

2023 Annual Report



Edgerton Police Department

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Edgerton, WI.

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Chiefs Message,

I am pleased to present this 2023 Annual Report to the citizens of Edgerton, Wisconsin. I would like to thank Mayor Chris Lund, City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, the City Council, the Edgerton Police Commission and the Public Safety Committee for the continued support they provide the police department throughout the year.

As the Chief of the Edgerton Police Department, it is always an honor to present this report to you. I believe transparency and communication are key components of maintaining strong relationships with the community. The annual report is just one of the ways I like to share information with the public.

The Officers pride themselves in our community engagement because it is such a high priority for the Edgerton Police Department. In 2023, we continued working with the Lions Club for their 4th of July celebration, partnering with the Tobacco Heritage Committee to ensure they had a great weekend event, successfully hosting our yearly National Night Out and teaming up to ensure Chili Mania goes off without a hitch to end the summer activities in the city.

The year brought some changes which saw the full-time appointment of Officer McKaylie Buescher. This decision came about since the department partnered with the Edgerton School District and assigning an Officer to the district as the School Resource Officer (SRO) effective January 2023. We were all in agreement the position will immediately pay dividends by building and strengthening relationships with our youth. We also lost an Officer to a resignation but we were able to replace that position with a new Officer who is currently enrolled at the Blackhawk Tech Police Academy.

While the job of a police officer has never been more challenging, our officers are always ready to handle any task. They do an excellent job of determining if a situation requires enforcement action or would be better served through other means. The one thing I know for sure, we have the best law enforcement officers, working in a community where they are highly supported for what they do.

I can assure you the Edgerton Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe while providing the highest quality of service to you, the citizens of Edgerton. We will remain positive, focusing on the community and providing the most professional service as we always have. It is truly an honor and a Blessing to serve the community as your Police Chief.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to what 2024 holds for Edgerton.

Chief Bob Kowalski



EDGERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION:

The Edgerton Police Department is dedicated to providing professional law enforcement services for our community while safeguarding Constitutional guarantees, protection of human life, the reduction of crime and fear along with providing for and maintaining a safe and peaceful environment.

VISION:

We are dedicated to working with the community in a problem-solving partnership which strives for continuous improvement of ourselves and the quality of life in the City of Edgerton.

CORE VALUES:

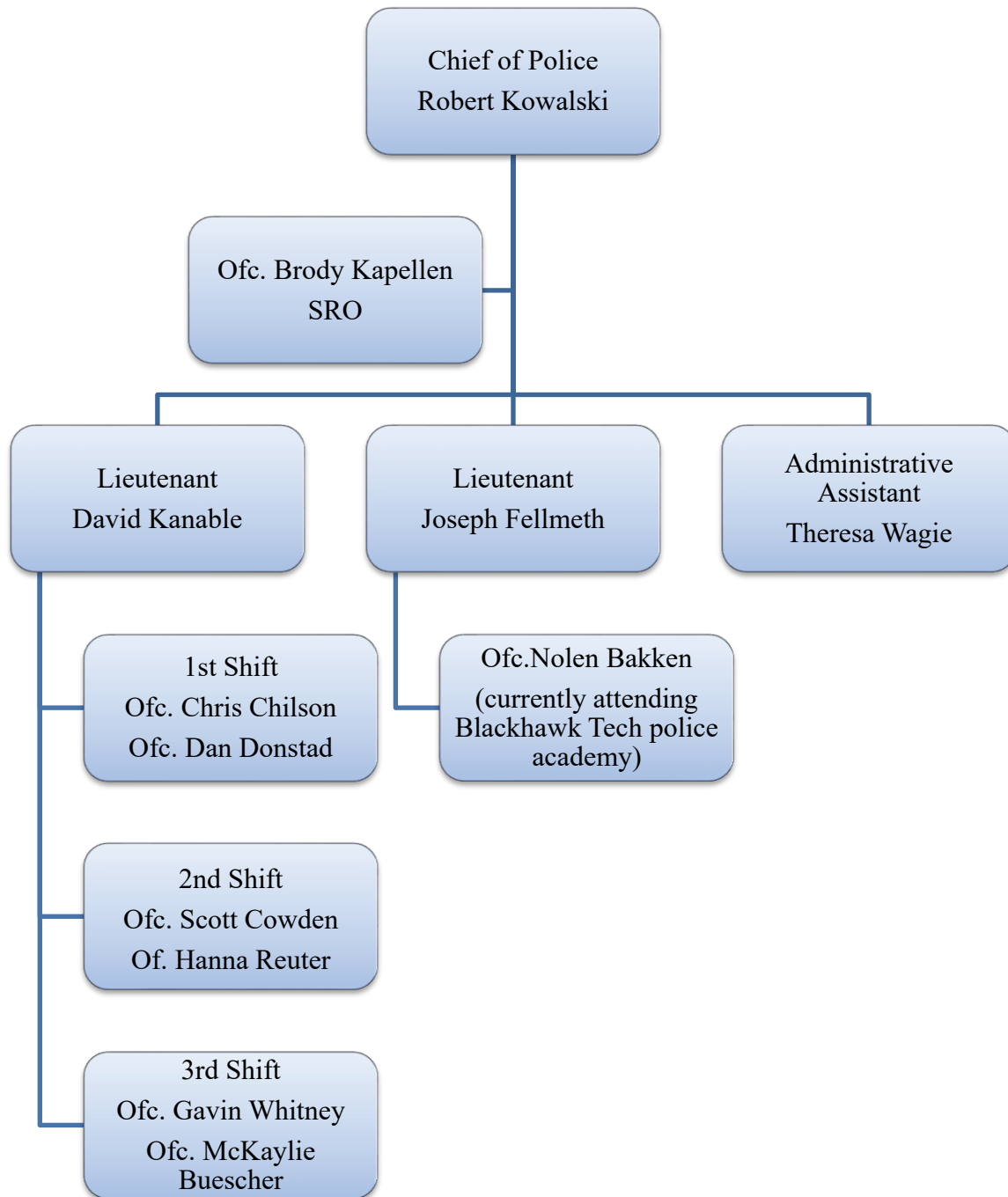
- **Human Life** – our highest priority is the protection of all human life.
- **Integrity** – we will achieve public trust by demonstrating personal integrity and by serving all persons with respect, dignity, and honesty in a consistent and ethical manner.
- **Equality** – we will perform our duty with reverence towards human values, always mindful of individual diversity.
- **Loyalty** – we are faithfully committed to our community, our profession and the law.
- **Neighborhood Policing** – we are committed to working in partnership with the community to develop mutual trust through identifying, understanding, and meeting the needs determined by the neighborhoods we serve.

