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Sparta Police Department

End of Year Report

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MISSION STATEMENT

The fundamental mission of the Sparta Police Department is to enhance public safety through crime prevention, education, and enforcement of the law while working in partnership with the community to preserve the quality of life for Sparta residents.

In support of this mission, recognition of the nine guiding principles as instilled by Sir Robert Peel is essential.

1. The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.
2. The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions.
3. Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public.
4. The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force.
5. Police seek and preserve public favor not by catering to public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law.
6. Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient.
7. Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.
8. Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary.
9. The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.

MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

April 1635 – Boston established the first law enforcement organization in the 13 colonies.

These men were called “night watch” and worked part-time and without pay.

CODE OF ETHICS

"As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession ... *Law Enforcement.*"



MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

September 1789 – President Washington established the first Federal law enforcement officer; there were 13 US Marshalls appointed.

OATH OF OFFICE

*On my honor,
I will never betray my profession,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the constitution,
my community, and
the agency I serve.*



MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

April 14, 1870 - On the day President Lincoln was assassinated, he approved the establishment of the US Secret Service.



Chief
Mike Kass



Lieutenant
David Kuderer



Admin Assistant
Heather Miller



Lieutenant
David Livingston



Admin Assistant
Micky Brown



Chaplain Jef Skinner



Chaplain Randy Larson



Detective
Mark Meyers



Sergeant
Jason Pipkin



Sergeant
Booker Ferguson



Sergeant
Joel Ames



Officer
Dann Schamens



SRO
Kyle Seubert



Officer
Marc Nelson



Officer
Chris Itnyre



Officer
Kyle Guralski



Officer
Jose Tovar



Officer
Chris Welker



Officer
Beth Ambrosius



Officer
Andrew Kuen



Officer
Kyle Erickson



Officer
Jenna Branigan



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MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

October 21, 1791 – Sheriff Cornelius Hodeboom
of Hudson, NY became the first known law
enforcement officer to be killed in the line of
duty.

SPECIALIZED DUTIES

Accident Reconstruction

Officer Guralski

Alcohol Compliance

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Kuen

Armorer (Colt)

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Guralski (M14/M1A)

Bicycle Safety

Officer Nelson

Officer Erickson

Lt. Kuderer

Bike Patrol

Officer Kuen

Det. Meyers

Officer Tovar

Officer Erickson

Computer / Internet Crimes

Det. Meyers

Officer Itnyre

Officer Kuen

Computer Search & Seizure

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

Crime Scene Technicians

Lt. Livingston

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

Crime Stoppers

Lt. Livingston

Death Investigator

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

Drug Investigators

Lt. Livingston

Officer Nelson

Officer Tovar

Det. Meyers

Officer Kuen

Field Training Officers (FTO)

Lt. Livingston (Coordinator)
Lt. Kuderer
Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Nelson
Officer Itnyre
Officer Ambrosius

Hostage Negotiator

Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Branigan

Instructors

Sgt. Pipkin - Firearms, Patrol Rifle,
Simunitions
Sgt. Ames - Firearms, Shotgun,
Simunitions, TASER, Less Lethal,
Thermal Imager
Officer Nelson - TASER, Less Lethal,
Thermal Imager
Officer Guralski - EVOC, Firearms, Patrol
Rifle
Officer Itnyre - DAAT
Officer Kuen - Vehicle Contacts
Officer Welker - Radar/Laser

Internet Crimes Against Children

Officer Ambrosius

K-9

Officer Welker

Physical Crime Prevention

Officer Guralski

Police Training Officer (PTO)

Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Ambrosius
Officer Nelson
Officer Meyers

School Resource Officer

Officer Seubert

Sexual Assault & Forensic Interviewing

Officer Ambrosius
Officer Nelson
Officer Seubert

Tactical Team Members

Sgt. Ames
Officer Nelson (Medic)
Officer Guralski (Marksman)
Officer Kuen
Officer Tovar

Terrorism Liaison Officer

Chief Kass
Sgt. Pipkin
Officer Nelson

Terrorist Bombings

Officer Itnyre
Officer Kuen

TraCS

Sgt. Ferguson
Heather Miller

Traffic Safety

Lt. Kuderer

Video Investigations Analysis

Det. Meyers



MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

November 2000 – President Clinton authorized
the building of the
National Law Enforcement Museum.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Officer Beth Ambrosius

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ WI Association for Identification Annual Training
- δ WI Association of Homicide Investigators Conference
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course

Sergeant Joel Ames

- δ WI Association of SWAT Personnel Conference
- δ Attorneys General Conference
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Supervisor Liability Course

Officer Jenna Branigan

- δ Mental Health Crisis Intervention
- δ Hostage Negotiations
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Recognizing Uncontrolled-Controlled Substances on the Highways
- δ FEMA IS - 701.a
- δ FEMA IS - 200.b
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Intoximeter Breath Examiner
- δ Off-Duty Encounters

Officer Kyle Erickson

- δ DCI Basic Drug Investigation
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Firearms Range
- δ ARIDE - Advanced OWI Detection
- δ Teaching Bicycle Safety
- δ Recognizing Uncontrolled-Controlled Substances on the Highways

Sergeant Booker Ferguson

- δ IACP Leading by Legacy
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Recognizing Uncontrolled-Controlled Substances on the Highways
- δ Information Management
- δ WAHI Conference

Officer Kyle Guralski

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Off-Duty Encounters
- δ M14/M1A Rifle Armorer

Officer Chris Itnyre

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ WI Association for Identification Annual Training
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Response to Terrorist Bombings
- δ Force Science Certification
- δ CS3 Computer Scams & Schemes

Chief Mike Kass

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Governor's Conference - Emergency Management
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Critical Incident Stress Management
- δ Suicide Prevention

Lieutenant Dave Kuderer

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ WI Interoperable System for Communications Conference
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Concealed Carry Seminar
- δ WI Crime Alert
- δ Evidence Property Management
- δ Recognizing Uncontrolled-Controlled Substances on the Highways
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Governor's Conference Highway Safety
- δ Firearms Surrender Statewide
- δ National Coalition Academy

Officer Andrew Kuen

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ WI Traffic Safety Officers Association Conference
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Response to Terrorist Bombings
- δ CS3 Computer Scams & Schemes

Lieutenant Dave Livingston

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Supervising/Managing FTOs
- δ Suicide Prevention
- δ Leading by Legacy
- δ Leading to Make a Difference
- δ Crime Stoppers Convention
- δ Firearms Surrender Statewide
- δ MOCIC Surveillance Application

Detective Mark Meyers

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Digital Evidence & Computer Triage
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Information Management
- δ White Collar Crime "Fast Track"
- δ Financial Records Examination

Officer Marc Nelson

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Prosecuting the Drugged Driver
- δ TIME Validation
- δ TIME Coordinator
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Storm Tactical EMS
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Threat Management Team
- δ Intelligence for Street Cop
- δ WI Drug Endangered Children
- δ Threat Liaison

Sergeant Jason Pipkin

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Firearms Range
- δ Threat Management Team
- δ Intelligence for Street Cop
- δ Threat Liaison

School Resource Officer Kyle Seubert

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ School Resource Officer Conference
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Firearms Range
- δ WI Juvenile Officers Association
- δ School Security Conference
- δ Interview & Interrogation

Officer Jose Tovar

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ Basic SWAT
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ Recognizing Uncontrolled-Controlled Substances on the Highways
- δ Firearms Range
- δ WI Association of Homicide Investigators Conference
- δ IPMBA Police Cyclist Course

Officer Chris Welker

- δ Defense & Arrest Tactics Training
- δ Drug Update
- δ Intoximeter Recertification
- δ K-9 Recertification
- δ Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- δ K-9 Dual Certification

Administrative Assistant Heather Miller

- δ Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference



MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

September 1968 – The first two female police officers to work the street were assigned by the Indianapolis PD, per their request.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

One of the greatest honors the men and women of the Sparta Police Department hold is the ability to recognize their peers for actions taken above and beyond that have resulted in an exceptional outcome. Department employees, regardless of rank or position, nominate their co-workers for these awards. We, as a group, are proud to announce the 2011 recipients.

