

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2017

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 Staffí

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
<i>Lieutenant Darrin Frye (retired)</i>	<i>A Shift Commander</i>	<i>115</i>
Lieutenant Patrick Cummings	Detective Bureau Commander	128
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	A Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Richard Wolf	B Shift Commander	129
Sergeant Mark Eberle	C Shift Commander	137
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Detective Jesse Spears	Detective Bureau	136
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
<i>Officer Scott Peterson (retired)</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>112</i>
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Karl	SRO/Detective Bureau	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
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
<i>Officer Amanda Georgeson (resigned)</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>145</i>
Officer Samantha Mittlesteadt	Patrol	146
Officer Jacob Williams	Patrol	147
Officer Kyle Yeager	Patrol	148
Officer Chris Cali	Patrol	149
Kathy Laatsch	Evidence Technician	600

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
Dan Meinhardt	Operator	532
Jon Peters	Operator	534

Chaplain:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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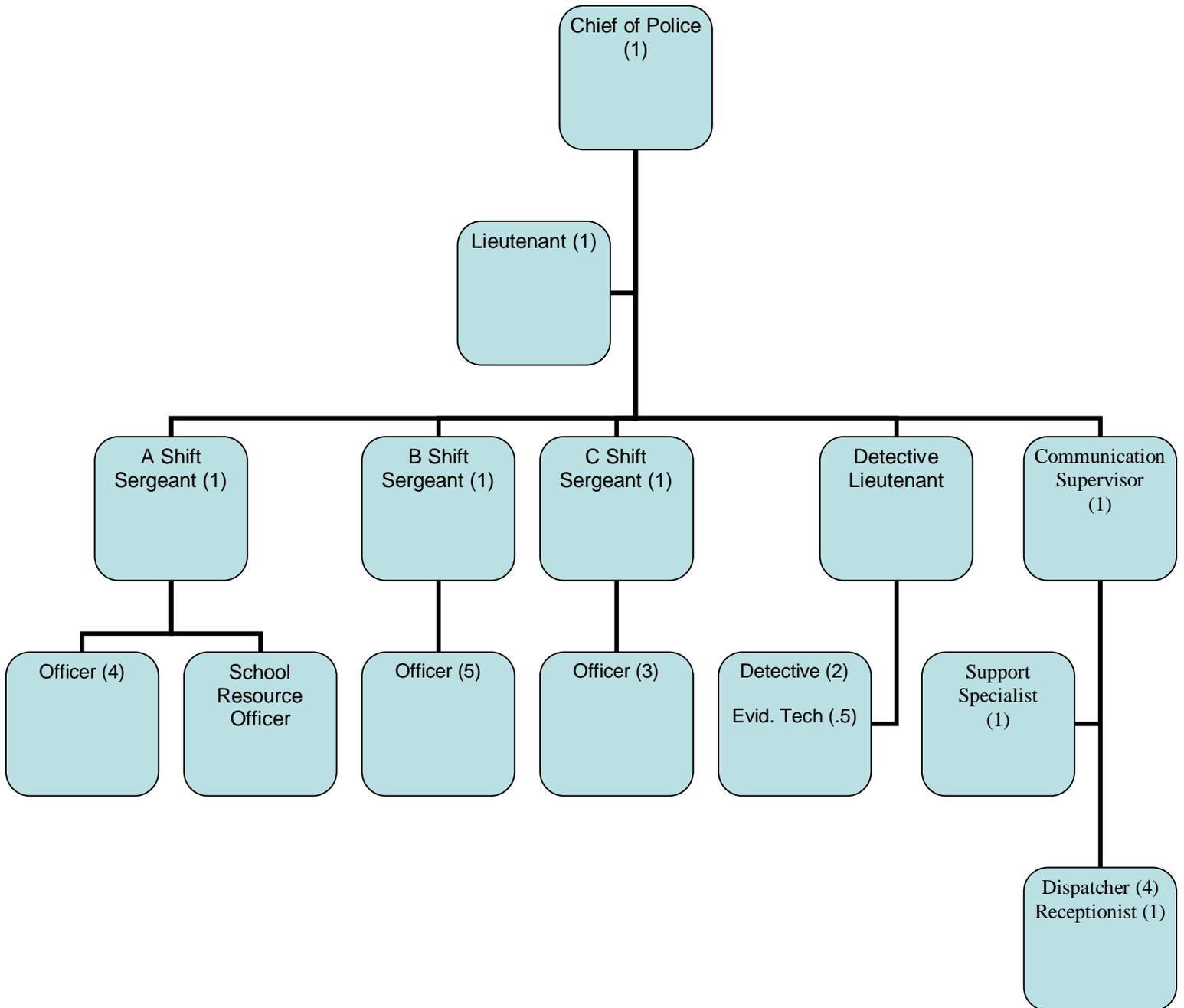