Providing Service with Pride and Dedication

LAW ENFORCEMENT OATH OF HONOR

*On my honor, I will never betray 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 maintain the highest ethical standards and
uphold the values of my community, and
the agency I serve.*

COMMAND STAFF AND PERSONNEL



Note: In 2023 the police department hired Officer McKaylie Buescher to replace Officer Brody Kapellen who is assigned the position of School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Buescher successfully completed her probationary period and is currently assigned to 3rd shift. Also Officer Brandon Swinbank resigned and a search to replace him was conducted. Officer Nolen Bakken was sworn in and is currently enrolled at Blackhawk Tech Police Academy with a graduation date of May, 2024.

CITY OF EDGERTON GOVERNMENT



EDGERTON ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The City of Edgerton Council is made up of a Mayor and six Council members. The elected officials are Mayor Chris Lund, District 1 Council Members Sarah Braun (replaced by Shawn Prebil) and Casey Langan, District 2 Council Members Candy Davis and Tim Shaw and District 3 Council Members Jim Burdick and Paul Davis.

PUBLIC SAFETY and WELFARE COMMITTEE:

The Public Safety and Welfare Committee is comprised of District 3 Council Member, Jim Burdick and Paul Davis along with District 1 Council Member Tim Shaw.

This committee's duties, assignments and responsibilities include: working with the City Administrator, City Attorney, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Public Works and Building Inspector on several matters to include operations and administration of the Police Department; abating nuisances concerning disorderly conduct; planning and policy related to building inspection and regulations; and lastly, reviewing and making recommendations on ordinances and resolutions concerning parking, pedestrian and vehicular traffic, signage and general Public Safety and Welfare matters. When acting as a committee they are responsible to review and recommend all other ordinances coming before the Common Council.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSION:

The Board holds the responsibility for the hiring, firing and disciplinary process of Police Officers as well as working with the Chief of Police on promotions. Current Members of the Board include Mark Coombs, Lisa Venske, Terry Dickinson, Josh Lee and Jim "Red" Davis.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Edgerton Police working in cooperation with the City Administration has developed a system to assist with Code Enforcement duties. Homeowners and Businesses in violation of a municipal regulation are initially notified and provided ample time to address the code violation issue. If the violation is not remedied the Police Department works with the city staff to right the violation and provide a court date. Once remanded to the court system the city and Police Dept. continue to monitor the progress to certify compliance and a satisfactory solution. This process was enacted to safeguard the city and those who take great pride in the City of Edgerton.

TO THE CITIZENS OF EDGERTON:

On May 25, 2022, the world saw the images and events that lead to the death of George Floyd while in police custody. Those pictures are horrifying, heartbreaking and deeply disturbing then as they are today. It is important to continue to denounce the actions of the very few and express our commitment to the community as guardians of justice.

