

# Reedsburg Police Department

## Annual Report



2016

Timothy M. Becker  
Chief of Police

# Mission Statement & Strategic Goals

## Mission

The Reedsburg Police Department will provide the highest level of service through the enforcement of laws and the protection of life, property and the constitutional rights of all. We will make a positive impact by meeting the present and future needs of the public through a continued partnership with our community.

## Strategic Goals

The following goals are established to support the mission:

- É The Department will seek maximum efficiency in its goal of effectively addressing its basic mission
- É The Department will ensure a focused response for identifiable community problems. Emphasis will be to solve problems through education, cooperation, and enforcement of the law
- É The Department recognizes that its personnel are the most valuable resource and a conscious effort will be made to fully develop this resource through training and mentoring
- É As a means of ensuring that the Department is administered and operates effectively and efficiently, "state of the art" methods and resources will be deployed. This strategic goal will rely on compliance with the published accreditation standards of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG)

\*The Mission and Goals are reviewed annually to provide the most up-to-date, comprehensive service, insuring community satisfaction.



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# Sworn Police Staff

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Darrin Frye	A Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	Detective Bureau Commander	128
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	B Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Mark Eberle	C Shift Commander	137
Sergeant Richard Wolf	B/C Relief Shift Commander	129
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	Patrol	112
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Karll	School Resource Officer	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Detective Jesse Spears	Detective Bureau	136
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol	142
Officer Jon Schmitz	Patrol	143
Officer Joshua Benson	Patrol	144
Officer Amanda Georgeson	Patrol	145
Officer Samantha Mittlesteadt	Patrol	146



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# Civilian Police Staff

## Communication Center:

Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Diane Fry	Civilian Support Specialist	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Missy Honer	Operator	527
Sandy Milewski	Operator	531
Dan Meinhardt	Operator	532

## Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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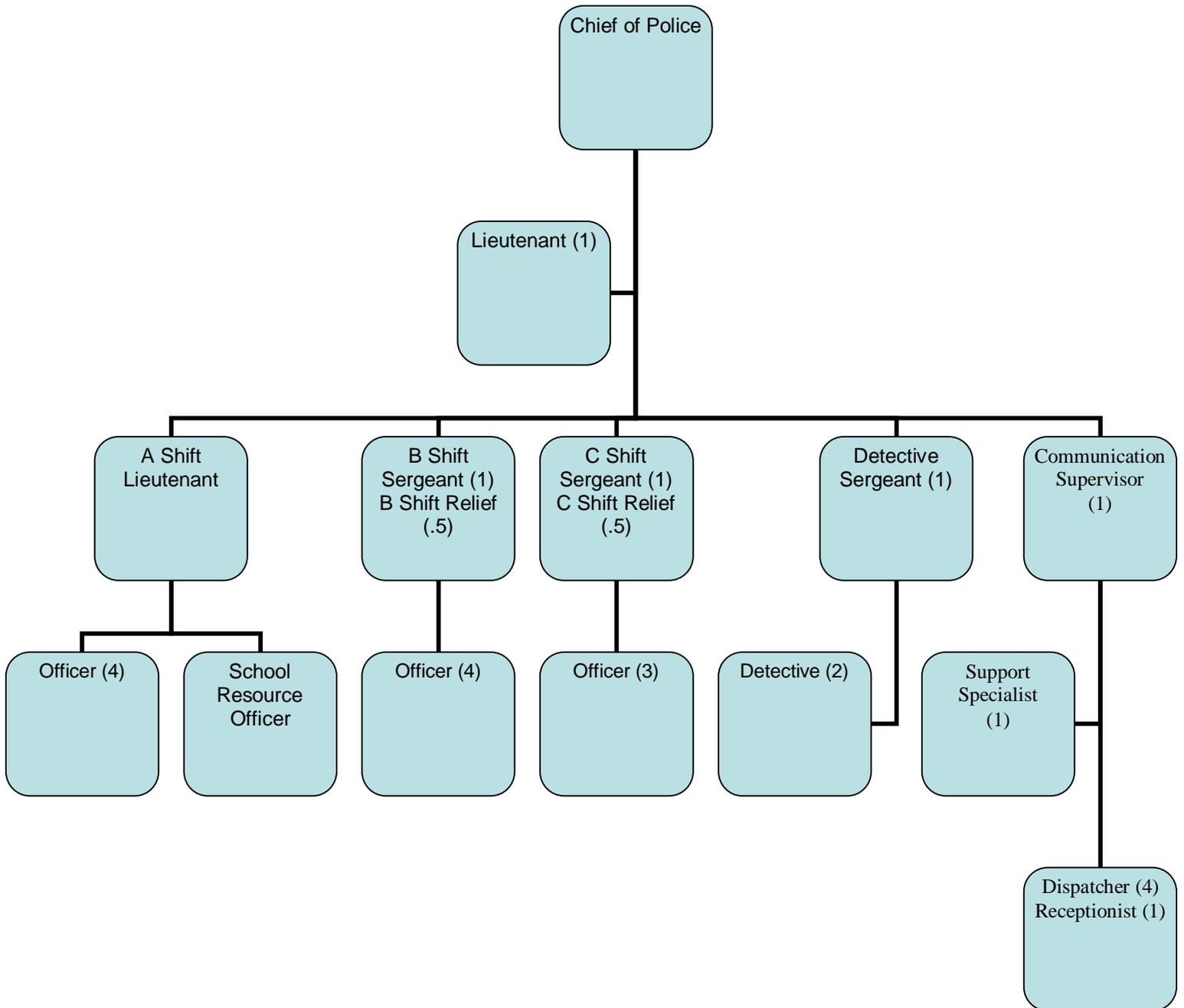