Officer Josh Hoega & K9 Xena



Halloween in City Park

Organizational 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 2017 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2017 coming to a close, it is 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 16,726 calls for service. The Police Department continues to battle the opioid epidemic that many communities face. We are fortunate to have a Drug Court and a grant for Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid addiction. Unfortunately, we have seen an uptick in both the use and production of methamphetamine. We are currently keeping a close watch on this recent development.

Another significant challenge of 2017 has been personnel changes. The Department had two experienced officers retire in 2017; Lt. Darrin Frye and Officer Scott Peterson both retired after nearly 50 years of combined service to the Reedsburg Police Department. The Department also had a resignation that effected staffing. All three positions were replaced as the Department welcomed Officers Jacob Williams, Kyle Yeager and Chris Cali. Our newest officers will begin solo patrol in January 2018. In addition to changes in our sworn staff, we also had turnover in the Communications Center: After one resignation, Operator Jon Peters was hired in February. The Department also added a part-time Evidence Technician in 2017. Evidence Tech Kathy Laatsch came on board in July to manage the Evidence Room.

Achieving accredited status is an on-going process that helps to maintain the efficiency, efficacy and professionalism of the Department. Several officers are involved in this process year round. In December 2017, we had our on-site accreditation visit, where three assessors visited the Police Department for three days to fully and comprehensively examine our policies, procedures and activity. I am pleased to announce that we passed with excellence and will once again be fully accredited.

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 2017 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 2017:

- Criminal Clearance Rate at 78%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 16,726.
- Total activity decreased 8.5%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests increased 15%.
- Traffic complaints/citations decreased 11%.
- Traffic Accidents decreased 6%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 86 drunk drivers in 2017.
- Cleared 88% of all sexual assaults and 100% of all physical assaults.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A ó Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Andy Foesch. Sgt. Foesch oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 6,264 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. Sgt. Rich Wolf commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Wolf is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as a detective. B-Shift responded to 6,612 calls for service.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Mark Eberle commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. . In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Eberle supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 3,850 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

