Monona Police Department 2014 Annual Report



Walter Ostrenga Chief of Police



Sara Deuman
Detective Lieutenant



Frank Fenton
Operations Lieutenant







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The mission of the Monona Police Department is to work as a partner with the community to help provide a safe environment and a high quality of life

VALUES AND ETHICS

To help accomplish our mission, the Monona Police Department is committed to the following values and ethics, which guide our work and decisions:

<u>Openness and Accessibility</u>: The department will strive to conduct affairs publicly, be accessible to the public and have open lines of communication. We recognize and support the public's right to know the public's business, and will assist citizens in dealing with government.

<u>Sensitivity</u>: We will strive to be sensitive and fair in all of our actions, unselfishly practicing compassion, tolerance, empathy and caring for victims, complainants, employees and all other persons that we come in contact with. We oppose all forms of discrimination and harassment.

<u>Accountability</u>: We are responsible for our conduct and performance, both to ourselves and to the community. We will establish procedures that promote ethical behavior and hold individuals accountable for their conduct.

<u>Organizational Efficiency</u>: We are committed to providing police services as efficiently as possible. We will wisely manage public funds practicing fiscal common sense, conserving those funds, which support police functions.

<u>Community Orientation and Involvement</u>: We will strive to always do what is in the best interest of the community, being responsive to its needs. We believe in serving the public interest, beyond serving ourselves.

<u>Problem Solving</u>: We are most effective when we help identify and solve community problems, working together to solve problems of mutual concern.

<u>Integrity</u>: We believe that honesty is the basis for personal and public trust. We will demonstrate the highest standards in all activities in order to inspire public confidence and trust in public service.





<u>Democratic Principles</u>: We will protect the constitutional rights and personal freedoms of all citizens. We promote constitutional principles of equality, fairness, responsiveness, and due process in protecting all citizens' rights.

<u>Teamwork</u>: We recognize the importance of each employee as an individual and team member. We believe that good internal communications is a priority. We will subordinate personal loyalties to the good of the department and will subordinate department loyalties to the public good.

<u>Work Ethic</u>: In order for us to fulfill our mission, we recognize that we have a strong sense of discipline, duty and obligation toward our work. We accept as a personal duty the responsibility to keep informed on emerging issues and maintain our performance within current legal training standards.



2014 Memorial Day Parade Photo





2014 Monona Sworn Personnel

Administration

Chief of Police Walter Ostrenga (United States Army Veteran)

1975 – 1977 United States Army Military Police

1977 – 2004 Village of Northbrook Illinois Police Department

2004 - Present City of Monona Police Department Chief of Police

Detective Division

Detective Lieutenant Sara Deuman

1996 –1997 Village of Spring Green Police Department

1997 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Detective Sergeant Ryan J. Losby

1998 – 2004 Evansville Police Department

2004 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Detective Matt Bomkamp

2004 - 2006 Iowa County Sheriff's Department

2006 - Present City of Monona Police Department

School Resource Officer Shawn Fogeltanz

1992 – 1996 Village of Maple Bluff Police Department

1996 – 1997 Town of Madison Police Department

1997 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Patrol Division

Patrol Lieutenant Frank Fenton

(United States Marine Corps and Air Force Veteran)

1984 – 1996 115th Security Police Flight, Wisconsin Air National Guard

1989 – 1991 State of Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

1991 – 1993 Wisconsin State Capitol Police

1993 - Present City of Monona Police Department

2nd & 3rd Shift Patrol Sergeant Curtis G. Wiegel

2000 - 2000 Villages of Barneveld & Ridgeway Police Departments

2000 - 2003 City of Baraboo Police Department

2003 - Present City of Monona Police Department





1st Shift

Officer Michael Elliott

1985 – 1989 Village of McFarland Police Department

1989 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Vicki Peterson (United States Army Veteran)

1988 – 1992 United States Army Military Police

1995 – 1997 City of Janesville Police Department

1997 – Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Jeremy L. Winge

1999 – 2002 Green County Sheriff's Department

2002 – Present City of Monona Police Department

Community Resource Officer

Officer James Reiter

2004 – 2008 Dane County Sheriff's Department

2006 – 2008 Part Time Monona Police Dispatcher

2008 - Present City of Monona Police Department

2nd Shift

Officer Brian Voltz

2006 – 2007 Sauk County Sheriff's Department

2007 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Jared Wedig (United States Army Veteran)