On July 6th, 2022, the Edgerton Police Department declared our pledge through the Edgerton Public Safety Committee and the Edgerton City Council. Our position statement continues to affirm our Officers actions will always be fair and equitable without discriminating against a person for any reason.

I will continue to add this to our annual report to affirm our commitment to ALL citizens so that you are assured our Officers' motivations are always in the best interest of the community and in keeping everyone safe. This statement is important to express our transparency and our position as professional law enforcement Officers for the City of Edgerton in the State of Wisconsin.

POSITION STATEMENT OF THE EDGERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we affirm the following principles regarding the relationship between the City of Edgerton Police Department, the citizens of Edgerton, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, and the citizens of the United States of America:

- 1. We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value;**
- 2. We believe that treating all persons with dignity and respect is a foundational value;**
- 3. We reject discrimination toward any person, for any reason, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status;**
- 4. We endorse the six pillars in the report on 21st Century Policing; we endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are transparency, impartiality, fairness, and voice; (*Voice* means the opportunity for citizens and police to feel they've been heard.);**
- 5. We endorse the following practices inherent to community policing: the creation of community partnerships involving law enforcement; the engagement of police officers with residents outside of interactions specific to the enforcement of laws; and the addressing of community issues in a collaborative process;**

6. We believe that law enforcement should embrace a guardian mindset, to build trust and legitimacy, both within agencies and among the public;
7. We believe that law enforcement policies and procedures should reflect community values, and further, that these policies and procedures should be periodically reviewed, to ensure they are current and adhered to. Law enforcement and the community have a mutual responsibility to encourage everyone gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist in their interactions.
8. We support equal opportunity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession overall;
9. We believe the wellness and safety of law enforcement officers is critical not only for the officers, their colleagues, and their agencies, but also to public safety;
10. We believe de-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers. We endorse using de-escalation tactics to reduce the potential for confrontations that endanger law enforcement officers and community members; and the principle that human life should be taken only as a last resort.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we vow by mutual affirmation to work together and to stand together in our community, implementing these values and principles, promoting mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however we can.



EDGERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 BUDGET

The following is the budget for the Police Department for 2023

POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Includes the Chief of Police a full-time and part-time Administrative Assistant. The Chief of Police is responsible for reviewing the department procedures for overall effectiveness and implementing improvements, assisting the City Administrator with labor negotiations, providing support and advice to the Mayor and Common Council, responding to public inquiries and complaints, supervising Police Department staff, overseeing training and discipline of staff, and preparing the annual department budget in coordination with the City Administrator.

2023 Goals:

- Manage the Police Department in order to provide a high level of public safety in a cost-effective manner.
- Promote and maintain a positive relationship with the community.
- Ensure Police Department personnel represent the City in a Professional manner.

POLICE PATROL

The Department has seven full time Officers and two full time Lieutenants. The Officers work 8.5-hour shifts covering 24 hours each day with a schedule of 5 days on and 2 days off then 5 days on and 3 days off. Coverage is needed for holidays, vacations, sick days and special events. The department has 4 squad cars for patrolling.

2023 Goals:

- Maintain a sense of stability in the community by creating a positive relationship with the citizens and businesses.
- Protect lives, safety, and rights of all people within the city.
- To provide responsive service to the public.

Budget Highlights:

- \$25,000 in overtime wages consists of the following:
 - Holidays (per union contract)
 - Shift Vacancies
 - Municipal Court
 - Rock County and Dane County court appearances
 - Other emergencies
- School Resource Officer

- \$35,000 in capital equipment for one Hybrid patrol vehicle.
- \$6,550 in capital equipment for a speed detection sign.

POLICE TRAINING

The State of Wisconsin requires that police officers be certified annually. The city provides for the annual certification and ongoing training, Operating supplies needed for training includes range rental fees, ammunition, and targets for training.

2023 Goals:

- Provide officers with adequate firearms training and comply with the State Training requirements.

Budget Highlights:

- \$1500 for training supplies and education reimbursement.

POLICE CELEBRATIONS

The City provides security for community celebrations when alcohol is served on public property. The City Council decides if the community organizations contribute to the cost of providing this security service.

2023 Goals:

- Provide a safe environment for the event attendees.

POLICE STATION

Includes expenses related to maintaining and operating the building housing the Police Department.

2023 Goals:

- To provide and maintain a safe and functional working environment which allows for efficient service to the public.

Budget Highlights:

- \$9334 in capital improvement for a door access system.

CROSSING GUARDS

Crossing Guards are assigned at three separate locations in the City. Crossing Guards are reimbursed based on each occurrence of service. The Edgerton School District reimburses the City for at least 50% of the expenditures related to the Crossing Guards.

2023 Goals:

- To provide and maintain a safe environment for the school children who walk to school.