Award of Merit



Officer Kyle D. Erickson

On May 21st, 2011, Officer Erickson responded to a call of a suicidal subject threatening to jump from the interstate bridge. Officer Erickson was able to establish a rapport with the subject and maintain dialog with him for ten minutes until the subject was able to be safely taken into custody. Still determined to harm himself, Officer Erickson struggled with him, sustaining personal injury in the process, but maintaining control until the subject could be secured and taken to the hospital for evaluation and treatment. Without Officer Erickson's calm verbal engagement and personal risk in gaining firm control of the situation, this incident may have had a tragic outcome. Officer Erickson has proven himself an important member of the Sparta Police Department team and is someone we can be proud to call our own.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Award of Honor - Life Saving



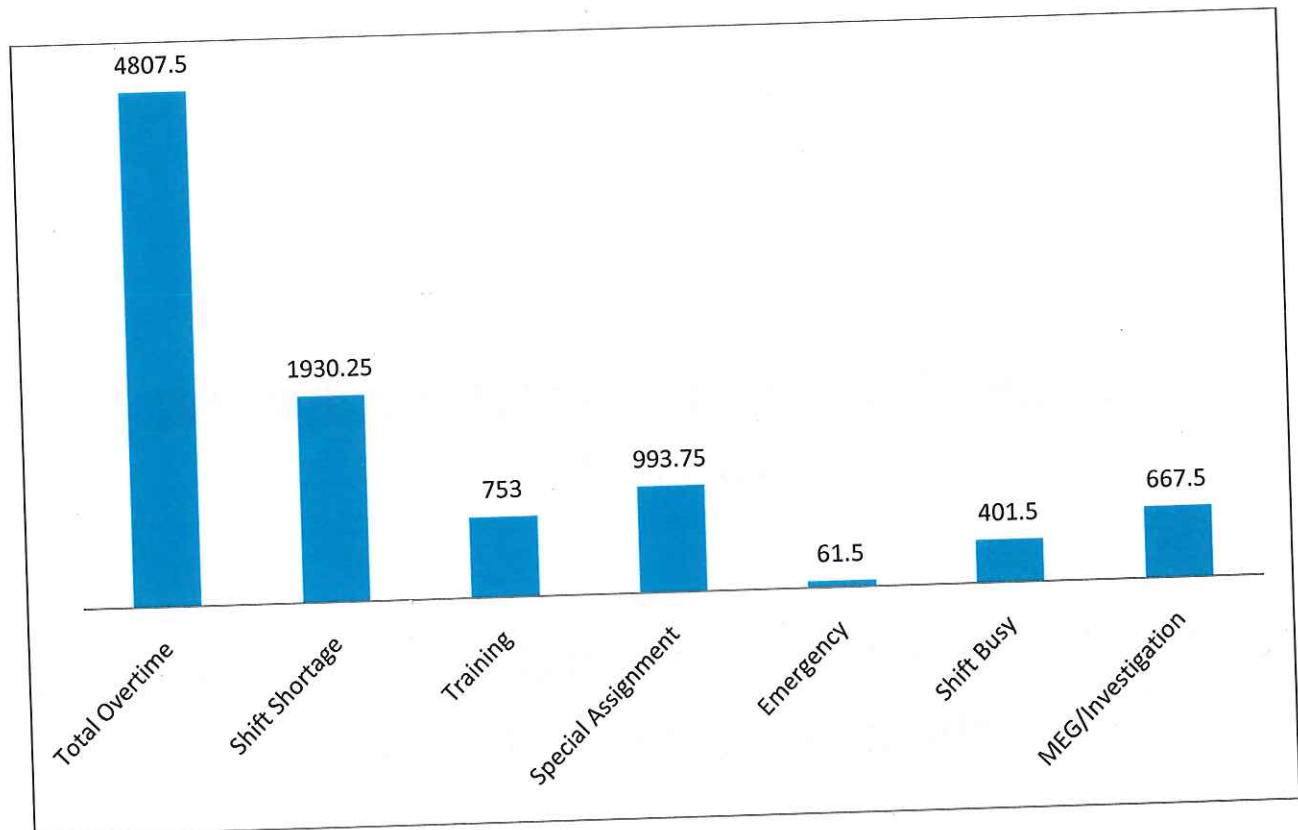
Sergeant Joel D. Ames

In the early morning hours of June 4th, 2011, Sergeant Ames, along with Officer Welker, was dispatched to a male subject who had collapsed in the City of Sparta. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the subject was non-responsive. Prior to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrival, Officers evaluated the situation and initiated potentially life-saving CPR. The quick actions of Sergeant Ames insured a smooth transfer to EMS care. Sergeant Ames' actions and leadership are a credit to himself and the Sparta Police Department, we are proud to have him on our team.

Officer Christopher J. Welker

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OVERTIME STATISTICS



- δ Shift Shortage - Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers.
- δ Training - Hours in excess of officers' normal work schedule.
- δ Special Assignment - Court, briefings, presentations.
- δ Emergency - Natural disasters, Combined Tactical Unit call-out.
- δ Shift Busy - Incidents occurring at the end of a shift or ones that have to be finished for the next day.
- δ MEG/Investigation - Drug investigations, major cases.

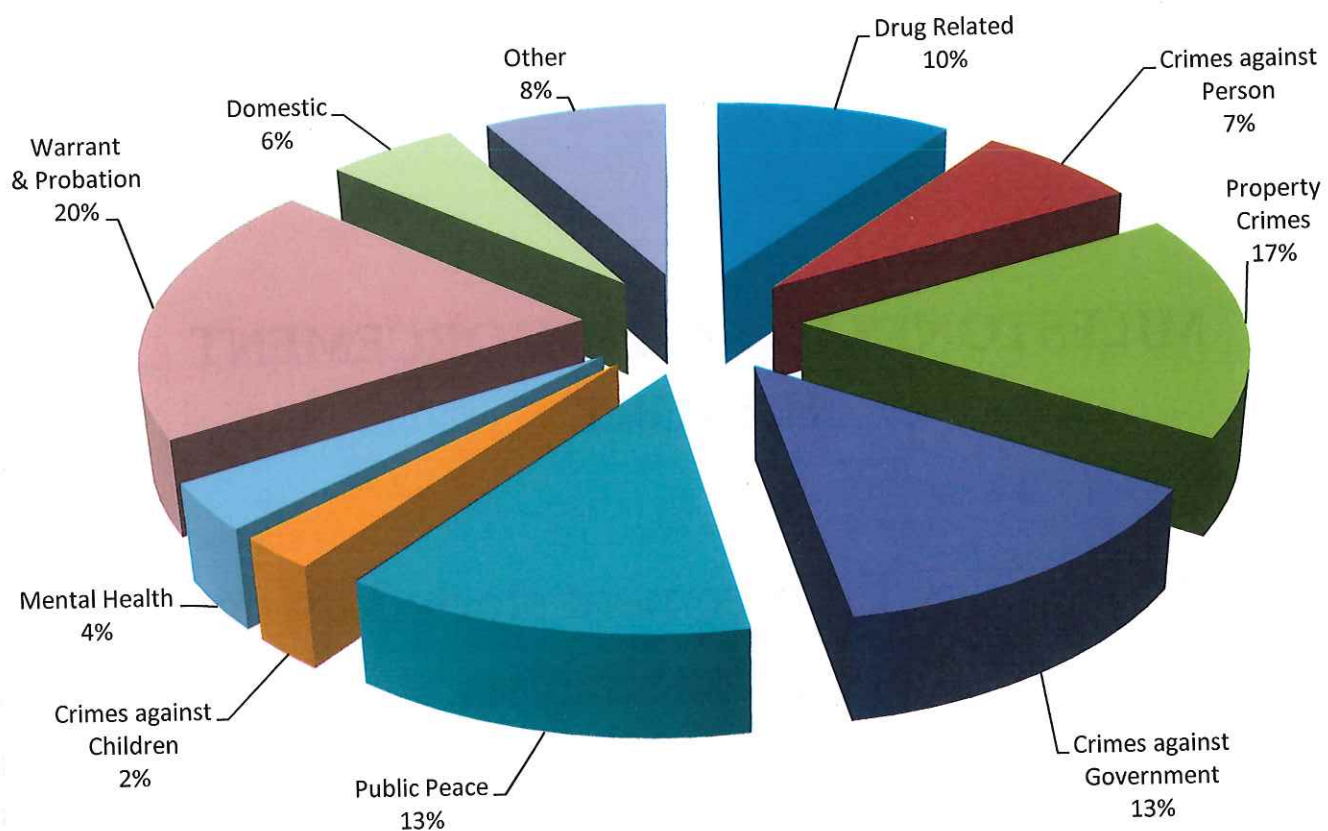


MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

1930 – 282 officers were killed in the line of duty;
the deadliest year to date.

1949 – Fewer than 100 officers were killed in the
line of duty – the safest year to date.