Officer Josh Hoega & K9 Xena



Halloween in City Park

# 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 2016 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2016 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The Police Department has continued to receive a high demand for services, logging 15,371 calls for service. In an effort to help offset that increase in demand for service, the Department was granted the ability to staff at our previous levels. The Department added a Detective position to assist in the increasing amount of investigations, freeing up patrol officers to handle emergent calls more quickly.

The Police Department was very fortunate to be a part of several proactive activities in 2016. First the City was part of the Sauk County Medical Assisted Treatment grant aimed at assisting those addicted to opiates. As you know the opiate issue in this area is at epidemic levels. This grant provides valuable medication and counseling to help those addicts get the help they need. The Police Department also wrote a grant through the Department of Transportation to help establish Bar Buddies Reedsburg, a safe ride program. The Department is also very active in bringing a Boys & Girls Club to Reedsburg. Lastly, the Department participated in the first Shop with a Cop program this Christmas season. The members of the Police Department are grateful and honored to be a part of these incredible programs.

Maintaining the Department's accredited status is an on-going process that helps to maintain the efficacy and professionalism of the Department. Several officers are involved in this process year round.

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 2016 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

*Timothy M. Becker*  
Chief of Police

# The Year in Review

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2016:

- Criminal Clearance Rate at 84%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 16797.
- Total activity increased 9%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 9%.
- Traffic complaints/citations increased 17%.
- Traffic Accidents increased 2%.
- Initiated Bar Buddies Safe Ride Program
- Reedsburg Police arrested 53 drunk drivers in 2016.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual and physical assaults.

# Patrol Calls by Shift

## A ó Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Lt. Darrin Frye. Lt. Frye oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 6,300 calls for service.

## B ó Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Both Sgt. Andy Foesch & Sgt. Rich Wolf command the B-Shift. Sgts. Foesch & Wolf are responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 6,750 calls for service.

## C-Shift:



Sgt. Mark Eberle & Sgt Wolf command the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Wolf performs functions such as IT, Vehicle Maintenance and evidence tech duties. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgts. Eberle & Wolf supervise the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 3,747 calls for service.