City of Edgerton Police Department 2023 Expenditures with Comparisons to Budget

(See following 2 pages)

City of Edgerton
Police Department
2023 Budget

Acct No	Account Description	2021 Actual	2022 9 Month Actual	2022 Projected	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed
POLICE ADMINISTRATION						
100-52100-115	POLICE ADMIN - SALARIES	86,585	57,900	87,979	87,979	91,499
100-52100-120	POLICE ADMIN-DISP WAGES	46,512	31,873	46,408	47,227	49,109
100-52100-121	POLICE ADMIN-DISP O/T WAGES	309	221	400	800	797
100-52100-125	POLICE ADMIN - P/T WAGES	17,923	14,738	21,621	22,090	24,112
100-52100-151	POLICE ADMIN - FICA	11,471	7,999	11,965	12,094	12,662
100-52100-152	POLICE ADMIN - RETIREMENT	13,413	9,216	13,636	13,714	15,490
100-52100-153	POLICE ADMIN - DENTAL INS	1,413	1,060	1,413	1,413	1,441
100-52100-154	POLICE ADMIN - HEALTH INS	18,070	15,627	18,753	18,753	19,844
100-52100-155	POLICE ADMIN - LIFE INS	607	597	735	680	778
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	196,305	139,231	202,910	204,750	215,732
100-52100-210	POLICE ADMIN - PROF SERV	2,810	-	-	700	700
100-52100-214	POLICE ADMIN - DATA PROC	-	5,279	7,165	6,000	7,165
100-52100-240	POLICE ADMIN-RPR/MT EQUIP	1,848	1,072	2,000	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICES	4,658	6,351	9,165	8,700	9,865
100-52100-310	POLICE ADMIN-DMV OPER SUP/EXP	330	32	300	400	400
100-52100-311	POLICE ADMIN - POSTAGE	792	603	750	500	750
100-52100-320	POLICE ADMIN-PUB/SUB/DUES	153	81	200	300	200
100-52100-330	POLICE ADMIN-TRAIN/TRAVEL	623	-	200	400	400
100-52100-332	POLICE ADMIN-REIMB MILEAGE	144	-	-	200	200
100-52100-340	POLICE ADMIN-OPER SUP/EXP	2,536	3,239	3,500	4,500	4,000
	TOTAL OPER SUPPLY & EXPENSE	4,578	3,955	4,950	6,300	5,950
100-52100-510	POLICE ADMIN - PROF LIAB	5,916	5,988	5,988	6,150	6,041
100-52100-511	POLICE ADMIN-WRKRS COMP INS	783	674	674	754	631
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	6,699	6,662	6,662	6,904	6,672
100-52100-810	POLICE ADMIN-CAPITAL EQUIP	7,191	2,030	2,030	-	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	7,191	2,030	2,030	-	-
	TOTAL ADMIN EXPENDITURES	219,430	158,229	225,717	226,654	238,219
100-52120-115	POLICE PATROL - WAGES	603,468	407,836	583,251	582,858	598,632
100-52120-116	POLICE PATROL-O/T WAGES	29,154	9,606	25,000	25,000	25,000
100-52120-151	POLICE PATROL-FICA	46,947	30,550	46,531	46,501	47,708
100-52120-152	POLICE PATROL-RETIREMENT	67,444	45,697	73,233	73,186	82,444
100-52120-153	POLICE PATROL-DENTAL INS	10,832	7,889	11,200	11,774	10,088
100-52120-154	POLICE PATROL HEALTH INS	144,224	118,817	142,642	131,858	152,450
100-52120-155	POLICE PATROL LIFE INS	1,182	774	1,017	1,200	972
	SRO NET COSTS	-	-	-	-	8,600
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	903,252	621,169	882,875	872,377	925,895
100-52120-210	POLICE PATROL-PROF SERV	84	234	500	800	800
100-52120-225	POLICE PATROL-TELEPHONE	1,651	1,190	2,000	2,200	2,000
100-52120-240	POLICE PATROL-RPR/MT CONTRAC	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICES	1,735	1,424	2,500	3,000	2,800
100-52120-340	POLICE PATROL-OPER SUP/EXP	9,681	1,306	6,000	6,000	6,000
100-52120-380	POLICE PATROL-VEH MT/SUP	8,310	4,969	10,000	10,000	10,000
100-52120-385	POLICE PATROL-VEHICLE FUEL	21,576	18,605	27,908	20,000	24,000
	TOTAL OPER SUPPLY & EXPENSE	39,567	24,880	43,908	36,000	40,000
100-52120-510	POLICE PATROL-LIAB INS	9,464	9,545	9,545	9,756	9,576
100-52120-511	POLICE PATROL-WRKRS COMP INS	13,056	11,229	11,229	12,555	10,521
100-52120-514	POLICE PATROL-AUTO INS	3,244	3,117	3,117	3,324	3,110
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGE	25,764	23,891	23,891	25,635	23,207
100-52120-810	POLICE PATROL-CAP EQUIPMENT	40,607	59,432	64,000	41,132	41,550
	TOTAL PATROL EXPENDITURES	40,607	59,432	64,000	41,132	41,550
	TOTAL PATROL EXPENDITURES	1,010,925	730,796	1,017,174	978,144	1,033,451