ARREST PERCENTAGE BY TYPE OF CRIME

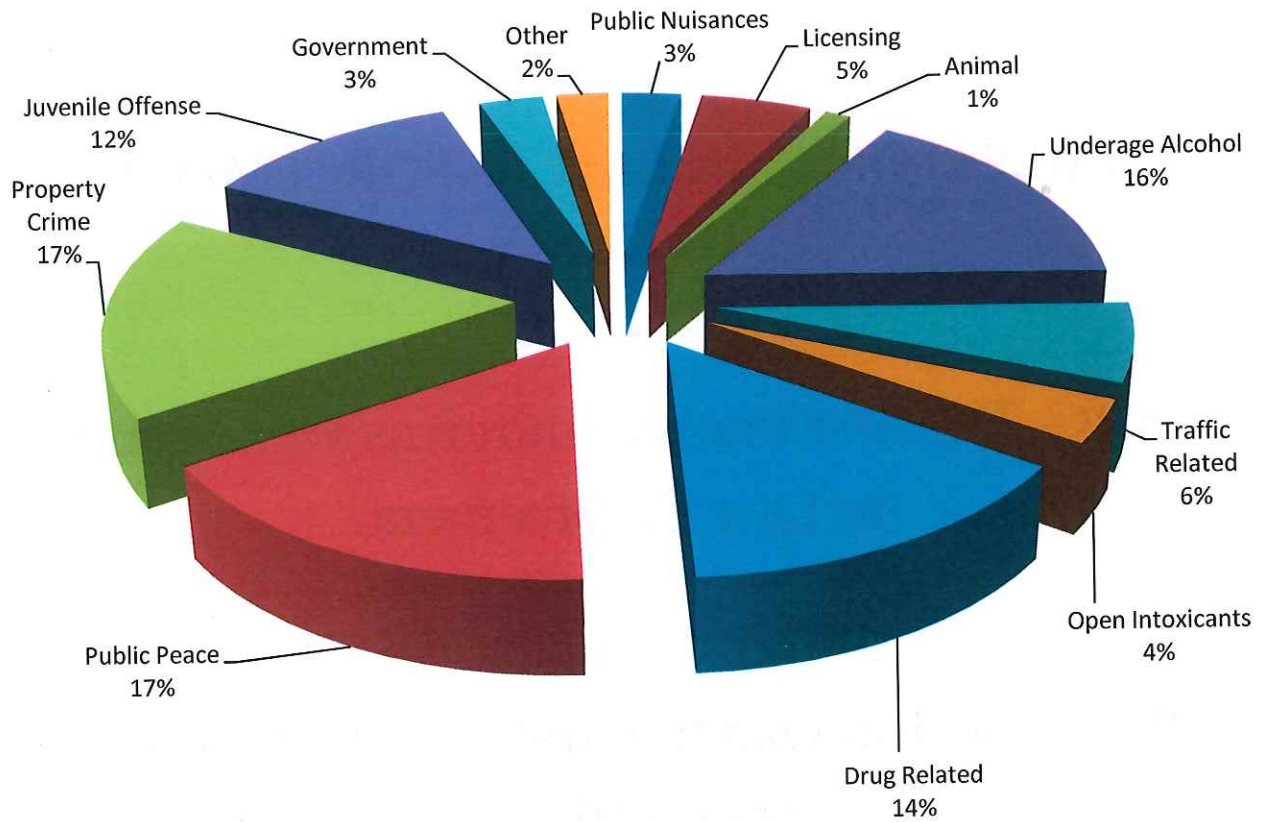




MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

1902 – Law Enforcement started using
fingerprint analysis.

MUNICIPAL OFFENSE BY TYPE

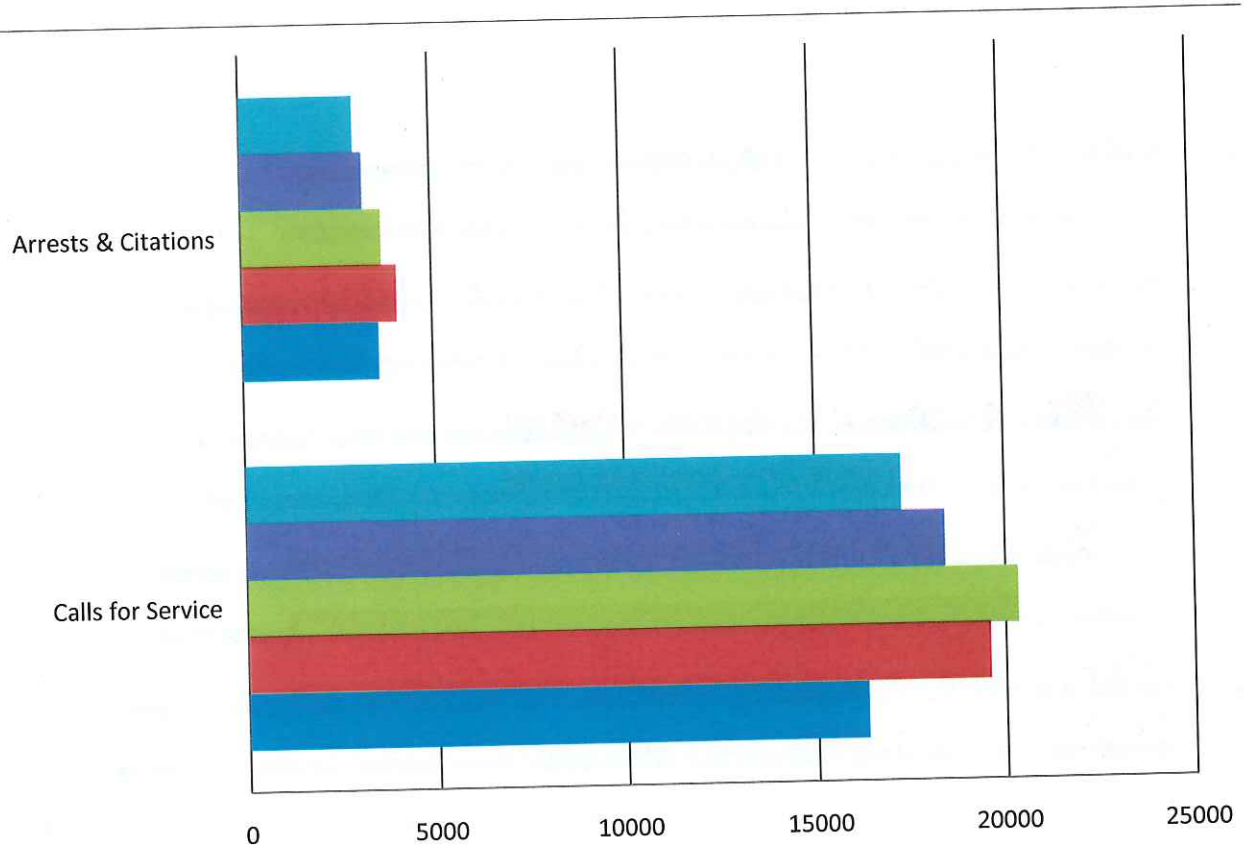


MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

1858 – The first known uniforms were issued
to Law Enforcement.

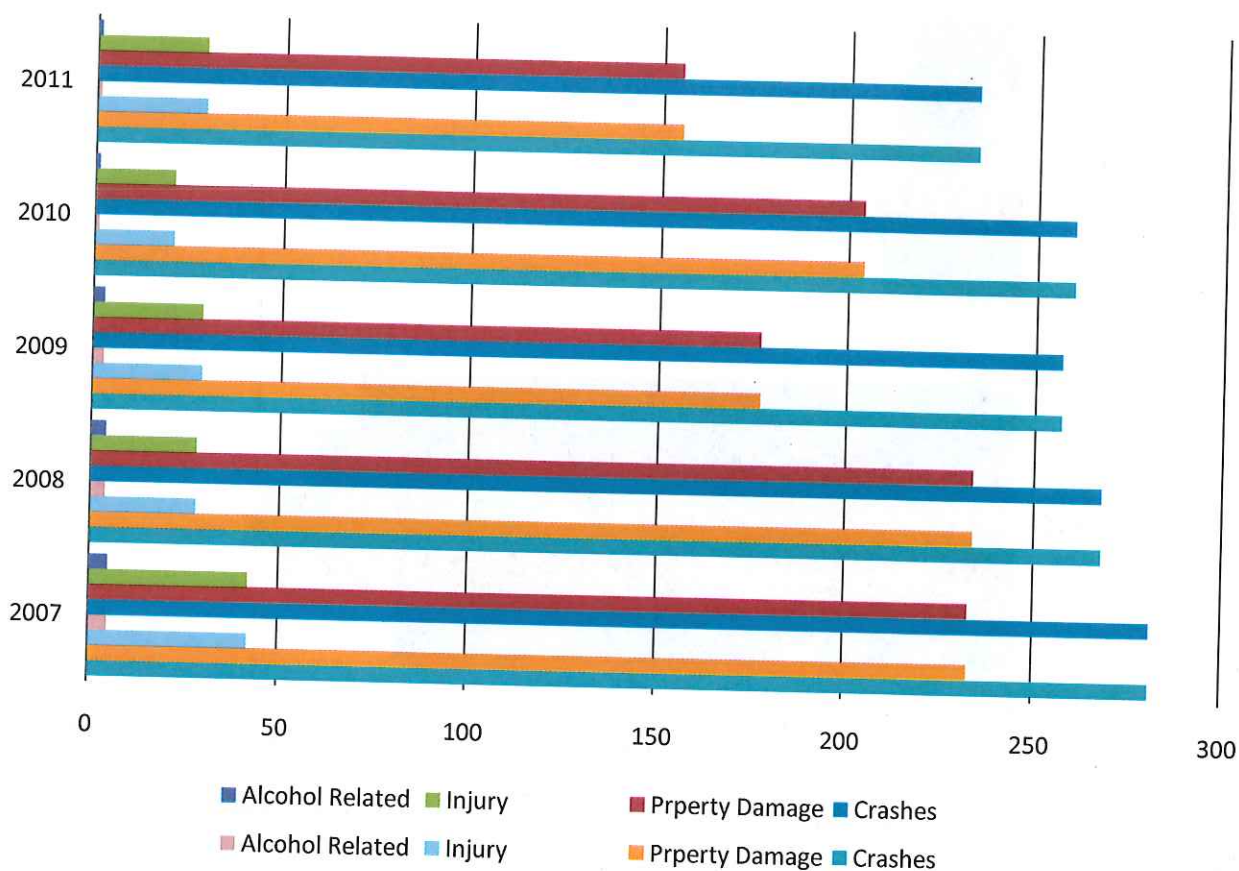
1863 – Boston was the first to issue pistols to
their officers.