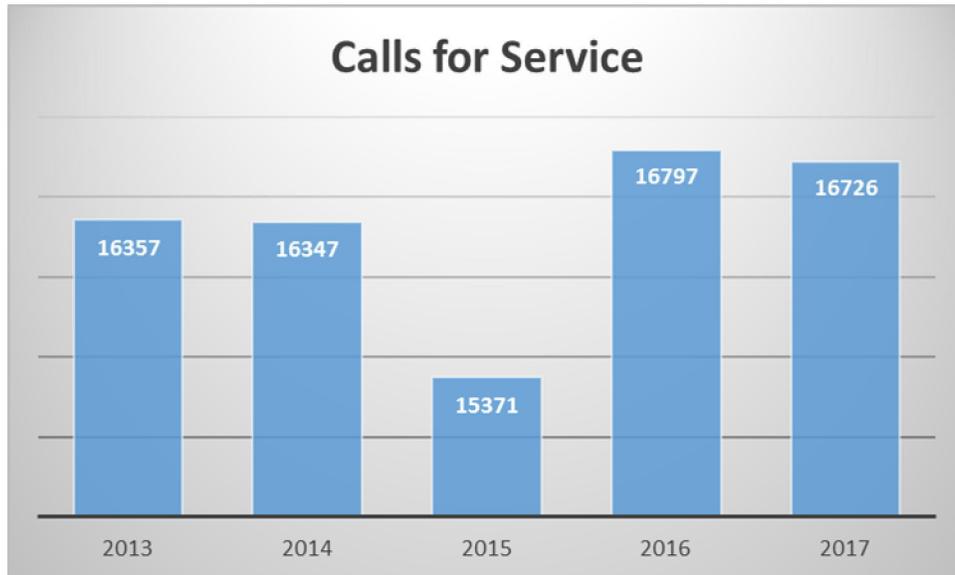
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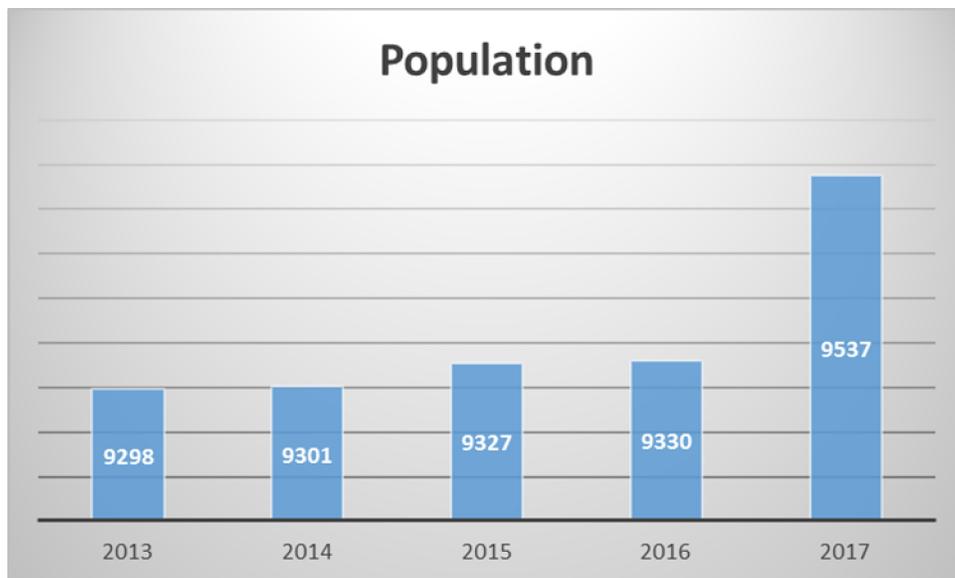
Lt. Patrick Cummings commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Cummings is also the Department's Second-in-Command. Lt. Cummings and Detectives Andy Stelter and Jesse Spears are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2017, the Detective Bureau was assigned 404 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations. Lt. Cummings, Detective Stelter and Detective Spears are active members of the Sauk County Drug Task Force.



Calls for Service



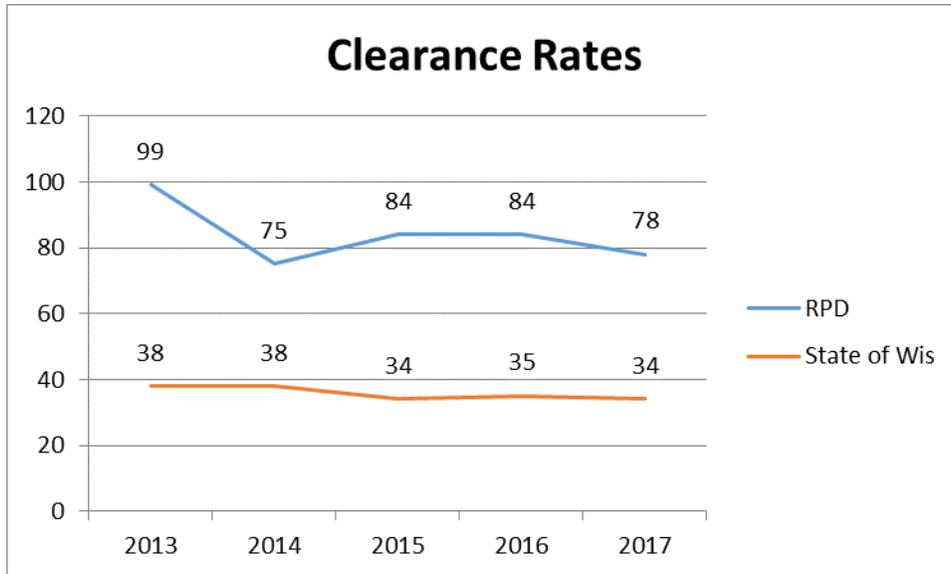
The Police Department realized nearly an identical amount of calls as compared to 2016, with three fewer officers. In 2016, calls for service averaged 839 per sworn position. In 2017, the calls for service averaged 983 calls per sworn position.