Acct No	Account Description	2021 Actual	2022 9 Month Actual	2022 Projected	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed
POLICE TRAINING						
100-52140-116	POLICE TRAINING-O/T WAGES	697	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
100-52140-151	POLICE TRAINING-FICA	-	53	115	153	285
100-52140-152	POLICE TRAINING-RETIREMENT	-	129	181	241	284
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	697	1,682	1,795	2,394	2,549
100-52140-330	POLICE TRAINING-TRAIN/TRAVEL	883	2,058	2,200	500	500
100-52140-332	POLICE TRAINING-REIMB MILEAGE	-	-	-	200	200
100-52140-340	POLICE TRAINING-OPER SUP/EXP	79	-	-	1,500	1,500
	TOTAL TRAINING EXPENDITURES	962	2,058	2,200	2,200	2,200
	TOTAL TRAINING EXPENDITURES	1,659	3,740	3,995	4,594	4,749
POLICE CELEBRATIONS						
100-52145-116	POLICE CELEBRATION-O/T WAGES	4,903	1,694	3,000	3,000	3,000
100-52145-151	POLICE CELEBRATION-FICA	375	129	230	230	230
100-52145-152	POLICE CELEBRATION-RETIREMENT	912	314	361	361	397
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	6,190	2,137	3,591	3,591	3,626
	TOTAL CELEBRATIONS EXPENDITURE	6,190	2,137	3,591	3,591	3,626
POLICE STATION						
100-52150-122	POLICE STATION-REG WAGES	142	405	600	356	373
100-52150-125	POLICE STATION-P/T WAGES	-	-	-	27	36
100-52150-151	POLICE STATION-FICA	11	31	46	32	31
100-52150-152	POLICE STATION-RETIREMENT	10	26	39	26	28
100-52150-153	POLICE STATION-DENTAL INS	-	4	6	4	3
100-52150-154	POLICE STATION-HEALTH INS	-	64	76	56	46
100-52150-155	POLICE STATION-LIFE INS	-	1	1	1	1
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	162	531	768	502	518
100-52150-210	POLICE STATION-PROF SERV	7,661	5,998	7,000	7,000	7,000
100-52150-221	POLICE STATION-ELECTRIC	5,020	3,028	5,000	5,000	5,000
100-52150-222	POLICE STATION-WATER	631	450	600	600	600
100-52150-223	POLICE STATION-STORMWATER	64	46	64	64	64
100-52150-224	POLICE STATION-HEATING	734	912	1,200	550	1,000
100-52150-225	POLICE STATION-TELEPHONE	3,250	2,914	3,300	3,300	3,300
	TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICES	17,359	13,348	17,164	16,514	16,964
100-52150-340	POLICE STATION-OPER SUP/EXP	4,665	1,327	3,500	3,200	3,500
	TOTAL OPER SUPPLY & EXPENSES	4,665	1,327	3,500	3,200	3,500
100-52150-510	POLICE STATION-PROP/LIAB INS	1,056	1,096	1,096	1,130	1,184
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	1,056	1,096	1,096	1,130	1,184
100-52150-810	POLICE STATION-CAP EQUIP	-	-	-	2,850	-
100-52150-820	POLICE STATION -CAP IMPRV	5,489	-	-	-	9,334
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,489	-	-	2,850	9,334
	TOTAL STATION EXPENDITURES	28,731	16,302	22,528	24,196	31,500
CROSSING GUARDS						
100-52160-125	CROSSING GUARDS-P/T WAGES	14,175	9,420	13,425	15,300	14,183
100-52160-151	CROSSING GUARDS-FICA	1,084	721	1,027	1,170	1,085
	TOTAL WAGES AND BENEFITS	15,259	10,141	14,452	16,470	15,267
100-52160-340	CROSSING GUARDS - OPER SUP/EX	-	-	100	300	300
	TOTAL OPER SUPPLY & EXPENSES	-	-	100	300	-
100-52160-510	CROSSING GUARDS-LIABILITY INS	920	935	935	966	950
100-52160-511	CROSSING GUARDS - WKRS COMP	998	858	858	960	804
	TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	1,918	1,793	1,793	1,926	1,754
	TOTAL CROSSING GRDS EXPENDITURE	17,178	11,934	16,345	18,696	17,021
	TOTAL POLICE DEPT EXPENDITURE	1,284,113	923,138	1,289,350	1,255,875	1,328,567

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2020 thru 2023

The following data is a list of calls and the number of times the Edgerton Police Department responds to throughout the year. The incident type and number of times the Officers responds is listed for the past 4 years.