5 YEAR TRENDS



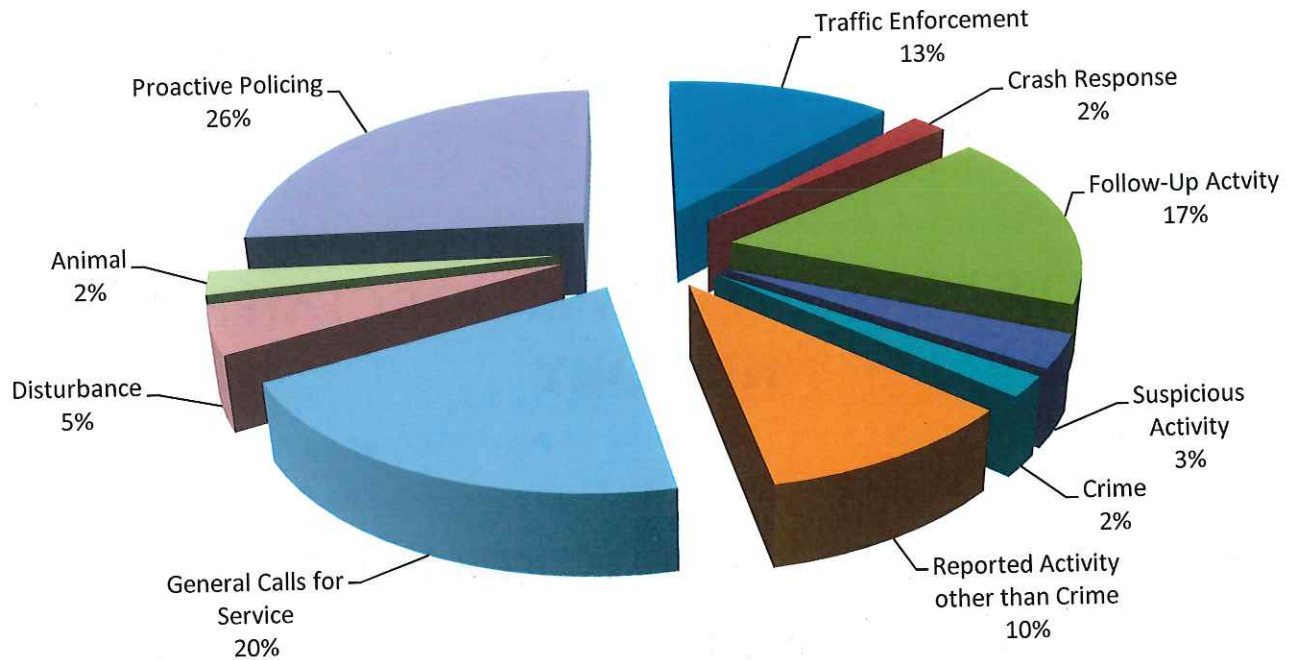
	Calls for Service	Arrests & Citations
■ 2011	17279	2989
■ 2010	18412	3215
■ 2009	20331	3686
■ 2008	19591	4075
■ 2007	16341	3586

5 YEAR TRAFFIC CRASH TREND



For the past several years, the Sparta Police Department has participated in various grant-funded traffic enforcement programs, such as "Click it or Ticket" and "Belts and Booze", designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes and injuries associated with those crashes. As the graph depicts, traffic crashes have declined in the past five years and the number of alcohol-related crashes has also been reduced. Traffic enforcement and community awareness both play important roles in reducing traffic crashes and maintaining safe highways for Sparta residents.

ALLOCATION OF POLICE SERVICES



This graph depicts a percentage of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) calls grouped into similar activities. The graph isn't intended to present a true representation of actual time allocated to a grouped activity, but provides a visual reference for comparing police services, either requested or self-initiated.

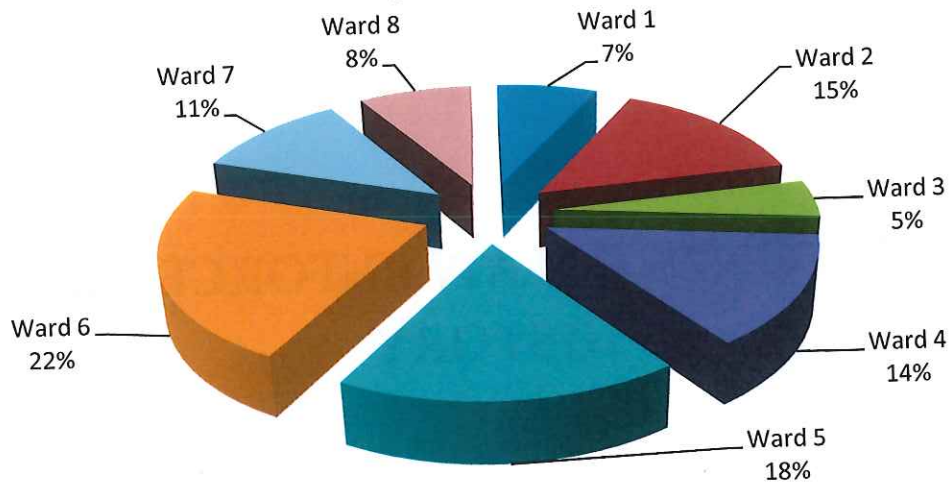


MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

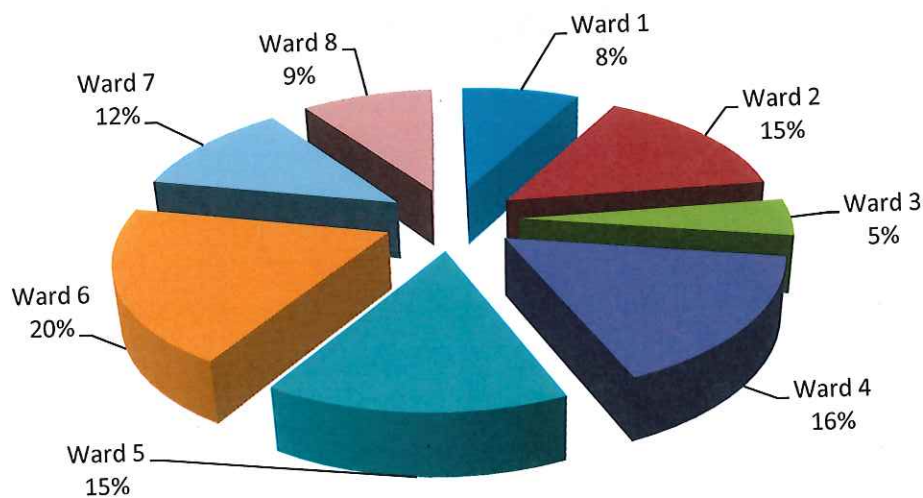
1908 - Harley-Davidson records that the Detroit Police Department was the first to buy a motorcycle for patrol.

REPORTED CRIME BY ALDERMANIC DISTRICT

All Reported Crime



Serious Crime



The Sparta Police Department contributes crime information to the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and then onto the FBI via Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Developed in the 1950's UCR was the first national means of tracking crime nationwide. In 2011, UCR crime only accounted for approximately 2% of our overall calls for service. Serious crime remains very low and for the purpose of the above graphs is narrowly defined as; homicide, robbery, assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, sex assault, and theft.