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.

**US Census estimation.

Clearance Rates

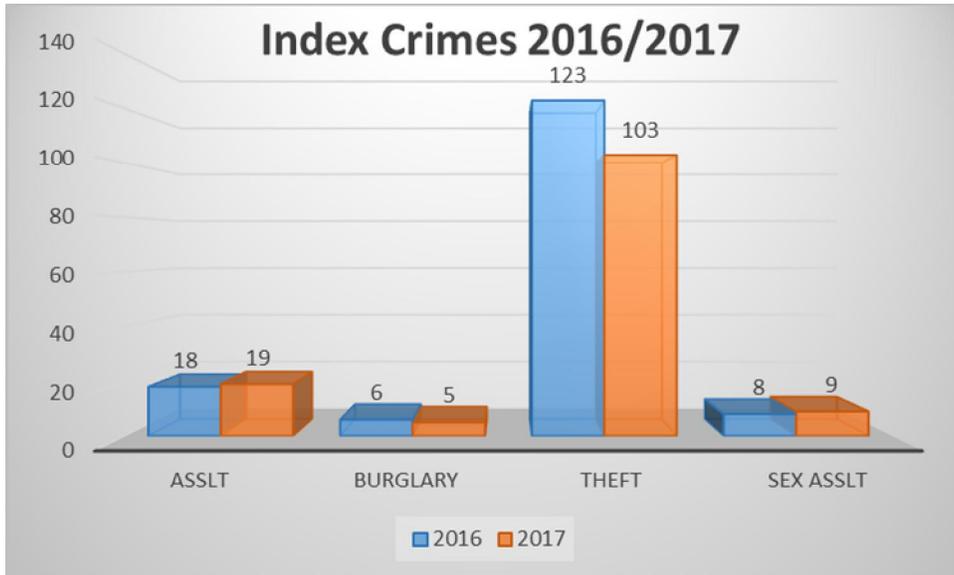


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a respectable 78% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

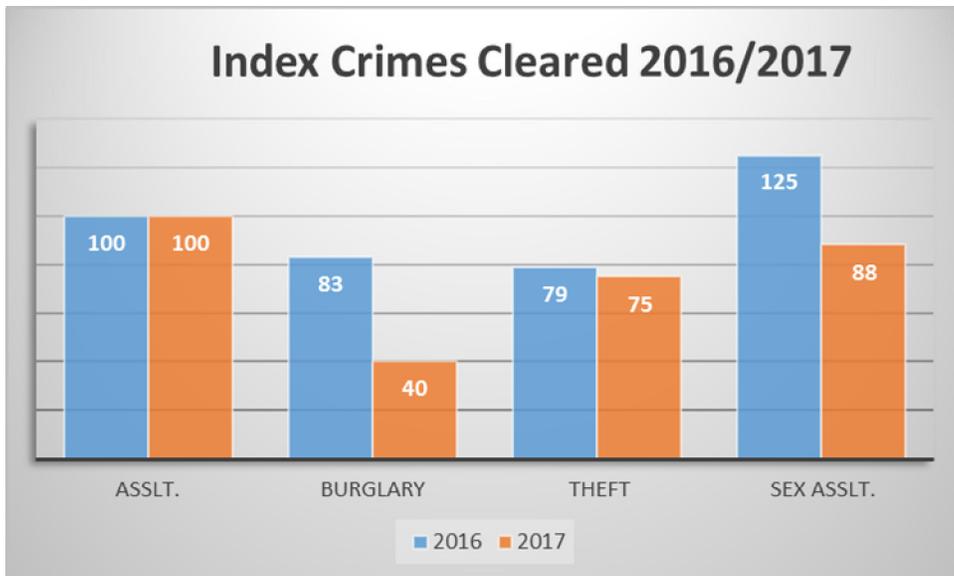


Governor Walker signing the Reedsburg Terroristic Threats legislation into law.