2009 - Present City Monona Police Department

Officer Jacob Ostrowski

2014 - Present City of Monona Police Department

3rd Shift

Officer Nathan Reynolds

2006 – 2008 Dispatcher for Monona Police Department

2008 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Kevin A. Schneider

2003 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Luke Wunsch

2006 – 2007 Reedsburg Police Department

2007 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Relief Shift

K9-Officer Adam Nachreiner & K-9 Miya

2003 – 2004 WI Dells Police Department

2004 – 2006 Spring Green Police Department

2006 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Officer Jon Fenrick (United States Army Veteran)

2007-2013 WI State Patrol

2013-Present City of Monona Police Department





Monona Non-Sworn Personnel

Court Clerk Carol Hermsdorf

1995 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Dispatcher Gail Elliott

1990 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Dispatcher Melissa Randall

2006 – Present City of Monona Police Department

Dispatcher Marcie Kuehl

2007 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Dispatcher Jennifer Beier

2010 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Monona Non-Sworn Personnel Part Time

Part-Time Dispatcher Robert McNown

1997 – Present City of Monona Police Department

Part-Time Dispatcher Ashley Sweeney

2007 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Part-Time Dispatcher Nicole Orange

2013 - Present City of Monona Police Department

Part-Time Dispatcher Lindsey Blanke

2014 - Present City of Monona Police Department

School Crossing Guard Roy Armbrecht

1998 -- Present

School Crossing Guard John Anderson

2012 -- Present

Retirements:

Detective Gary Buss

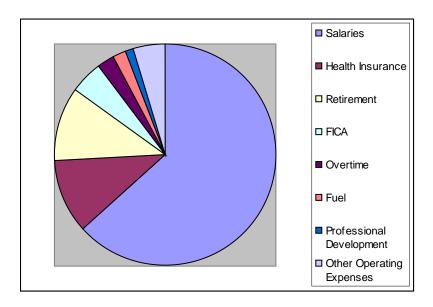
1979 – 2014 Monona Police Department





2014 BUDGET INFORMATION

The Law Enforcement Operating Budget for 2014 was \$2,069,430. The 2014 Dispatch operating budget was \$345,690. The majority of the operating costs were wages and other related expenses such as FICA, Insurance, Retirement, and Overtime. The chart below represents a breakdown of fund allocations.







INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

During 2014, 919 incidents were reviewed for possible referral to the Investigative Division. Of these incidents, 270 were assigned to members of the Investigative Unit to assist with the incident or conduct follow up investigation.

- 13 Battery
- 0 Bomb Threat
- 31 Burglary
- 13 Child Abuse
- 6 Robbery
- 49 Drug Inv./Overdose
- 83 Fraud/Forgery
- 16 Death Investigation
- 4 Stolen Vehicle
- 9 Sex Offense
- 692 Theft/Retail Theft
 - 3 Threats/Harassment



CLERK OF COURTS

During 2014 there were a total of 3,697 traffic, municipal ordinance and parking citations and 1,134 traffic warnings issued. There were also 261 adults and 11 juveniles referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for criminal charges.





DISPATCH

Dispatchers handled 18,737 calls for service during 2014. Many of those calls for service are converted into incidents. Each incident, on average, consumes about 1.5 hours of the Dispatcher's time. This is in addition to answering routine phone calls, processing citation payments, filing and numerous other duties they handle each day.



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

In 2014 we purchased some additional 800 MHz portable radios. The final set of officer portable radios will be purchased in 2015.

We remodeled our two interview rooms and installed a camera system in each room that is compatible with our squad video camera system.

We began phase one of our PD kitchen area remodel. We added some cabinets and a counter top, and received a donated Sub-Zero refrigerator. Phase two in 2015 will include installing an oven and a sink with a garbage disposal, along with some cupboards and countertops.

All the florescent lights in the entire PD were upgraded to low energy LED lighting.