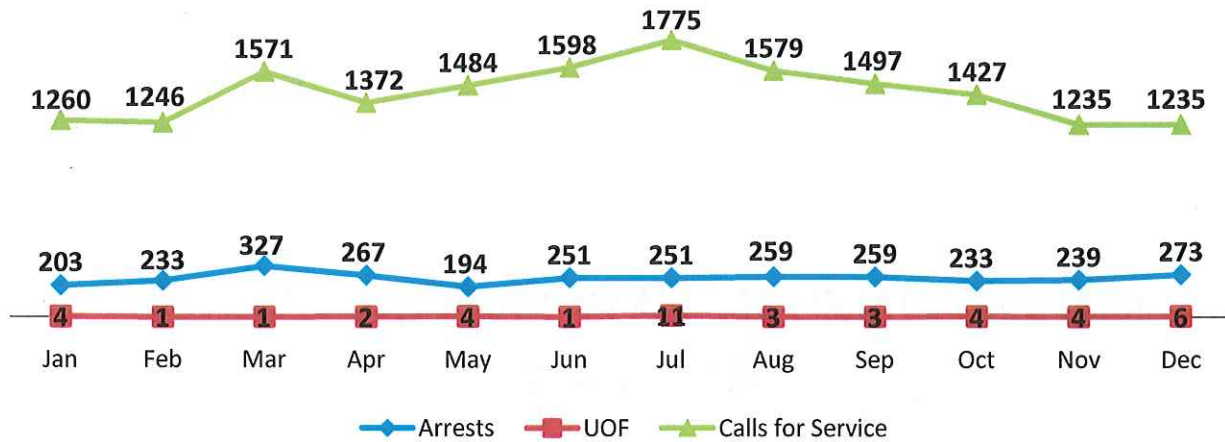


MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

1974 – Law Enforcement started using soft
body armor.

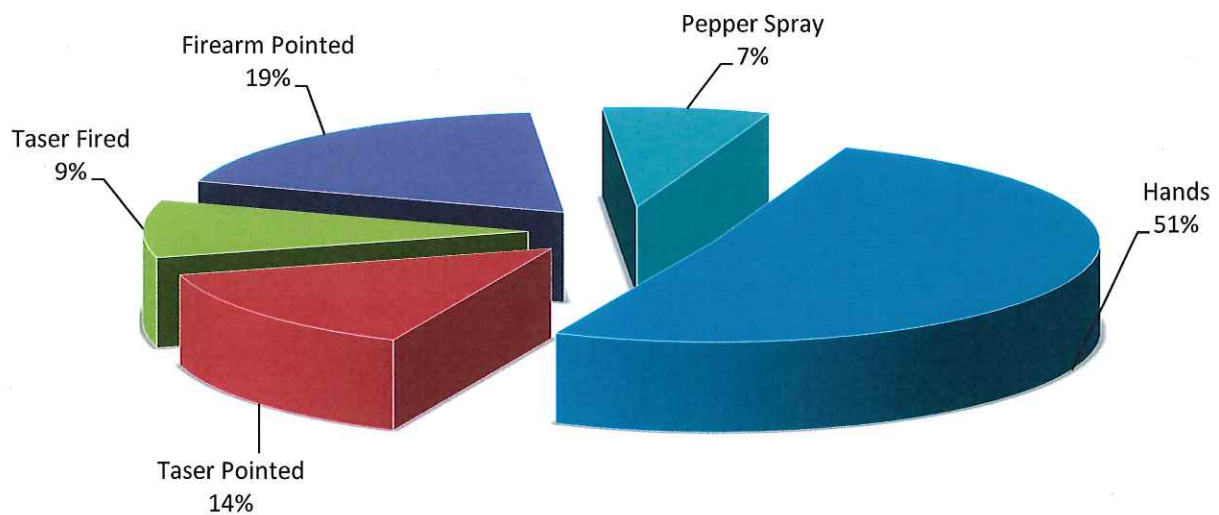
USE OF FORCE (UOF)

COMPARISON REPORT



Average Number of Arrests Requiring Force = 1.5%

UOF by Type



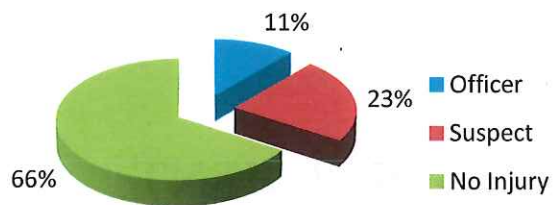


MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

October 15, 1991 – The National Law
Enforcement Memorial is dedicated in
Washington, D.C.

Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio

Injury



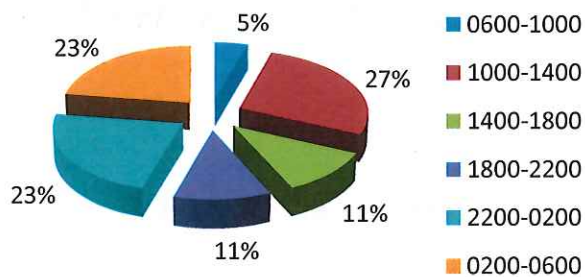
Alcohol Usage Factor

Alcohol Use



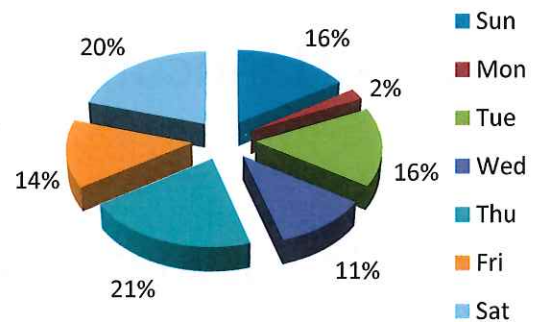
UOF by Time of Day

Time of Day



UOF by Day of Week

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MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

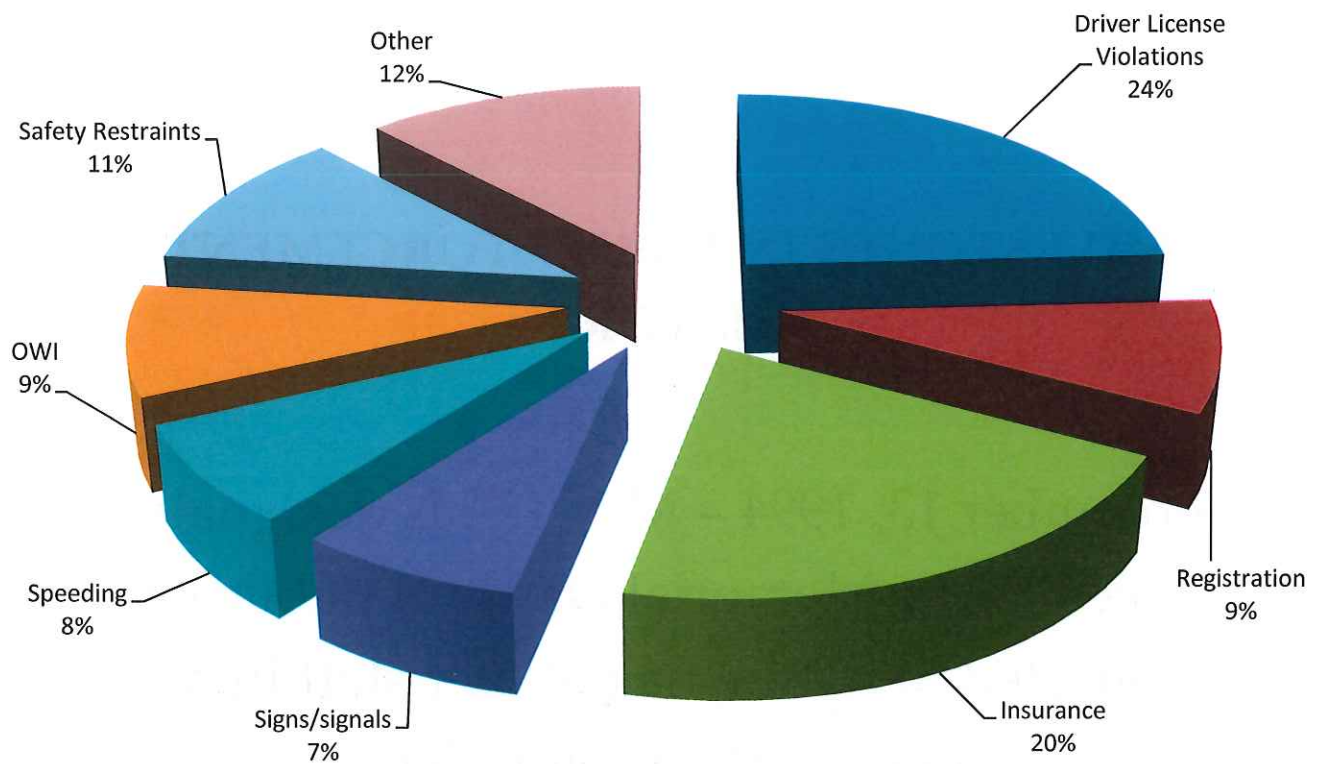
1850's – First multi-shot pistol was patented
and used by Law Enforcement.