Index Crimes



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 2017

Arrests and Apprehensions	Current Month	Month to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017	Year to Date 2016	% Change 16 to 17
ADULT					
Burglary	0	0	3	1	200.00%
Narcotics	8	9	202	111	81.98%
Theft	6	4	30	72	-58.33%
Criminal Damage	2	3	19	17	11.76%
Weapons Violations	3	0	14	17	-17.65%
Battery	2	2	32	27	18.52%
Warrants	16	6	176	147	19.73%
Disorderly Conduct	3	7	111	130	-14.62%
Liquor Law Violation	4	0	42	17	147.06%
Obstructing an Officer	9	8	55	58	-5.17%
Worthless Checks	4	3	65	48	35.42%
Trespass	0	0	4	8	-50.00%
Miscellaneous	18	16	149	116	28.45%
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	75	58	902	769	17.30%
JUVENILE					
Recovered Runaway	3	0	30	15	100.00%
Curfew Violations	0	3	18	14	28.57%
Theft	0	0	11	16	-31.25%
Disorderly Conduct	3	2	30	20	50.00%
Truancy	1	1	32	26	23.08%
Smoking Violation	0	12	9	26	-65.38%
Vandalism	0	0	14	9	55.56%
Weapons Violations	0	0	4	2	100.00%
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	14	22	-36.36%
Trespassing	0	0	1	2	-50.00%
Obstructing an Officer	0	2	4	17	-76.47%
Narcotics	3	5	36	22	63.64%
Burglary	0	0	4	3	33.33%
Battery	1	0	3	1	200.00%
Miscellaneous	0	1	7	9	-22.22%
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	12	26	217	204	6.37%
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	87	84	1119	973	15.01%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>History</u>
1/11/17	19:50	Battery to LE, Resisting, DC	Empty Hands	ED
3/15/17	13:15	Battery, Resisting, DC	Empty Hands	Drugs
4/4/17	15:55	Bailjump, DC, Resisting	Empty Hands	ED, Alc.
7/25/17	21:55	Bailjump, Resisting, CDTP	Taser	Drugs
12/5/17	19:46	Bailjump, Resisting	Taser	Drugs
12/9/17	15:46	OWI, Resisting	Empty Hands	Alc.
12/30/17	18:15	Warrants, Battery LEO, Resisting	Empty Hands	N/A

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 514 times in 2017 as compared to 498 in 2016. 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 \$20,000 in grants for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2017.

Overall traffic accidents were down 6%, although we had a 12% increase in reportable property damage accidents and injury accidents were up by nearly 57%. Traffic Enforcement has decreased 11.5%, primary due to manpower shortages and call volume. That tends to explain the Department experiencing more serious accidents.

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

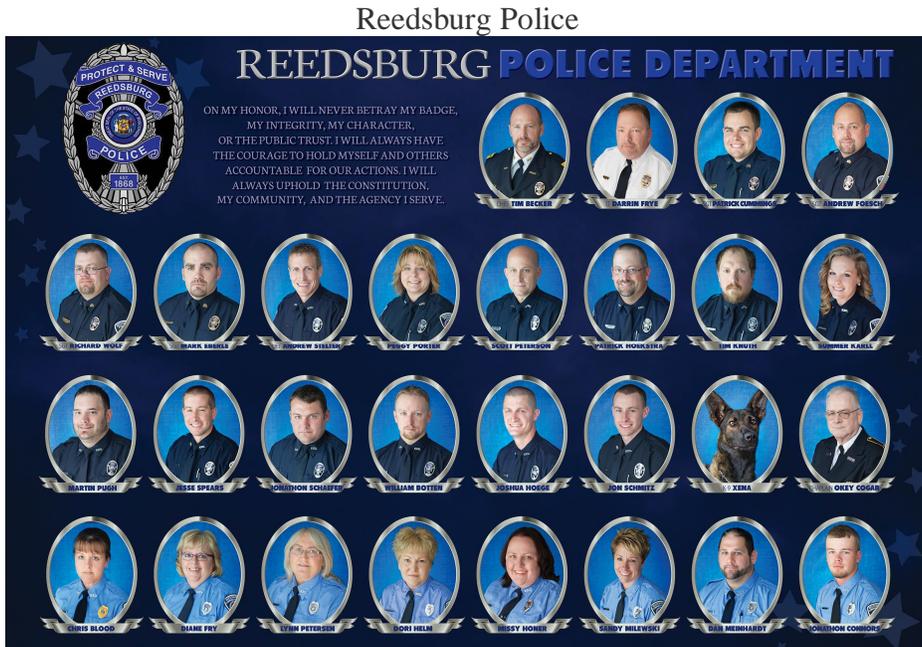
transports require the use of two personnel to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 37 transports in 2017.