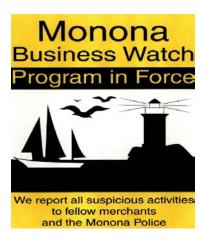


SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer continues to be an extremely effective law enforcement tool. Officer Shawn Fogeltanz has been serving as the School Resource Officer since January 2009 and has been with the Monona Police Department since 1997.

Officer Fogeltanz spends the majority of his time at the Monona Grove High School and is scheduled for two half days each week at Glacial Drumlin Middle School in Cottage Grove. He also responds to the Middle School as issues arise outside of this schedule. Officer Fogeltanz also responds to Winnequah School in Monona and Cottage Grove Elementary on occasion to assist with student concerns.

Officer Fogeltanz handled 141 incidents during 2014 at Monona schools. This does not include the incidents at Cottage Grove schools nor the numerous student contacts made by the School Resource Officer which do not require a case number or call number to be created. These incidents along with self-initiated contacts resulted in multiple arrests. Many adults and juveniles were arrested on a variety of charges including Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Weapons Violations, Drug Possession and Theft.



The Monona Business Watch Partnership continued in 2014. The Business Watch Partnership works in conjunction with the **tip411** to achieve fast notification of crime alerts to members. **tip411** allows for notifications to be made by fax, email, pager and cell phone.

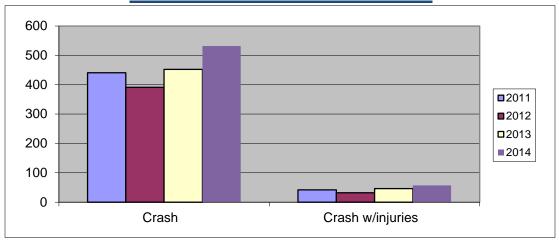




TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

2022	-	2012		2011	
2009		2010		2011	
TOTAL CITATIONS	1214	TOTAL CITATIONS	2444	TOTAL CITATIONS	1573
TOTAL WARNINGS	2273	TOTAL WARNINGS	873	TOTAL WARNINGS	1285
TOTAL OWI		TOTAL OWI		TOTAL OWI	
ARRESTS	215	ARRESTS	95	ARRESTS	75
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2012		2013		2014	
2012		2013		2014	
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TRAFFIC CRASHES

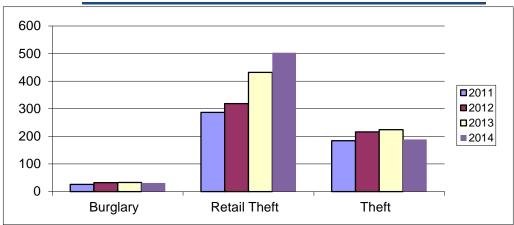


		Injury	Total
Year	Traffic Crashes	Crashes	Crashes
2011	441	42	483
2012	391	32	423
2013	452	46	498
2014	532	57	589

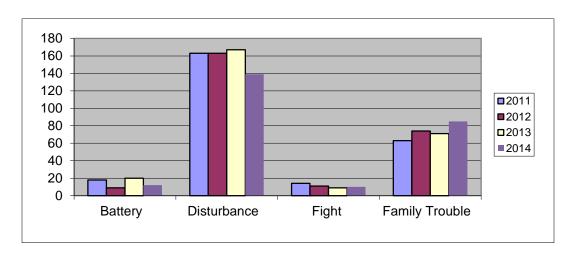




SELECTED CRIME STATS



Year	Burglary	Retail Theft	Theft
2011	26	287	225
2012	32	319	184
2013	33	432	216
2014	31	503	189



Year	Battery	Disturbance	Fight	Family Trouble
2011	18	163	14	63
2012	9	163	11	74
2013	20	167	9	71
2014	12	139	10	85





USE OF FORCE REVIEW

JAN 2014

Second shift officers drew their duty weapons while completing a high risk traffic stop. The offender was taken into custody without incident.

Night shift officers were required to remove an uncooperative, intoxicated driver from her car. She continued to resist and was decentralized to the ground and taken into physical custody. Officers had the suspect checked by Monona Paramedics to make sure she did not need any medical services as she did not remember officers taking her out of her vehicle.