1854 – Introduction of photograph.

1862 – Handcuffs with ratchet technology were
invented.

1948 – Radar is introduced for traffic law
enforcement.

TRAFFIC CITATION PERCENTAGE BY TYPE OF OFFENSE



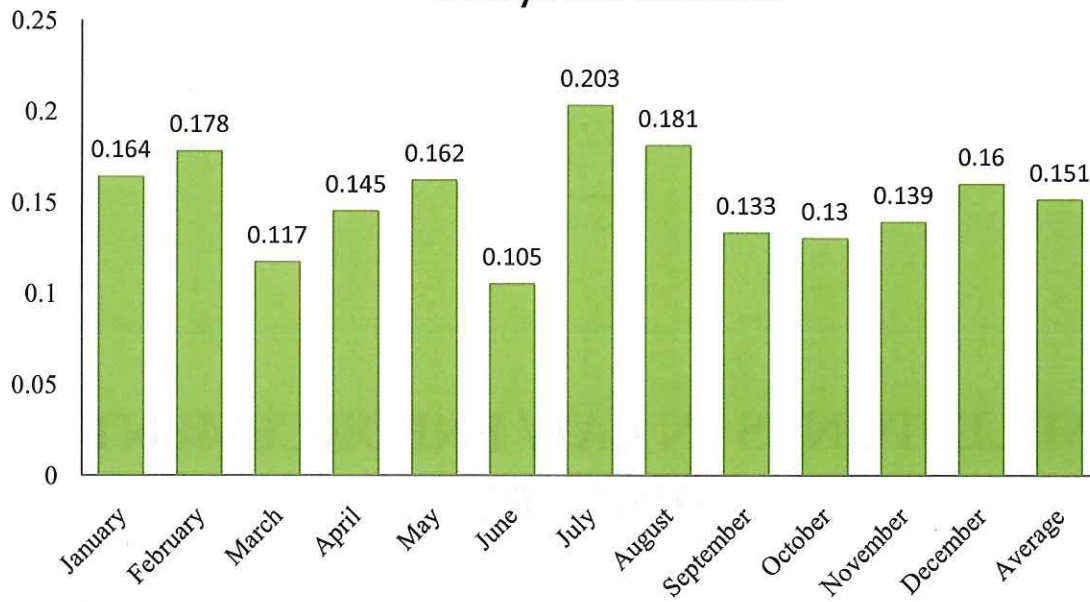


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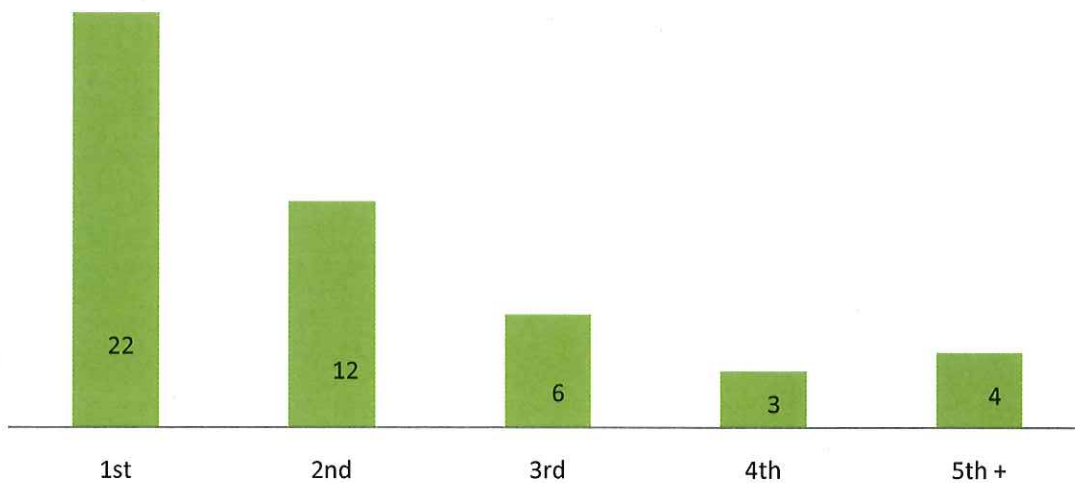
September 13, 1994 – May 15th is designated
Peace Officer Memorial Day and public law
was enacted to fly the flag at half-staff in honor
of our fallen comrades.

OWI STATISTICS

BAC/PAC Results



Repeat Violation Offenses





MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

April 1878 - April 1881 - Outlaw Billy the Kid
kills six officers.

GRANT FUNDING

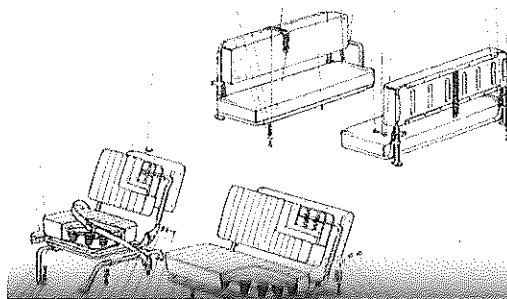
The Sparta Police Dept. received a \$15,000 dollar Grant to conduct Click it or Ticket Enforcement Grant. The money was used for \$10,000 in Officer Overtime and \$5,000 was to purchase a Squad Video camera. The Click it or Ticket enforcement campaign was for a year and during this period the Officers issued 226 Traffic Citations and 244 Traffic warning notices.

The Sparta Police Department received a \$5,000 Card Grant for alcohol compliance checks in businesses. There were two Police Officers and three volunteers that conducted the alcohol compliance checks on 60 businesses in a one year period. There were 11 non-compliance incidents, out of the 60 compliance checks.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MODERN SEATBELT

In 1946, Dr. C. Hunter Shelden had opened a neurological practice at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California. In the early 1950s, Dr. Shelden had made a major contribution to the automotive industry with his idea of retractable seat belts. This came about greatly in part from the high number of head injuries coming through the emergency rooms. He investigated the early seat belts whose primitive designs were implicated in these injuries and deaths. His findings were published in the November 5, 1955 *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) in which he proposed not only the retractable seat belt, but also recessed steering wheels, reinforced roofs, roll bars, door locks and passive restraints such as the now-and-ever-popular air bag. Subsequently in 1959, Congress passed legislation requiring all automobiles to comply with certain safety standards.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seat>





MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

September 11, 2001 - 72 officers were killed,
the single most deadly day, responding to
terrorist attacks.

TIME MOVES ON - LAWS STAY THE SAME

In the early 1980's, Sgt. Francis Harr, wrote a brief history of the Sparta Police Department. In this article, he quotes the earliest known City ordinance specifying police department responsibilities:

"...to provide for the government and good order of the City of Sparta, for the suppression of vice and immorality and the prevention of crime."

Most of the City's records were lost in a flood in 1899, but prior to this, it seems Sparta followed the "Northwest Territory Ordinance", authored by United States Congress. During this timeframe (late 1700's to mid-1800), we had territorial law enforcement.

"The inhabitants of the said territory shall always be entitled to the benefits of writ of habeas corpus, and of the trial by jury..." "And, in the just preservation of rights and property, it is understood and declared that no law ought ever to be made, or have force in the said territory, that shall in manner whatever, interfere with or affect private contracts or engagements, bona fide and without fraud, previously formed".

We have been looking through several City ordinance books from as early as 1926. In doing so, we found that although environment, population, and technology had changed, the laws have stayed relatively consistent.

1926

- The City authorized one Police Marshall, who shall also be Chief of Police, two night policemen, and one or more other police officers, one of who was City Teamster. The Chief of Police was designated the "day policeman" and received \$100.00 a month. Night policemen received \$3.00 a day.
- Basic traffic rules included vehicles and draft animals. They had to be right of the middle, pass on the left, use turn signals, you had to be 16 to drive without an adult, and you also could not be intoxicated. Of course, vehicles had to come to a complete stop and remain so if a horse was upset, frightened, or out of control.
- Parking was a big one; you couldn't park a car on Water ST and had to park in designated spots if provided.

- Direct sellers still needed a license to go door-to-door. Labeled as Transient Merchants, Hawkers, and Peddlers, these house-to-house solicitors were required to pay a fee of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$500.00 for a quarter yearly license. Much more expensive than today's \$25.00 yearly fee.
- Snow and ice removal had to be removed by noon; we now have 24 hours.
- Sprinkling the streets could be done, but only your lot width and to the center of the street.
- Chief of Police had the responsibility to distrain all horses, mules, swine, goats, geese, cattle, ducks, turkeys, chickens and other domestic animals or fowls running at large within the City limits. This hasn't changed; we will still round them up if they're a danger to the community.

1953

The City built a state-of-the-art Police/Fire Department. The old building has stood the test of time and with some innovative thinking, has been remodeled to meet our demands. The Fire Department no longer shares the building, other than drying hoses, and we finally had to replace the original boiler system.

