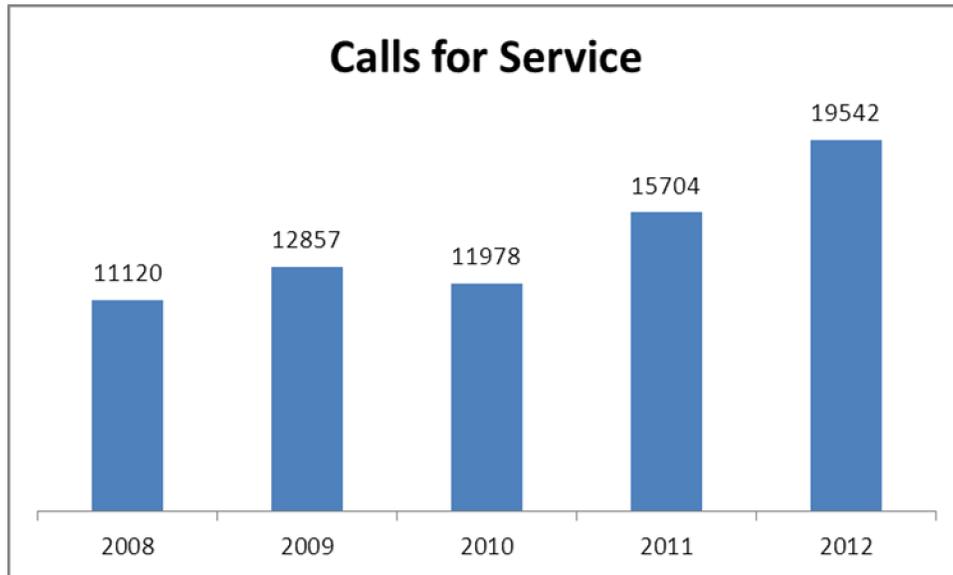


Lt. Garry Zellmer commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Zellmer and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2012, the Detective Bureau was assigned 911 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations.

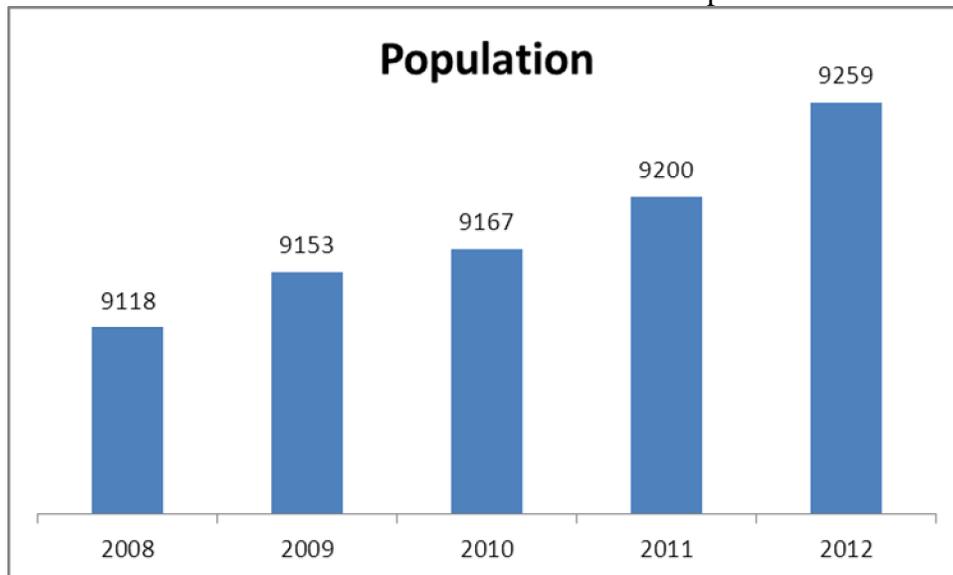
Lt. Zellmer retired from the Police Department on December 31, 2012 and his presence, experience and investigative skills will be greatly missed.