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:	3,669 (7,558 off hours)
Telephone Calls:	23,451
Open Records Requests Processed:	628
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	727

This is all done while dispatching Police (16,726 calls), Fire (203), Ambulance (2,046) and Utilities.



Personnel Changes

The Reedsburg Police Department line-up had the following changes in 2017:



Lt. Darrin Frye retired.



Officer Scott Peterson retired.



Officer Amanda Reimer resigned.

Personnel Changes



Officer Jacob Williams; hired 09/18/2017



Officer Kyle Yeager; hired 10/09/2017



Officer Chris Cali; hired 10/23/2017

Personnel Changes



Evidence Technician Kathy Laatsch; hired 7/5/2017



Communications Operator Sandy Milewski resigned.



Communications Operator Jon Peters; hired 2/20/2017

Headlines

Some of the headlines from 2017...

Trio Arrested with Meth Making Products

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police arrested three Elroy residents after a traffic stop discovered products used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Local Man Arrested after Attempted Break In

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police arrested a local man after he attempted to break into a home looking for drugs Wednesday afternoon.

Man arrested after he was found sleeping in vehicle

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police arrested a local man for heroin possession after he was found sleeping in a vehicle in the 500 of 3rd Street on Friday at 7:00am.

Man Arrested for Drug Possession, Bail Jumping

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg man was arrested after a patrolling police officer saw him running out of an alley and onto a porch at 2:00am Friday morning.

Reedsburg Bar Buddies Contributes to Incident-Free St. Patrick's Day

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Bar Buddies sponsored a St. Patty's Day Pub Crawl that populated downtown bars on Friday night and provided more than 60 free rides home.

Three Arrested After Drug Search

(REEDSBURG, WI) Two Reedsburg men and a Baraboo woman were arrested Thursday morning after a narcotic search warrant was executed on City residence.

Reedsburg Police and the Sauk County Drug Task Force executed a search warrant in the 800 block of E. Main Street at approximately 9:00am Thursday. The search yielded marijuana, drug paraphernalia, methamphetamine, heroin and several unknown pills.

Argument leads to Arrest

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Milwaukee man was arrested late Thursday night after he punched a female.

Man Attacks Officers in Police Department Lobby

(REEDSBURG, WI) A rural Reedsburg man is in custody after walking into the Reedsburg Police Department Lobby and attempting to attack a Detective.

Woman Arrested for DUI after Attempting to Hit Pedestrian

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg woman was arrested Saturday after she attempted to strike a pedestrian walking down the sidewalk.

Woman Arrested for Meth, Heroin Possession

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Baraboo woman was arrested Tuesday morning after she was found passed out in her vehicle parked in a grocery store parking lot.

Baraboo Man Arrested for Meth, Heroin

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Baraboo man was taken into custody late Tuesday night after officers located both Heroin and Methamphetamine.

West Allis Woman Arrested for Drug Delivery

(REEDSBURG, WI) Narcotics Agents arrested a West Allis, WI woman Friday afternoon for delivery of cocaine in the 100 block of Viking Drive.

Go-Cart Joyride Results in 6th Offense OWI Arrest

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg man was arrested for 6th offense OWI on Sunday evening after he was stopped for riding a go-cart on City streets.

Reedsburg Woman Arrested for Heroin, Marijuana Possession

(REEDSBURG, WI) A two-month investigation ended with the arrest of a local woman on charges of drug delivery and possession, late Tuesday evening.

House Fire Claims Two Lives

(REEDSBURG, WI) A residential house-fire claimed the lives of two residents late Saturday night.

Police Investigate Burglary, Damage to School

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police are investigating a burglary to Sacred Heart School at 545 N. Oak Street that occurred Monday night.

Suspects Apprehended in School Burglary, Vandalism

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police apprehended three suspects for burglarizing and vandalizing Sacred Heart school Tuesday night. More arrests are expected.

Local Man Charged with OWI 7th

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg man, who attracted attention by driving in circles in the local grocery store parking lot, was arrested for OWI 7th Offense on Saturday evening.

Emergency Services Introduces Smoke Detector Battery Exchange Program

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg emergency services have combined to provide area residents with free batteries for smoke detectors.

Teen in Custody for Making Threats

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Reedsburg High School student is in custody for threatening a school shooting at Friday night's football game.