FEB 2014

Officers struggled with a suspect who was refusing to exit his vehicle. He wrapped his legs around the steering column, wrestled with police, and kicked with his feet in an attempt to prevent being taken into custody. Ultimately he was taken into custody. One officer received a minor injury to his hand.

A Monona detective drew his service weapon assisting on a high risk traffic stop. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

MAR 2014

One officer drew his duty weapon while conducting a high-risk traffic stop on an offender who had failed to stop. No one was hurt.

APR 2014

Several officers responded to an apartment for a reported violent disturbance. When the occupants refused to open the door, a key was provided by the landlord. Officers drew their weapons when checking the apartment, which were holstered once the area was deemed safe.

MAY 2014

The suspect in an incident had lied to police about his identity. The investigating officers were able to determine the suspect's identity and determined he had a warrant through Probation & Parole. When the suspect was informed he was under arrest he attempted to flee and officers threatened the use of an electronic control device after wrestling the suspect to the ground. The suspect received a small cut to his ear that was treated by Monona Paramedics. The suspect was charged with the Probation Violation, Resisting/ Obstructing an Officer, and Possession of THC.





JUNE 2014

Officers used open hand control and ultimately decentralized a Monona Grove High School student. The student had been banned from areas of the school due to her history of stealing. She also was truant from class. When police responded to take her into custody she became combative. She kicked and hit police whereupon she was taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. This student has a history of non-compliance and has been referred to the juvenile justice system. The student and the officers were not seriously injured during this incident.

Officers decentralized and took a burglar into custody. Officers had staked out a local business in an effort to capture a burglar. The burglar was confronted by police shortly after breaking into the business. The subject was taken to the floor prior to being handcuffed and taken into custody. He was then transported to the Dane County Jail. No one was injured.

JULY 2014

Officers decentralized a suspect suspected of stealing from cars. The suspect fled on a bicycle, crashed the bicycle, and when officers caught up with him became resistive and attempted to continue fleeing. The suspect had stolen property in his possession and was spotted about one quarter mile from the scene of the theft. The suspect was taken into custody. He was transported to the Dane County jail on a probation/parole hold and the Theft charges.

AUG 2014

Officers pursued a suspect with assistance from other agencies. The suspect was ultimately stopped at a south Madison business and ordered out of his vehicle at gun point. He failed to comply and an officer from one of the assisting agencies deployed an electronic control device to control the suspect. The suspect was then taken into custody.

SEPT 2014

Officers were dispatched to Walmart for a Retail Theft. The suspect fled and got into a tan sport utility vehicle. The vehicle was stopped at Waunona Way near Hoboken Road. While the officer attempted to handcuff the suspect, he pulled away and fled on foot. The fleeing suspect tripped over a wire fence in a yard and an officer again tried to handcuff him and the suspect struggled with the officer. A second officer joined the arrest effort and eventually the male stopped resisting arrest and was handcuffed.

On a different day in September, Officers located a male who was intoxicated and acting very suspecious. Further investigation led to finding out the male was on probation for 4th offense OWI with a no alcohol restriction. The male walked away from the investigating officer very fast, and was ordered to stop. The male did not comply and was decentralized to the ground and handcuffed. P&P placed a hold on the suspect and





he was transported to the Dane County Jail. At the jail, the male continued to be uncooperative with jail staff and was takend into a segregation room.

OCT 2014

On October 3rd while officers were executing a search warrant with the drug task force, the suspect fled on foot from two uniformed officers. One officer fell in the roadway and the second caught up to the suspect and decentralized him to the ground. The suspect was holding cocaine in his hand at the time he was arrested.

On October 19th an officer met with a social worker at the apartment of a mentally ill female. The female was speaking in a made-up language, had slapped her boyfriend and thrown furniture around her apartment. When told she was being placed in handcuffs, she resisted and was placed in a compliance hold and stabilized against a wall until a second officer arrived to assist. The female was taken to a local hospital for a mental commitment.

On October 29th a male fled on foot from Shopko after committing a \$480 retail theft. Officers chased the male in their squads for a brief period. Upon exiting they ordered the male to get on the ground. The male did not follow the command and was decentralized to the ground and placed under arrest.