Incident Type	# of Incidents 2020	# of Incidents 2021	# of Incidents 2022	# of Incidents 2023
911 Hang Up	254	299	202	329
Abandoned Veh.	24	24	12	19
Accident w/Injury	4	6	8	6
Alarm	43	23	28	26
Alcohol Viol.	0	4	2	1
Animal Complaint	153	173	159	144
Armed Suspect	1	4	1	1
Assist Citizen	374	296	401	391
Assist Fire/EMS	61	65	74	107
Assist Other PD	152	178	198	206
Battery	10	5	5	15
Burglary	6	3	3	5
Business Check	361	427	437	409
Chase	0	1	0	0
Child Offense	13	14	13	14
Civil Dispute	97	79	63	48
Civil Paper Serv.	3	2	1	1
Code Enforcement	0	0	1	0
Crimes All Other	0	0	1	0
Death Invest.	10	12	11	9
Disorderly Cond.	35	40	46	43
Disturbance	56	51	61	27
Drug Offense	15	21	29	22
Escort/Transport	30	25	35	22
Eviction	0	0	1	0
Family Problem	33	55	60	54
Fireworks Comp.	46	35	26	22
Follow up	742	752	783	800
Foot Patrol	146	132	76	68
Fraud/Forgery	25	26	19	34
Gunshot wound	0	0	0	1
Harassment	31	32	29	25
Hazard Condition	55	57	44	34
Hit & Run	24	19	27	14
Interstate Reroute	1	0	0	0
Intox Subj.	0	0	1	2
Kid Problem	45	54	35	68

Incident Type	# of Incidents 2020	# of Incidents 2021	# of Incidents 2022	# of Incidents 2023
Loitering	0	0	2	1
Loud Noise	44	43	21	32
Message Delivery	5	5	1	2
Open Door/Window	17	12	24	14
OWI	9	16	22	9
Ord. Viol.	54	34	25	30
Out w/Subj.	260	180	181	108
Overdose	7	7	10	3
Parking Comp.	171	164	185	164
Phone Msg Ofc	96	86	64	77
Prob-Parole Viol.	1	1	1	0
Property	51	67	59	37
Prowler	0	1	0	0
Public Works/Utility	13	21	10	12
Restraining Order/TRO Viol.	6	3	4	4
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Runaway	6	1	5	8
School Patrol	174	248	371	345
Security check	4223	4101	4696	4552
Sex Offender Placement ck.	0	0	1	0
Sex Offense	8	5	4	2
Shots fired	1	2	1	1
Special Assignment	119	120	145	135
Special event	10	11	6	1
Stabbing	0	0	2	0
Stalled Veh.	35	43	31	40
State Offense	10	2	1	0
Subject down	1	7	2	4
Suicide	1	0	1	0
Suspicious	183	157	167	131
Theft	54	56	55	55
Threat	25	17	17	19
Traffic Accident	39	38	57	63
Traffic Complaint	92	123	96	153
Traffic Stop	464	745	890	1108
Trespassing	7	7	14	4
Truancy	13	7	24	31
Unknown Problem	0	1	2	0
Unwanted Person	24	15	10	11
Vandalism	29	42	31	32
Vehicle Runoff	5	8	2	3

Incident Type	# of Incidents 2020	# of Incidents 2021	# of Incidents 2022	# of Incidents 2023
Vehicle Unlock	5	10	10	10
Warrant Service	8	4	6	5
Weapons Offense	6	2	0	3
Welfare check	142	14	180	169
TOTALS	9291	9466	10328	10345
Traffic Stops				
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Stops	835	482	776	1112

This report excludes calls with the following dispositions: ATL (attempt to locate), CAN (cancel), DUP (duplicate call), INFO (information), REPO (vehicle repossession), TEST (test normally for dispatch purposes), TOTO (turned over to...).

EDGERTON POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY

The Edgerton Police Department continues to not only address the crime issues that arise in the city but balances that with being an active part of the community. Although the citizens and guests of Edgerton enjoy a variety of events and fests every year we were in full swing for 2022. We were definitely in full swing for 2023 with the following events.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

The Edgerton Police Department was again proud to sponsor National Night Out. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more. The 2023 event saw participation by many of our Law Enforcement neighbors, businesses and groups.

We are currently making plans to once again host the National Night Out event which will be held on August 6th, 2024 at Racetrack Park in Edgerton. We hope to see an even bigger event than those we have had the year before. We're look forward to seeing you there.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023



CHILI MANIA

Chili Mania is held annually on the first Saturday after Labor Day in Edgerton, Wisconsin. It is home to the Wisconsin State Championship CASI-Sanctioned Chili Cook-Off, a traditional chili cooking and a salsa contest. The event also features live music all-day long, a Bloody Mary contest, and more!