# Detective Bureau

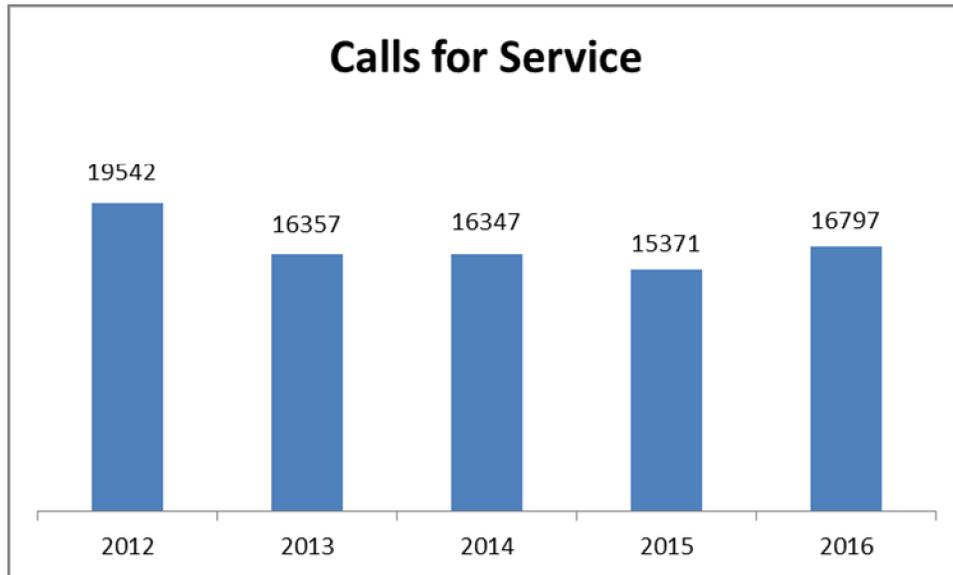
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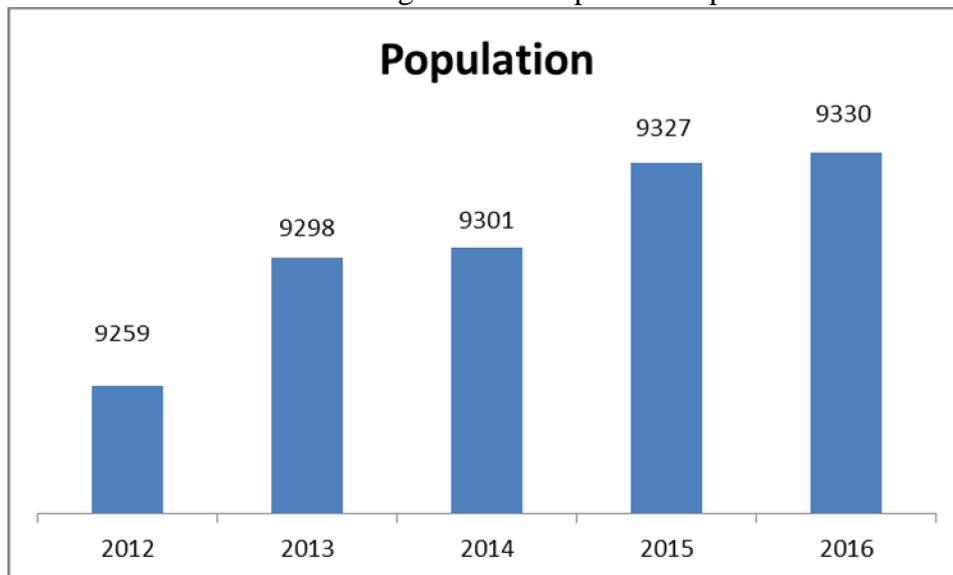
Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Sgt. Cummings and Detectives Andy Stelter and Jesse Spears are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2016, the Detective Bureau was assigned 502 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations. Sgt. Cummings, Detective Stelter and Detective Spears are active members of the Sauk County Drug Task Force.



# Calls for Service



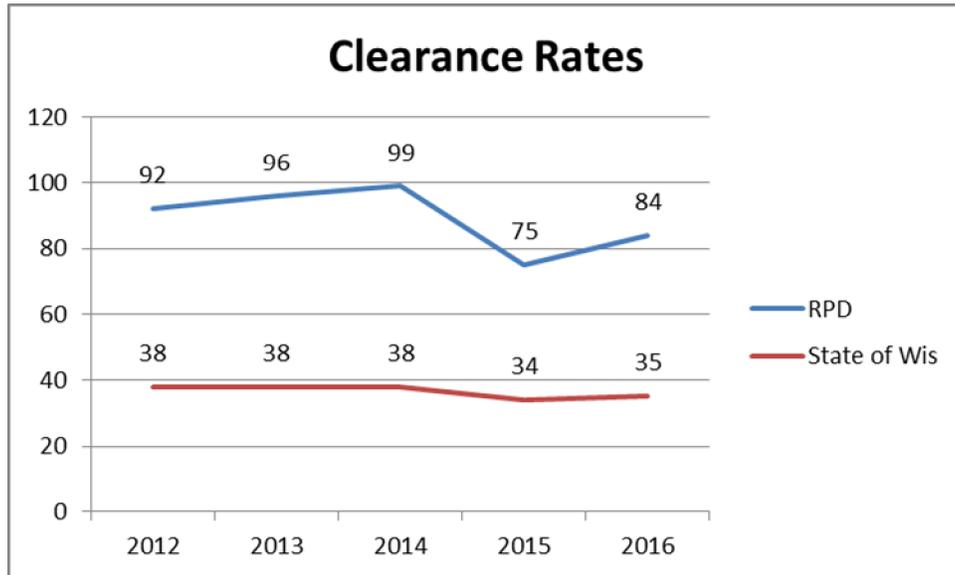
The Police Department realized an increase in calls for service from 2015 to 2016. In 2015, calls for service averaged 809 per sworn position. In 2016 the calls for service averaged 839 calls per sworn position\*.