NOV 2014

On November 19th a student at Glacial Drumlin Middle School in Cottage Grove was out of control causing a disturbance. The School Resource Officer needed to intervene and hold on to the juvenile until he calmed down. The juvenile was arrested, handcuffed, and transported to the Juvenile Reception Center (JRC) for a charge of disorderly conduct.

DEC 2014

There were no Use of Force reports for December of 2014.





BICYCLE PATROL OFFICERS



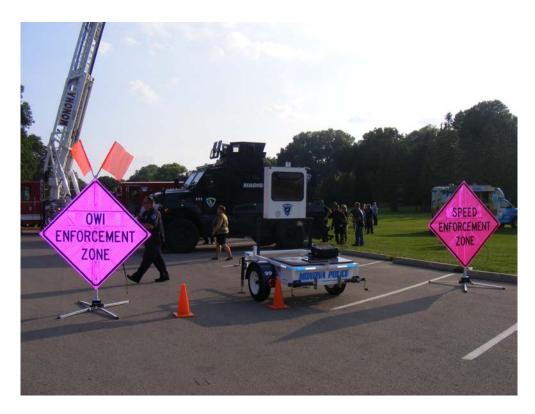
Seven police officers of the Monona Police Department were members of our 2014 bicycle patrol team. Those members include Lt. Fenton, Sgt Wiegel, Officer Wunsch, Officer Reynolds, Officer Reiter, Officer Wedig, and Officer Fenrick

When staffing levels allow, these officers perform routine patrol in residential and business districts to get a more direct view of what is going on in a given area. By being out of a squad, officers can use more of their senses to help fight crime, and are more approachable by citizens passing by. These officers are also deployed during special events. Being on a bicycle makes travel through a crowd easier and the officers can maneuver into places a squad cannot.





TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT



From October of 2013 through Sept 2014 The Monona Police Department received three traffic enforcement grants from the WI Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety. A \$25,000 grant was allocated to cover wages for additional enforcement efforts focusing on drunk driving. \$20,000 was allocated to cover wages for additional enforcement and \$5,000 was allocated for equipment. The Officer's benefits are matched by the City as part of the grant funding, and throughout the grant we participate in mass deployment nights, which are group efforts of enforcing the traffic laws along with surrounding agencies.





MONONA POLICE K-9 "MIYA"



Our police K9 is named Miya, and she is a female Black Labrador mix, just over five years old. Officer Adam Nachreiner was selected to be our K-9 handler and the pair have completed extensive training and have been working together since mid-October 2010. Miya is primarily used in Monona, but she can also assist other agencies if we have adequate staffing to allow them to leave our city limits.







Miya is trained for drug detection and tracking. She is not trained for aggressive bites and suspect control. She is able to detect marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. Officer Nachreiner and Miya primarily worked the 11am to 6:30pm shift in 2014. They work a regular patrol shift and handle all the same calls a uniform patrol unit does, but they also flex their hours to attend training and for special presentations. For instance, because Miya is extremely friendly, she is a magnet for children's attention and is used to present special programs to children. Miya offers a great opportunity for children to meet a police officer in a positive educational environment.

Our goal in order to start this program was to raise a minimum of \$20,000. Through generous donations from area residents and businesses, the department was able to raise enough money to purchase, train and equip our police dog. In 2010, we conducted fundraising at the Memorial Day Parade and also worked with the Park and Recreation Department at that year's golf outing. There are too many citizens and businesses to mention in this short article, but rest assured that we are very grateful to all of them. Donations ranged from pocket change up to \$5,000, and all were much appreciated. Fundraising is ongoing in order to meet maintenance and equipment needs for the unit. For example, we needed to modify the interior of the K-9 squad car in order to meet the needs of transporting a working dog. A special platform and caging was installed in place of the rear seat. The squad also needs to have a continuous controlled environment for the health and safety of the dog.

The K-9 unit has been a very positive and effective addition to the Monona Police Department, and we thank you for your support.



Miya on duty driving around





2014 TRAINING









The State of Wisconsin requires a minimum of 24 hours of training annually for a police officer to keep his or her certification. Law enforcement continues to become more complicated and the best way to keep officers proficient is with training. As a department we normally complete four eight-hour in-service training sessions annually. We also send officers to individualized training at State Technical Colleges and various off site locations.