The mission of the event is to promote the Edgerton business community, social responsibility, and to raise funds to support the education of our youth.

Chilimania, a not-for-profit organization, started from a grand vision and began its first year with fewer than 20 cook-off participants. The event drew a loyal crowd that continued to grow year after year, as the festival consistently booked some of the Midwest's best-known headlining bands on its Main Stage.

Today, the group has given more than \$120,000 back to the community during the past 26 years through annual spring scholarships to graduating Edgerton high school students, community donations, and many other Edgerton Student Clubs and Athletics.

In 2023 the Police Department was again invited to provide security for the two-day event and partnered with the Chili Mania Organizers to ensure it went off without any issues. The guest country music star in 2023 was Rodney Atkins which brought a large crowd to Edgerton. As always we focus on providing a safe venue for those who come to have a fun time at this event. Our presence is never intrusive centering on the attendees having a good time throughout the weekend.

We're looking forward to see what 2024 holds for Edgerton's Chilimania weekend.



The Original

Chilimanía

DOWNTOWN EDGERTON

CHILI | BEER | BANDS | FUN



**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 8**

MUSIC ALL NIGHT

6pm Jason Stubbs

Our Irish Friend & Musicians

7pm Kid Cocky

A tribute to Kid Rock

Country Music Singer & Songwriter

RODNEY ATKINS

STARTS AT 10PM



BUY TICKETS NOW
www.chilimania.com/admissions

BUSCH LIGHT



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 9**

MUSIC ALL DAY

11am Grunge Unplugged

A tribute to 90's Grunge Music

3PM Claptonation

A tribute to Eric Clapton

6PM Gimme Skynyrd

A tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd

8PM Rock the 90's

All the best in 90's Alternative Rock Radio



CHILI COOK OFF
PUBLIC CHILI TASTING 3PM



DAMAGE INC.
STARTS AT 10PM *A tribute to Metallica*

CHILIMANIA.COM

4th OF JULY

The Edgerton Lions Club sponsors the Independence Day fireworks and daylong celebration. The Police Department provides the security for the event but more importantly partners with the Lion's to ensure the guests have a safe 4th of July. The 2023 event was just as spectacular as it has been in the past. We look forward to partnering with the members of the Lions Club again in 2023.



EDGERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Edgerton Police Department continues to strengthen the relationship between the school and the Officers. The Department is called to participate in providing assistance in a multitude of ways throughout the school year. We are invited to take part in the many celebrations including the first day back from summer break to the many parades at “Homecoming”. We continue to build on what we began in order to have a positive influence on the youth who are the leaders of tomorrow.

In 2019 we began discussing the possibility of assigning an Officer to the position of School Resource Officer (SRO). Those discussions continued throughout the year always focusing on positive and productive reasons for this assignment. The discussion finally culminated with the mutual approval of an SRO assignment in 2022. This assignment is now a full time position at the school and Officer Brody Kapellen is doing a phenomenal job.

We enjoy and maintain an open line of communication between the department and the school throughout the year. More importantly we continue to build trust and confidence in our relationship and focus on what’s best for the students and community we both serve.

We look forward to our continued positive and constructive relationship in 2023 and years to come.



EDGERTON TOBACCO HERITAGE DAYS

The Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Days is a weekend event celebrating the days of the city's past when it was the Tobacco Capital of the country. This weekend is full with bands and music for those to enjoy. They have the little league baseball championships as well as a softball tournament for local teams to compete.

On Saturday of the weekend Fulton Street is closed for a car show extravaganza that brings car enthusiasts from all over the area. The Police Department provides security for the entire event throughout the weekend celebration. The culmination of the weekend is on the last day when the Edgerton Police Department is honored to lead the parade through the streets of the city.

The 2023 event went off without a hitch and saw one of the largest crowds ever to attend the weekend. The event organizers were able to get Scottish Rock Band Pilot to warm up the crowd before Easton Corbin, the headline show took the stage.

We again look forward to working with the Tobacco Heritage Planning Committee for the 2024 weekend and make it another successful event.



PILOT
TOBACCO HERITAGE DAYS!

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH 5:30P!
FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL COUNTRY ARTIST
EASTON CORBIN 9:30P!

TOBACCO HERITAGE DAYS
20 28
July 14-16

900 STOUGHTON RD., EDGERTON WI EDGERTONTOBACCDAYS.COM

COFFEE WITH A COP

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. This event has become a meet and greet at a local restaurant where law enforcement officers will converse with community members over coffee. Coffee with a Cop has provided an opportunity for community members to talk with law enforcement officers in a casual setting and promote open dialog.