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.

\*Calls are divided by number of total police personnel. The ratio would be 1119 calls per officer if using only primary call-takers, removing the Chief, SRO, and Detectives.

# Clearance Rates

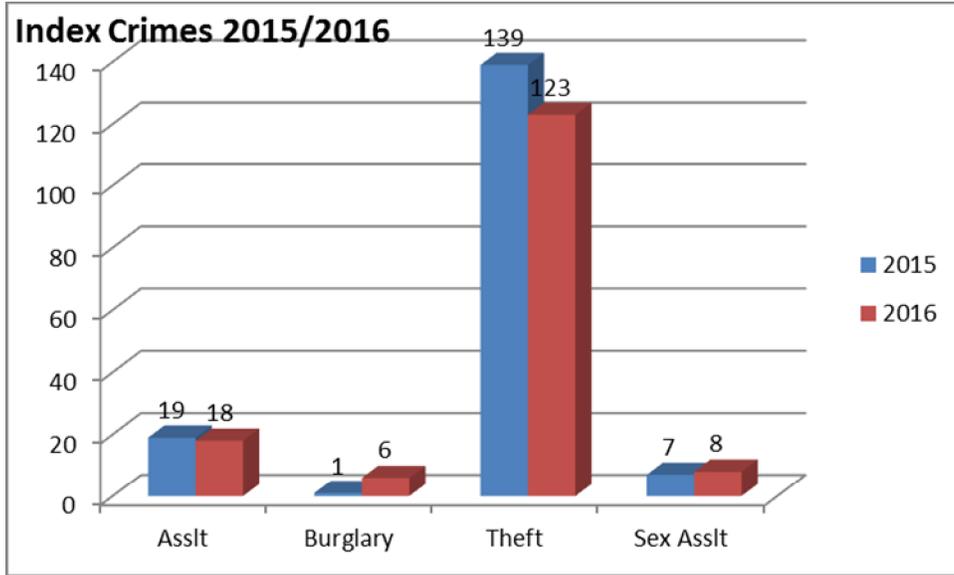


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a respectable 84% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

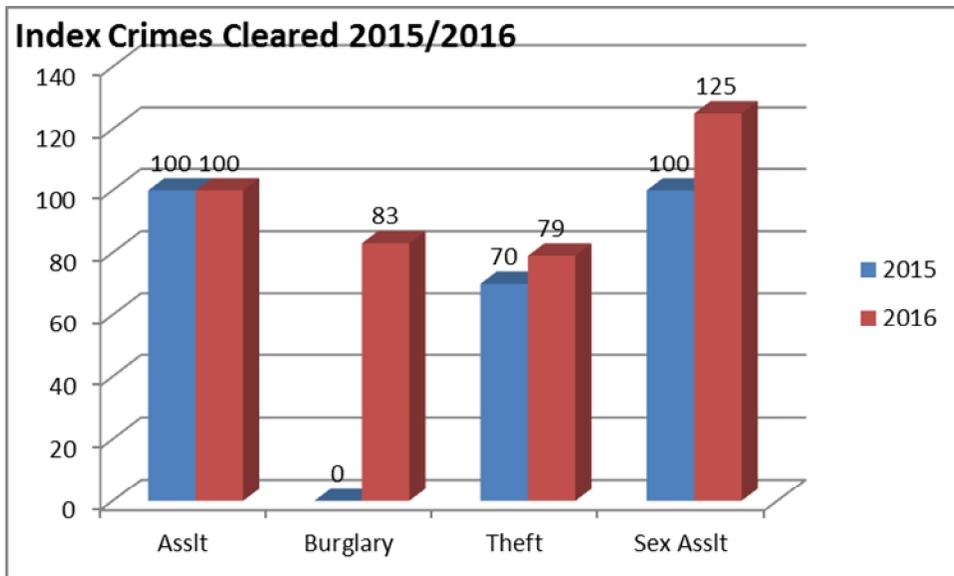


Governor Walker signing the Reedsburg Terroristic Threats legislation into law.