The Monona police department has State certified instructors who oversee and instruct in the following disciplines: firearms, defense and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operations, vehicle contacts and professional communications.

The training is very comprehensive. The vast majority is hands-on and scenario based. Officers are placed in realistic role playing situations and are required to combine all facets of training including communication, investigation, rule of law, and use of force. We are also able to more realistically add use of force training to scenarios.





We use simmunitions (plastic training bullets), as well as specialized clothing that allows officers to use full force defense and arrest tactics. This type of training requires officers to evaluate each situation and respond to changing situations.

Not all of law enforcement training is focused on firearms and physical arrest. Officers also receive legal updates with attention to recent State and Federal Supreme Court decisions. Officers also attend individual training in the areas that include dealing with drugged drivers, interview techniques, supervisory training and breath examiner recertification. Training is also conducted as part of an officer's regular work shift. Training topics are presented using video, written, and verbal information, and include policy and procedure review.









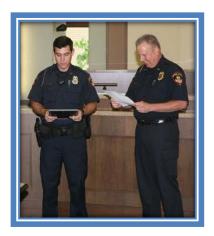


2013 POLICE INTERN-Update



In 2013 the Monona Police Department hosted a student intern from UW Whitewater named Howard Statz. Howard was a senior at UW-Whitewater majoring in sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice. Howard was with us from Sept 1st through Dec 18th. This internship required Howard to work a minimum of 20 hours a week and earned 6 credits through UW-Whitewater. Howard got great hands on experience by riding with our officers, participating in training in-services, and conducting a research project on the feasibility of Monona Police conducting commercial truck enforcement. Howard graduated in December of 2013 and enrolled in the February 2014 MATC police academy. In August of 2014 Howard was hired full time by the Middleton Police Department.











POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS

In 2014 we honored the retirement of Detective Gary Buss who served the citizens of Monona for 35 years. Gary joined the Monona Police Department January 08 1979, and promoted to detective February 01 1996.

In October of 2014 we honored the retirement of Lieutenant Frank Fenton. Lt. Fenton served the citizens of Monona for 21 years and served in law enforcement for 24 years. Frank started his law enforcement career at the WI Capital Police serving from 1990 to 1993. Frank joined the Monona Police Department in 1993, he was promoted to Sergeant in 1997, and he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1999. Prior to all of this, Frank served in the United States Marine Corps from 1978 to 1982 when he was honorably discharged from the service as a Sergeant/E-5.











2014 New Police Officers



Officer Jacob Ostrowski: Hired March 1, 2014



Officer Landon Flora: Hired August 16, 2014



Officer Ryan Hickmann: Hired September 16, 2014





2014 New Patrol Sergeant





Officer Jeremy Winge was promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant on October 1st, 2014. Sergeant Winge started working for the City of Monona March 1st, 2002.

2014 New Patrol Lieutenant





Sgt. Curtis Wiegel was promoted to the position of Patrol Lieutenant on November 1st, 2014. Lieutenant Wiegel served as the second and third shift patrol sergeant from October 1st, 2005 through October 31st, 2014, and started working for the City of Monona May 16th, 2003.





Memorial Day Parade















2014 Bicycle Safety Rodeo at Winnequah School May 21, 2014





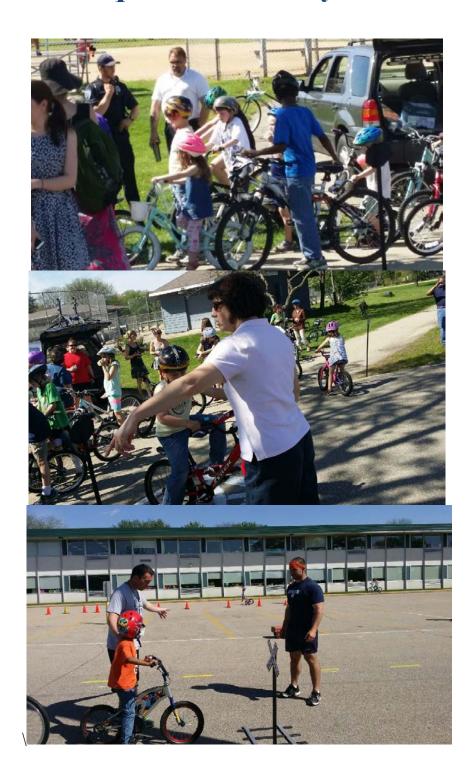








2014 Bicycle Safety Rodeo at Winnequah School May 21, 2014







COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer James Reiter was selected to be the Community Resource Officer starting in 2014. His function is to reach out to community residents and businesses and attend community events to be a point of contact for quality of life issues to better serve our community.