1954

- We now have parking meters downtown, you can't park on the left side of the street, following an emergency vehicle is prohibited, no racing, and no clinging to a moving vehicle. We also have "One Arm Driving", which states that no person operating a vehicle shall be so engaged as to interfere with the safe operation of such vehicle. Sounds like no cell phone or texting doesn't it.
- The City required taxi cabs to be licensed, cabs also cannot be more than two years old or have over 75,000 miles on them.

- It was unlawful for any person or firm to advertise, operate, maintain, promote or aid in the same, mental or physical endurance contests such as a marathon, walkathon, skateathon, or any such events. You could be fined up to \$200.00 a day.
- Police officers received 10 percent of any citation written and monies collected to go directly to their retirement fund. Also, gratuities were accepted, but changed into monetary value and added to the retirement fund. Members of the Police Department could be fined for misconduct, but again, this amount was placed in the fund.

1965

- Today, we think the two-hour parking downtown is unreasonable; back in 1965, there was a one-hour limit. We found during this year, alternate side parking was enforced.
- The Chief of Police had final approval on any boat race, regatta, water-ski meet, or other water sporting event. He also had responsibility for holding public sales of any seized animals, other than dogs.
- You still could be fined \$1.00 to \$25.00 for horse racing on the street or riding faster than a moderate trot. You also couldn't lead any animal while driving a car.
- Fireworks were illegal, but there was a specific ordinance for toy pistols, toy canes, or toy guns which held paper caps; these were legal to use and sell within the City.

1975

- We found in this year's ordinance book the re-establishment of City defined traffic laws. Exhibition of Power & Speed is now seen. Avon RD's speed limit was raised to 35MPH, which explains why some long-time residents still travel that fast. Snowmobiles were a big deal; no operating on sidewalks, couldn't go faster than 10 MPH in the City, can't leave a snowmobile running unattended.
- Noise, curfew, littering, were considered important. You also could not interference with radio or television interception by means of any machine or equipment.



MILESTONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

1914 – Berkeley, CA had become the first agency to outfit the entire agency with automobiles.

CRIMES & PUNISHMENT

We thought it would be fun to look at some of the very old records we have downstairs and see what crimes were committed and their punishments. What we found was that things haven't changed much. The mug shots depicted are images of the originals we have. It's fun to note that most of these were placed on postcard backings to be shared with other jurisdictions.



1932

- δ Defendant failed to stop for the stoplights (probably newly installed); fined \$10.00.
- δ Selling postage stamps; \$1.00 fine and 10 days in jail.
- δ Drunk driving received 60 days in jail and license revocation.
- δ Found delinquent at 16 and sent to State School for Boys until age 21.
- δ Fighting; \$5.32.
- δ Improper parking; \$6.32.
- δ Court ordered defendant to insane asylum.
- δ Bad checks, couldn't pay for, received 1-3 years in prison.

1937

- δ Arrested for having a bottle of liquor without a liquor stamp; \$200.00 bail; fined \$53.00.
- δ Arrested for stealing shirts and socks off a clothes line; 30 days in jail.
- δ No valid driver's license; fined \$5.33.
- δ Had "bogus" sticker on car; fined \$30.32.
- δ Arrested for reckless drive, let go home to Tomah for fine money, didn't come back, officer went and got him; 10 days in jail.
- δ Speeding; fined \$5.22.
- δ Assault & Battery; fined \$6.37
- δ Larceny of brass owned by the City of Sparta; 15 days in jail.
- δ \$500.00 bond set for carrying concealed and suspect in armed robberies.

1945 - We have the call logs for this year and there are some good ones:

- 8 Mr. M called to report someone stole 10-12 of his leghorn chickens and some feed.
- 8 Mrs. D wanted us to go find her husband who got paid and is probably out drinking up the paycheck.
- 8 Numerous calls were logged to go pickup soldiers and turn them over to the MPs.
- 8 Mr. B was let out of jail to go to work, promised he'd come back, which he did.
- 8 Mr. G called and asked us to do something about the big red dog with the chicken in his mouth.
- 8 Mr. R was drunk and got in a fight with his wife. Mr. R "looked like he came out 2nd best".
- 8 Mr. E called, wanted the police to lock him up. He'd been drinking again and didn't know what he was going to do.
- 8 Several calls about the "State School for Boys" being runaways and some larceny and damage that were attributed to them.
- 8 Called to the school to give the kids a lecture about throwing snowballs.
- 8 Mr. M's pigs were running around the Morrow Home again.

The Honorable Mayor and the Common Council; Equipment needed by the Police Department;

5 flashlights and batteries
4 police chain tristers
1 dozen 12 gauge shells-12 gauge
1 dozen 30 gauge gas shells
2 night sticks
2 power lights
18 emergency flares
1 rifle

Submitted by Chief of Police, H. T. Jenkins
April 1, 1937

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On the Beat

Think Spring!

121 E. Oak ST/Sparta, WI 54656/269-3122/

April 2011

From the Chief

www.spartapd.com

Very few would argue that we live in rapidly changing times. The advent of the internet, personal computers, and now smart phones have changed the way we conduct business, interact with others, and build relationships. Today we can stay connected with friends and family almost anywhere in the world through these electronic devices. One of the unfortunate side effects of this technology though is that we can easily become disconnected with our neighbors. The nucleus of most communities has always been the idea of neighborhoods where residents got to know each other and looked out for one another. This is especially important when we talk about crime prevention. No one knows the neighborhood better than those who live there. The nationally recognized Neighborhood Watch Program was founded on the premise of neighbor looking after neighbor and assisting the police by reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhood. If you're interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, the Sparta Police Department can help. Call Lt. David Kuderer at 269-3122 to learn more. Let's all be good neighbors!

Chief Mike Kass



If you have enjoyed this newsletter and wish to continue receiving it, please sign up for our electronic version. Send an email to:

mbrown@spartapd.com

It will also be available on our website:

www.SpartaPD.com

Mopeds—The Rules

With gas prices steadily climbing, some of you may be thinking about purchasing a moped for getting around town. Mopeds are economical and can be fun to operate. Here are a few need-to-know facts regarding mopeds:

- You must have a valid driver's license to operate a moped on a roadway
- You must obey all traffic laws!
- Passengers are not allowed
- Mopeds must be titled and registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles
- You're not required to wear a helmet, but it is highly recommended



Dogs—Licensing and Regulations

- Must be on a leash if off owners property
- Over six months old need licenses
- Current on rabies & distemper
- 2 dog limit; over six months old
- Adequate shelter/food/water
- Fecal matter cleaned up



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Bike Registration—A Free Service



Increase your chances of recovering a lost or stolen bike; registration is quick, easy, and free. Forms are available at the PD.



STOP Bullying NOW! Did you know that nationally 15-25% of students believe they've been bullied? Bullying effects an individual's self esteem and can adversely affect their ability to learn. *Stop Bullying Now* is a national campaign to educate adults and kids about bullying and what you can do to prevent it. The Sparta Police Department supports this initiative and encourages you to learn more at:

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids



Dann Schamens Continues to Serve His Community

After 15 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Sparta Police Department, Officer Dann Schamens resigned to work full-time with the Sparta Area Ambulance. We thank Dann for his service and wish him only the best.



With spring comes the threat of severe weather, floods, or other disasters. The time to prepare is now before disaster strikes. *ReadyWisconsin* is there to assist you in developing the four key components to disaster preparation. Visit their website for more information:

www.readywisconsin.wi.gov



Are YOU Ready??

Severe Weather Warning Sirens NOT Tornado Warning Sirens

The City of Sparta maintains severe weather warning sirens at various locations throughout the City. These sirens are sometimes called tornado warning sirens; however, this is a misnomer. The sirens are actually part of a severe weather warning system designed to warn the public of impending severe weather. Upon hearing the sirens you should seek shelter and/or tune into local weather for more detailed information. As always, be safe.





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Enjoy the Summer!

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July 2011

From the Chief

www.spartapd.com

If you followed the news recently, you probably read where the Sparta Police Department disrupted a heroin distribution ring by making several arrests. These arrests highlight a heroin addiction problem that is growing rapidly nationwide. Heroin is a very potent and addictive drug that often leads to overdose deaths. The arrest of these drug dealers was a great success for our community, but we must not be lulled into believing we've solved the problem. I use the word "WE" because combating illegal drug use requires more than just the police; it requires community support and people willing to stand up and say "not in my house or in my neighborhood"! We owe it to our community to become better educated on ways to combat substance abuse and deal with those already addicted. If you suspect a drug house in your neighborhood report it by calling Monroe County Crime Stoppers at 269-STOP or text SPARTAPD and your tip to TIP411. You can also learn more about recognizing and dealing with substance abuse by visiting www.helpguide.org. If you'd like the Sparta Police Department to put on an illegal substance presentation for your organization or group call the Department at 269-3122. Working together we can make a difference!