# Index Crimesí



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in Theft and Sex Assault 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



Current Month: December 2016

Arrests and Apprehensions	Current Month	Month to Date 2015	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2015	% Change 15 to 16
<b>ADULT</b>					
Burglary	0	0	1	1	0.00%
Narcotics	9	10	111	113	-1.77%
Theft	4	0	72	55	30.91%
Criminal Damage	3	1	17	5	240.00%
Weapons Violations	0	0	17	13	30.77%
Battery	2	2	27	36	-25.00%
Warrants	6	15	147	145	1.38%
Disorderly Conduct	7	6	130	121	7.44%
Liquor Law Violation	0	7	17	61	-72.13%
Obstructing an Officer	8	6	58	64	-9.38%
Worthless Checks	3	4	48	63	-23.81%
Trespass	0	2	8	11	-27.27%
Miscellaneous	16	13	116	128	-9.38%
<b>TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>-5.76%</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>					
Recovered Runaway	0	0	13	30	-56.67%
Curfew Violations	3	0	14	22	-36.36%
Theft	0	1	16	32	-50.00%
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	18	26	-30.77%
Truancy	1	4	26	48	-45.83%
Smoking Violation	12	2	23	20	15.00%
Vandalism	0	0	8	0	#DIV/0!
Weapons Violations	0	0	2	0	#DIV/0!
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	18	34	-47.06%
Trespassing	0	0	2	1	100.00%
Obstructing an Officer	2	0	15	7	114.29%
Narcotics	5	0	24	13	84.62%
Burglary	0	0	3	0	#DIV/0!
Battery	0	0	1	2	-50.00%
Miscellaneous	1	1	10	11	-9.09%
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>-21.54%</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>-9.42%</b>

# Statistics

## Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
4/11/16	22:13	Battery to LE, Resisting	Empty Hands	No
4/29/16	05:10	DC, Resisting	Taser Displayed	No
5/21/16	14:28	DC, Resisting	Taser Deployed	No
7/08/16	01:45	Weapons Violation	Empty Hands	Yes
9/14/16	11:53	DC, Resisting	Empty Hands	Yes
10/9/16	18:23	Warrant, Resisting, DC	Taser Displayed	No

Empty Hands techniques are 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 498 times in 2016 as compared to 483 in 2015. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

## Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department received \$25,000 in grants for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2016.

Overall traffic accidents were up 2% with the largest increase in reportable property damage accidents. Injury accidents were down by nearly 50%. By using traffic-specific grants from the State, traffic enforcement has increased 17%.

## Emergency Detention/Transports:

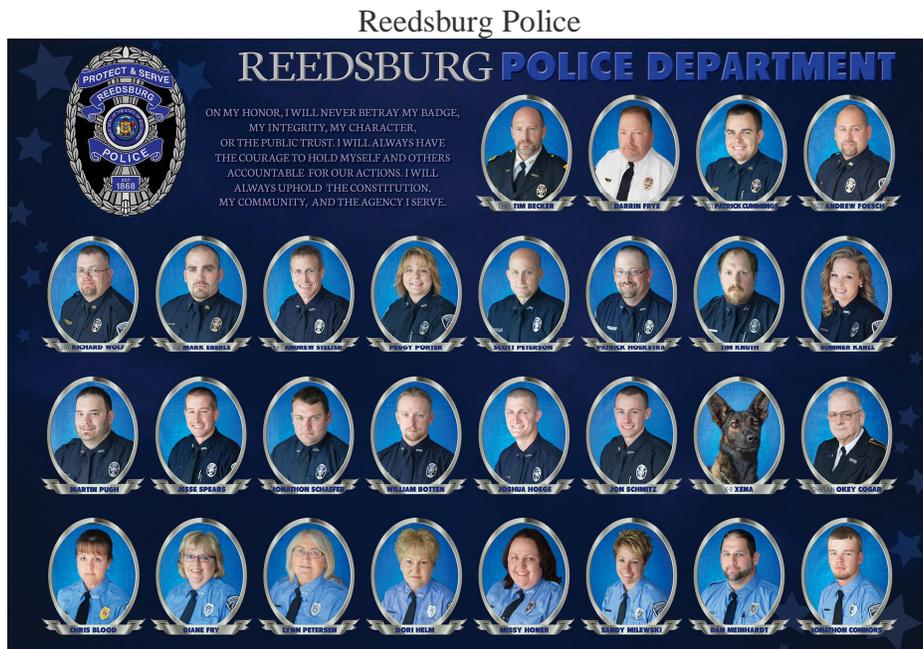
Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility to transport them to a specialized hospital. 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 49 transports in 2016.