In 2014 Monona Police Officers worked and volunteered at many community events including the Winnequah School bike rodeo, National Night Out, A CSI camp in the park, Shop with a Cop, The Citizens Police Academy, and much more.





2014 CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



Chief Ostrenga with the 2014 Citizen Academy Class

In 2014 the Monona Police Department held a citizen police academy. The class met one Tuesday a week during October and November of 2014. Any Monona resident or employee of a Monona business could apply to participate in the academy. The class was given various classroom and hands on demonstrations about police work and also got an opportunity to do a ride along with an on duty officer for an evening.





2014 CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY CONTINUED















MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE



Among many benefits to the Monona Police Department Facebook page, was the 2014 posting of lost dogs. These dogs were all quickly returned to their owners due to people sharing the postings off of our department Facebook Page. The page was also very useful in sending out press releases and informing the public about City events such as the Memorial Day Parade and July 4th Festival



My owner saw me on facebook!





State Wide Drug Drop Off Campaign April 26 & September 27 2014



Lt. Fenton stood by at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy to collect used, expired and unwanted prescription drugs on April 26th and again on September 27th as part of a State Wide drug drop off campaign. These are done one to two times per year, but citizens can also take their unwanted medications to permanent drop box locations. The two closest to Monona are located in the McFarland City Hall next to the Community Center entry, and one at the East Madison Police Precinct.





Winnequah School Halloween Parade October 29th 2014



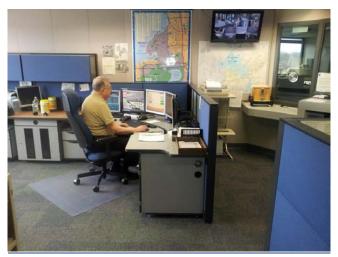
Mr. Fiedler, Chief Ostrenga, Mr. Landry The Monona Justice League





National Dispatchers Week





April 13-19, 2014 was national Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. For the past several years, Public Safety Agencies nationwide have recognized the pivotal role played by telecommunicators, dispatchers, communications operators, radio control personnel, all those people, by whatever job title, who utilize telephones, radios, computers and technical skill to provide support to Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services and other governmental field personnel.

Each year, the second week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. In 1991, Congress proclaimed it as a nationally recognized week of recognition.





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

The neighborhood watch program was restarted in 2014 under the direction of Chief Ostrenga and the assistance of Officer Nathan Reynolds. Citizen groups meet quarterly to discuss neighborhood issues and crime trends specific to Monona. Officer Nate Reynolds headed the Neighborhood Watch Program and one of his major achievements was obtaining funding for the watch signs to be posted around their neighborhoods.









2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Aug 7th 2014 from 6pm-8pm the Monona Police Department participated in the National Night Out program. Citizens were invited to join the Monona Police Department, along with the Monona Park and Rec Department and Monona Fire Department for some community fellowship in Winnequah Park. There were food carts, games, a bounce house, and visits by Med Flight, Sparky the Fire Dalmatian and McGruff the crime dog.









2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT continued



















2014 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT continued



















2014 SHOP WITH A COP











Chief Ostrenga, Officer Reiter, Officer Wunsch, Officer Flora, Officer Wedig and Officer Hickmann volunteered their time for the 2014 Shop-With-A-Cop event.

In 2014 Officer Reiter continued to organize the Monona Police Department "Shop with a Cop" fundraising for underprivileged youth campaign. This year's Shop with a Cop event was held on December 7, 2014. Monona Officers sought donations in order to take children to the East Madison Target Store where they got \$150 to spend on their family for Christmas and select one gift for themselves. Wrapping paper and pizza were also donated.





2014 SHOP WITH A COP