Calls for Service

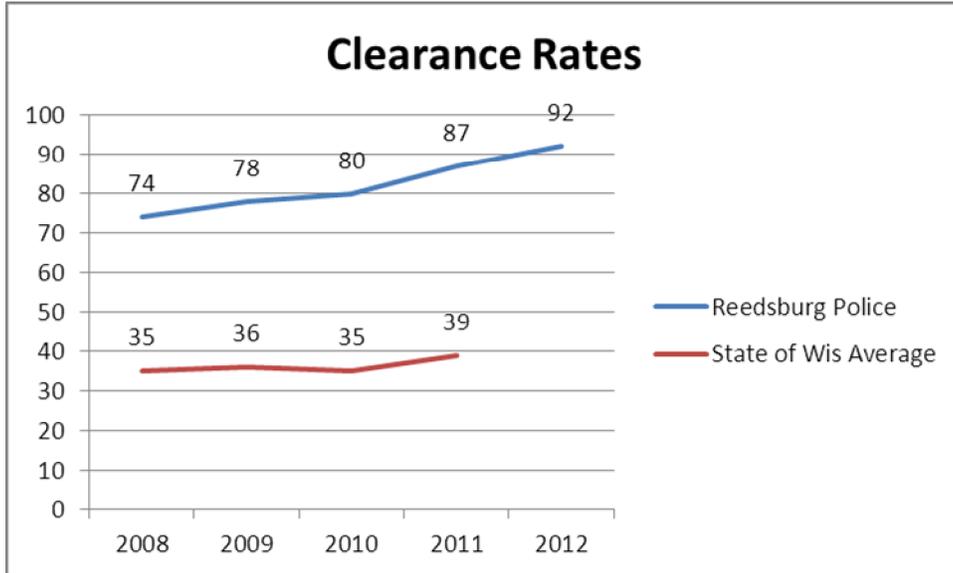


The Police Department realized a large increase in calls for service from 2011 to 2012. In 2011, calls for service averaged 785 per sworn position. In 2012 the calls for service averaged 977 calls per sworn position which is the highest amount since records were kept.



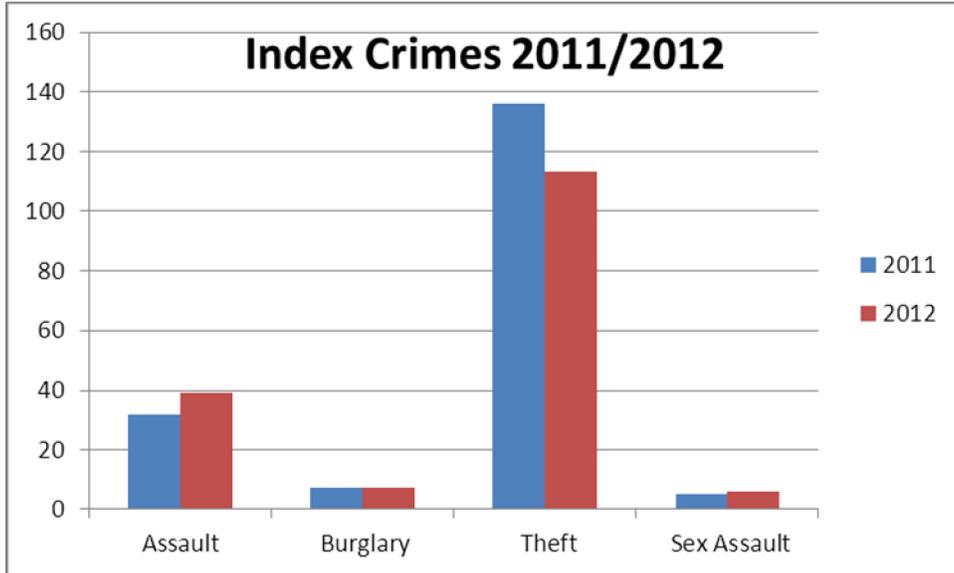
The City of Reedsburg continues as one of the fastest growing communities in Sauk County. With increased population comes need for additional law enforcement services.