Chief Mike Kass



Tornado Hits Sparta

The recent touchdown of a tornado in the City of Sparta is a good reminder that each of us needs to be prepared for potential disasters in our community. Natural or manmade disasters can strike a community at anytime and may leave residents without basic services for several days. Having a basic "Disaster Kit" on hand may help sustain a household for several days until services are restored or emergency services can reach you.

Instructions for preparing a "Disaster Kit" can be found at:

www.readywisconsin.wi.gov



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Welcome to Jenna Hanson

We are very pleased to introduce Jenna, the newest member of the department. Jenna comes from the Eau Claire area and is currently in Field Training. If you see her, please say hello.

Farewell to Andy Tolvstad

Andy has left the Sparta Police Department to join the La Crosse Police Department. Andy was a valuable asset to our department and will be missed. We wish him the best in the "big city".



Comments? Send an email to:

mbrown@spartapd.com

CRIME STOPPERS
269-STOP/372-STOP

Fireworks

Every year we have someone hurt by illegal fireworks. The rule of thumb is if the device explodes or leaves the ground it is illegal to use without a permit. Don't endanger yourself or your family and friends, **BE RESPONSIBLE**. Have a hose or water available, don't hold them while lighting or aim them at anyone.



Sgt. Pipkin & SRO Seubert visited Lakeview Montessori School to congratulate students on their efforts to **STOP BULLYING**. Well done kids!



Boat & Camper Laws You Should Know

If you're lucky enough to have a boat or camper to enjoy this summer, here are some reminders: boat/trailers, campers and RVs cannot be left or parked on the street for more than 48 hours. Trailers and pop-up campers must have a title and registration if they weigh over 3,000 pounds (gross weight). If you're taking them out of state, make sure you know their laws.



Braving the Cold for a Good Cause

Chief Kass (left), Sgt. Ferguson (center), and Officer Welker (right) braved the unseasonably cold weather and even colder water to raise money for Mayo Sparta Campus Emergency Room construction. No one had sympathy for the trio and they each took a good number of dunks for the cause. *Brrrrrrrrrr!*



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Autumn in Wisconsin

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October 2011

From the Chief

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The much anticipated and somewhat controversial "Concealed Carry Law" will go into effect on November 1, 2011. The law was passed earlier this year and allows residents who obtain a license to carry a handgun concealed; something only law enforcement officers were allowed to do prior. We've posted a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section regarding this topic on our website: www.spartapd.com.

Choosing to "go armed" should not be taken lightly and I encourage anyone considering this to research the topic fully. Carrying a handgun is only one aspect of "going armed". You still need a thorough understanding of the concealed carry law and the laws that govern self-defense. Knowing when you can or should use a handgun is equally, if not more important, than having the ability to carry a handgun.

Chief Mike Kass

New Law - No Parking in Lawns

The City now prohibits parking a motor vehicle on an unimproved surface if the surface faces a roadway. Commonly called "yard parking", the ordinance is intended to reduce the unsightliness of cars parked on the grass in front lawns.

Alternate Side Parking Starts November 1st

It's almost that time of year again, winter is coming and alternate side parking starts. We wanted to remind you of the rules.

Alternate side parking is in effect every day from 2:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m.

On even dates, park on the even side of the street.

On odd dates, park on the odd side of the street.

The odd or even side of the street is determined by house numbers.

Cul-de-sac parking is not allowed during this time period.

Crosswalk Law

Crossing a busy street is one of the most stressful times when enjoying an autumn day walk. The law requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and signs have been placed in intersections throughout the City as a reminder. We caution motorists to obey these crosswalks and pedestrians to use caution. Besides, it's the polite thing to do.

1st Annual County-Wide Law Enforcement Picnic

Our 1st Monroe County-Wide Law Enforcement Picnic was held August 21st and was a great success. A special thanks for their support goes to Culver's, Mathew's Bows, and Sparta Market and Pharmacy. Community leaders also lent a hand; Connie Anderson, Adam Hayden, Ed Lukasek, Craig Buswell, Kevin Riley, Edie Habegger.

Halloween Safety



Halloween is a favorite time for children, but it is up to parents and adults to make it safe. Trick or Treat is on **Monday, October 31st from 5:00—7:00 p.m.** Here are some basic tips for keeping our kids safe:

- Always have an adult accompany the younger kids
- Stick to the set hours of Trick or Treating
- Plan a route so someone else knows where you're going
- Stay in populated areas and stay in a **group** of friends
- Don't eat candy or treats until inspected by an adult
- Don't go in a home, get in a car, or walk away with a stranger
- Have a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective costume on



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School In Session

Kids are back in school and we want to remind drivers to be vigilant of school buses, school zones, and kids crossing streets. It is our responsibility to keep the kids safe.

Department Anniversaries:
5 Years: Officer Jose Tovar

Comments or Questions:
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Kickapoo Dam Challenge

Always ready to support a good cause, the Sparta Police Department had two teams support fund raising for the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Education Program. Chief Mike Kass and Officer Kyle Guralski manned one team, while Admin Assistant Heather Miller and Tomah Police Officer Josh Kenworthy made up the 2nd. Competitors in this challenge canoe 7 miles, bike 14 miles and run 3 miles. Bragging rights went to Heather and Josh who beat out the Chief and Kyle in overall time. Both teams have again signed up for this charitable event, both to support it and renew their "friendly" rivalry. Lots of bantering is going on and a lot of pride-inspired training. We'll let you know who "wins".



City of Sparta Curfew Laws Less than 17 YOA: 11:00 p.m.—5:00 a.m. Weekdays/12:00 a.m.—5:00 a.m. Weekends



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Happy New Year!

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January 2012

From the Chief

My home is my castle, or at least that's the premise under the recently signed law referred to as "The Castle Doctrine". This new law now offers criminal and civil liability protection to a person who uses force against someone unlawfully breaking into one's occupied dwelling, motor vehicle, or place of business. When the law was initially signed by Governor Walker, some papers ran a headline that went something like this: *Homeowner's Given the Right to Kill*. This is an attention grabber and very misleading. In Wisconsin, we've always had the right to defend ourselves when our life is in danger and little has changed with the new law. Today though, the presumption is that a person forcibly entering your occupied dwelling, motor vehicle, or place of business is placing your life in imminent threat of death or great bodily harm; thus, using force, including force likely to cause death is reasonable. As with any new law there are exemptions and I encourage you to read the law fully in preparation of defending your castle. Act 94 can be read in its entirety at:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/acts/94>

Chief Mike Kass

www.spartapd.com

2011 Department Recognition



Award of Merit



Responding to a suicidal subject threatening to jump from a bridge, Officer Kyle Erickson maintained communication with the subject until he could be safely taken into custody; still intent on harming himself, Officer Erickson struggled with the subject, sustaining injury to himself, until the subject was secured and taken to the hospital for treatment. Officer Erickson's actions potentially prevented a tragic outcome.



Award of Honor - Life Saving



Responding to a report of a male subject collapsed and non-responsive, Sgt. Joel Ames and Officer Chris Welker administered potentially life-saving CPR until EMS arrival.



Wisconsin Crime Alert

WCAN, Wisconsin Crime Alert Network, allows law enforcement agencies to send out state-wide crime alert bulletins rapidly to the business community and the general public whenever a crime or suspect may affect citizens or their businesses. This is just another way to reinforce the partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Alerts can be received via email, text message or fax. To learn more information and to sign up to partner with us, visit:

www.wisconsincrimealert.gov



New Ordinances

Street Storage of Boats & Trailer - In layman's terms, you can't leave a boat or trailer on the street, highway, or municipal parking lot for more than 48 hours. You also can't move the vehicle back and forth to avoid the 48 hour period.

Restricted Parking on Residential Properties - You can't store or park any motor vehicle in your front yard or corner lot side yard facing a street or house unless the area has an improved surface.

Police Department Building Remodel Status

We are very excited about the progress we've made on the exterior remodel of the building; new concrete and cobblestone, planter boxes, department sign, and custom bench. Work has been done through volunteer labor and materials have been bought locally or within the State of Wisconsin. Special thanks to Rienhard Mueller for his design, organization and manual labor in getting us this far. We'll finish up next year with a new emergency call box and payment drop box, and of course plants for our boxes.



Comments or Questions:
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Kickapoo Dam Challenger

As promised, we want to let you know that Admin Assistant Heather Miller and Tomah Officer Josh Kenworthy defended their championship title by "beating" Chief Mike Kass and Officer Kyle Guralski. There's always next year.

Department Anniversaries: 5 Years - Jose Tovar, Chris Itnyre, Kyle Guralski, Chris Welker, Beth Ambrosius; 10 Years - Joel Ames. We thank them for their service and dedication.

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