## Communications Center:

The Reedsburg Police Department maintains a 24/7 dispatch and communications center providing dispatch service to police, fire, ambulance, DPW and Utilities. This highly productive unit receives and processes all calls for service and documentation for the Police Department's activities. In addition, the communications personnel also staff the front counter/reception area for the Police Department and is the only 24/7 call center in the City. The Communications Center also issues Wisconsin vehicle registrations as well as processing worthless checks, bicycle licenses, parking citations and open records requests. This is a sample of the activity that occurs in the Communications Center:

Lobby Walk-In Traffic:	6,180 (4,969 off hours)
Telephone Calls:	24,594
Open Records Requests Processed:	648
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	1,442

This is all done while dispatching Police (16,797 calls), Fire (191), Ambulance (1,770) and Utilities.



# Personnel Changes

The Reedsburg Police Department line-up had the following changes in 2016:



Officer Samantha Mittlesteadt appointed 7/11/2016



Officer Jesse Spears promoted to Detective 12/2016

# Headlines

Some of the headlines from 2016

## **Reedsburg Police Station to become “Safe Deal Zone”**

(REEDSBURG, WI) The Reedsburg Police Department is now a location identified as a Safe Deal Zone, by [www.safedeal.zone](http://www.safedeal.zone). Kidnapping Hoax Ends in Multiple Arrests

## **Reedsburg Man Arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local man has been charged for the 6th time for exposing his genitals since 2010. K9 Alert Leads to Drug Arrests.

## **Overdose Death Leads to Homicide Charge**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Readstown woman was arrested Monday and charged with selling heroin to a Reedsburg man who died from an overdose on Christmas Day.

## **Police Bust Indoor Marijuana Growing Operation**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg man was arrested on multiple charges after Police discovered an indoor marijuana growing operation in his residence.

## **Retired Reedsburg Police Canine, Fritz, Dies over Weekend**

The Reedsburg Police Department family lost a valuable retired member of the force on Sunday afternoon. Retired Police K9 Fritz died peacefully, in the presence of his partner and best-friend, Sgt. Andy Foesch, after a short illness. Fritz was 13 years old.

## **Teachers Cited for Vandalism to Administrator’s Vehicle**

One former and one current Reedsburg School District teachers were cited for their part in vandalizing a Reedsburg High School administrator’s vehicle during the graduation ceremony on Friday night.

## **Plane Crashes through Fence at Reedsburg Airport, No Injuries**

A single prop plane crashed through the fence at the end of the runway at Reedsburg Municipal Airport Friday morning, while trying to land.

## **Pointing Fake Gun Gets Local Man Arrested**

(REEDSBURG, WI) An intoxicated Reedsburg man was taken into custody after he pointed, what turned out to be, a fake plastic gun at several people early Friday morning.

## **Dells Woman charged with Identity Theft, Falsifying Health Care Credentials**

(REEDSBURG, WI) The Reedsburg Police Department announced the filing of a criminal complaint for Felony Identity Theft for Financial Gain and four counts of Obstructing an Officer against Jennifer L Browne (40) of Wisconsin Dells, for falsely representing herself as a registered nurse.

## **Police Announce “Shop with a Cop” Program**

(REEDSBURG, WI) The Reedsburg Police Department is announcing the first annual Shop with a Cop. Shop with a Cop is a program that strives to promote a positive interaction between police and the community.

## **Armed Robbers Arrested**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Two rural Town of Dellona men were arrested on charges of armed robbery late Monday night.

## **Monroe Man Arrested after Car Chase**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Monroe man was arrested Monday afternoon after he led police on a chase that spanned several blocks.

## **Reedsburg Woman Arrested for OWI with Infant in Car**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local woman was arrested Tuesday night for Operating while Intoxicated ó 3rd Offense with her 9-month old child in the car with her.

## **Chicago Man Arrested with Fake Prescription**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Chicago man was arrested Saturday evening after he tried to pick up a fake prescription at a local pharmacy.