Clearance Rates

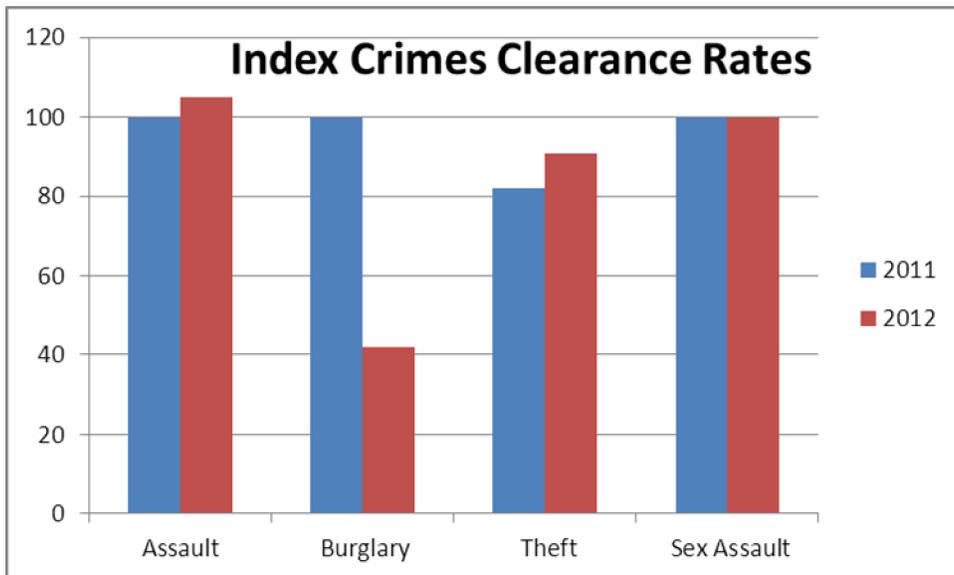


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 90% 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	2012	2011	% Change
Burglary	8	7	14.29
Narcotics	142	95	49.47
Theft	104	114	-8.77
Criminal Damage	15	17	-11.76
Weapons Violations	4	12	-66.67
Battery	43	42	2.38
Warrants	153	124	23.39
Disorderly Conduct	145	140	3.57
Liquor Law Violations	43	44	-2.27
Obstructing an Officer	77	47	63.87
Worthless Checks	161	166	-3.01
Trespass	6	11	-45.45
Miscellaneous	97	84	15.48
Total Adult Arrests	998	901	10.52
JUVENILE			
Recovered Runaway	38	45	-17
Curfew Violations	90	107	-15
Theft	19	26	-26
Disorderly Conduct	22	46	-52
Truancy	48	46	4
Smoking Violations	27	31	-12
Vandalism	4	11	-63
Liquor Law Violations	19	28	-32
Narcotics	9	8	12.5
Burglary	0	6	
Battery	5	4	25
Miscellaneous	53	37	43
Total Juvenile Arrests	338	397	-14
Total Criminal Arrests	1336	1300	2.77%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
01/14/12	2:18am	DC, Resisting Arrest	Taser	Yes
01/23/12	12:18am	DC, Resisting	Physical	Yes
01/30/12	9:35am	Ambulance	Physical	No
04/13/12	6:54pm	DC, Resisting, Battery to LE	Physical	No
07/30/12	5:00pm	Obstructing/Resisting	Physical	No
08/02/12	3:01am	Weapons, Resisting, DC	Taser	Yes
08/21/12	5:00am	OWI ó Felony, Resisting	Physical	Yes
09/07/12	2:04pm	Warrants, Resisting	Physical	No
09/13/12	1:23am	DC, Resisting Obstructing	Taser	Yes
11/16/12	12:39pm	Battery, DC, CDTP, Resisting	Taser	No
11/17/12	2:47am	Drug Possession, Resisting	Physical	Yes
11/22/12	2:15am	DC, Resisting	Physical	Yes

*Physical means õempty handsõ 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 457 times in 2012 as compared to 433 in 2011. 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 four Wisconsin traffic programs in 2012.

The Department of Transportation rewards voluntary participation in these programs with a lottery chance of obtaining a \$4000 equipment grant.

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 56 transports in 2012 compared to 86 in 2011.