The Edgerton Police Department partnered with the Town of Fulton for the 2023 Coffee with a Cop event at Cafe on Main, located at 1102 N. Main St. in Edgerton. Town of Fulton Police Chief Tom Kunkel and Edgerton Police Chief Bob Kowalski spent the morning having coffee and talking with community members for several hours about a variety of topics. We again look forward to October 2024 for another Coffee with a Cop event.



EDGERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE 2024 BUDGET

The Edgerton Police Department will continue to build on the successes that have been established. We will address the crime issues that arise and maintain transparency with the residents. As mentioned before we will look to improve where we can and continue to focus on the community, making Edgerton a great place to live.

The following are initiatives and community related matters the Police Department is a partner in:

- Member of the Rock County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- Member of the Chili Mania Planning Committee.
- Member of the Rock County Law Enforcement Association (RCLEA).
- Coordinated meetings with the Edgerton City Council Public Safety Committee
- Coordinated meetings with the Edgerton Police and Fire Commission.
- Continue to participate and submit for several State of Wisconsin grants.
- Participant of the Rock County Emergency Management Group.
- All Sworn Officers Deputized by the Rock County Sheriff's Office.
- All Officers qualified with their respective firearms as mandated by the Wisconsin Training and Standards Board.
- All of the Edgerton Police Officers have 24 hours of mandated training to fulfil the requirement to maintain their Wisconsin Police Law Enforcement Commission.
- Initiated a scholarship program for an Edgerton High School senior interested in pursuing a career in Public Safety.
- Continue the Police Internship program

POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Includes the Chief of Police a full-time and part-time Administrative Assistant. The Chief of Police is responsible for reviewing the department procedures for overall effectiveness and implementing improvements, assisting the City Administrator with labor negotiations, providing support and advice to the Mayor and Common Council, responding to public inquiries and complaints, supervising Police Department staff, overseeing training and discipline of staff, and preparing the annual department budget in coordination with the City Administrator.

2024 Goals

- Manage the Police Department in order to provide a high level of public safety in a cost-effective manner.
- Promote and maintain a positive relationship with the community.
- Ensure Police Department personnel represent the City in a Professional manner.

POLICE PATROL

The Department has eight full time Officers, two full time Lieutenants and one full-time Police Chief. The Officers work 8.5-hour shifts covering 24 hours each day with a schedule of 5 days on and 2 days off then 5 days on and 3 days off. Coverage is needed for holidays, vacations, sick days and special events. The department has four squad cars for patrolling.

2024 Goals

- Maintain a sense of stability in the community by creating a positive relationship with the citizens and businesses.
- Protect lives, safety, and rights of all people within the city.
- To provide responsive service to the public.

Budget Highlights

- \$23,560 in overtime wages consists of the following:
 - Holidays (per union contract)
 - Shift Vacancies
 - Municipal Court (staff only)
 - Rock County and Dane County court appearances
 - Other emergencies
- School Resource Officer
- \$45,000 in capital equipment for one Hybrid patrol vehicle
- \$6,937 in capital equipment for two squad radios.
- \$4,080 in capital equipment for two radar units.

POLICE TRAINING

The State of Wisconsin requires that police officers be certified annually. The city provides for the annual certification and ongoing training. Operating supplies needed for training includes range rental fees, ammunition, and targets for training.

2024 Goals

- Provide officers with adequate firearms training and comply with the State Training requirements.

Budget Highlights

- \$1,000 for training supplies and reimbursement.

POLICE CELEBRATIONS

The City provides security for community celebrations when alcohol is served on public property. The Council decides if the community organizations contribute to the cost of providing security.

2024 Goals

- Provide a safe environment for the event attendees.

POLICE STATION

Includes expenses related to maintaining and operation the building housing the Police Department.

2024 Goals

- To provide and maintain a safe and functional working environment which allows for efficient service to the public.

CROSSING GUARDS

Crossing Guards are assigned at three separate locations in the City for the students who attend the Edgerton School District. Crossing Guards are reimbursed based on each occurrence of service. The School District reimburses the City for at least 50% of the expenditures related to the Crossing Guards.

2024 Goals

- To provide and maintain a safe environment for the school children who walk to school.

A Bit of Nostalgia



B. J. SPRINGER

Chief of Police

1913-1932

Marshall 1893-1896

Patrolman 1898-99

Patrolman 1910-13

One of the Oldest Justices of Peace In Length
of Service In the State of Wisconsin

Appointed in 1933

Elected 1934

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Information obtained in this report is subject to change. Efforts have been taken to ensure that the information contained herein is accurate, timely, and complete at the time of this publication. If additional information is needed or any questions arise, please contact the Edgerton Police Department with the contact information below.

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