



Onalaska Police Department
"Serving our Community"

Onalaska Police Department

2009 Annual Report

Protecting and Serving
Onalaska Since 1946



The Onalaska Police Department is comprised of a highly professional staff of 27 police officers and 4 civilians. Our department motto is “Serving Our Community”. Members of this department have been serving this community as a police department since 1946. We are committed to the young people of our community. We strive to be positive adult role models for our youth. By reading this report, you will become familiar with the various programs that we offer. Some of those programs that the Onalaska Police Department use to break down barriers between the police and our younger citizens are DARE, GREAT, Child ID cards, COP Card program, PC the Patrol Car, Santa’s List and the newly formed K-9 unit. I am proud of the efforts that this police department has made in serving as role models for our youth.

The Onalaska Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional service to those who live in and visit our community. The members of the Onalaska Police Department value professionalism, teamwork, commitment, compassion and pride. As an agency we strive to exceed what is expected of us in the community.

You will find that this report contains a variety of information about the Onalaska Police Department. I hope that the information contained in this report gives the reader a snapshot of how the police department performed in 2009.

The Onalaska Police Department values input from the community. If there is information that you would like to see added to future end of year reports, do not hesitate to give that input.

Jeffrey S. Trotnic
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Onalaska police Department is to enhance the quality of life by promoting a working partnership between officers and citizens to identify and resolve community programs through fairness, integrity, professionalism and innovative problem solving.

VALUE STATEMENT

Professionalism

We recognize that our success is dependent on the trust and confidence of the citizens for the community, which we service. Therefore, we shall always engage in behavior that is beyond reproach and reflects the integrity of police professionals.

Teamwork

Law enforcement and public safety are of community wide concern. Thus we must actively seek citizen involvement in all aspects of policing. We shall strive to cultivate effective working relationships with other governmental, public and private service agencies in pursuit of mutual goals.

Commitment

We must have a vision of the future of our community and our agency and make a firm commitment to foster goals, which will enable us to attain that end.

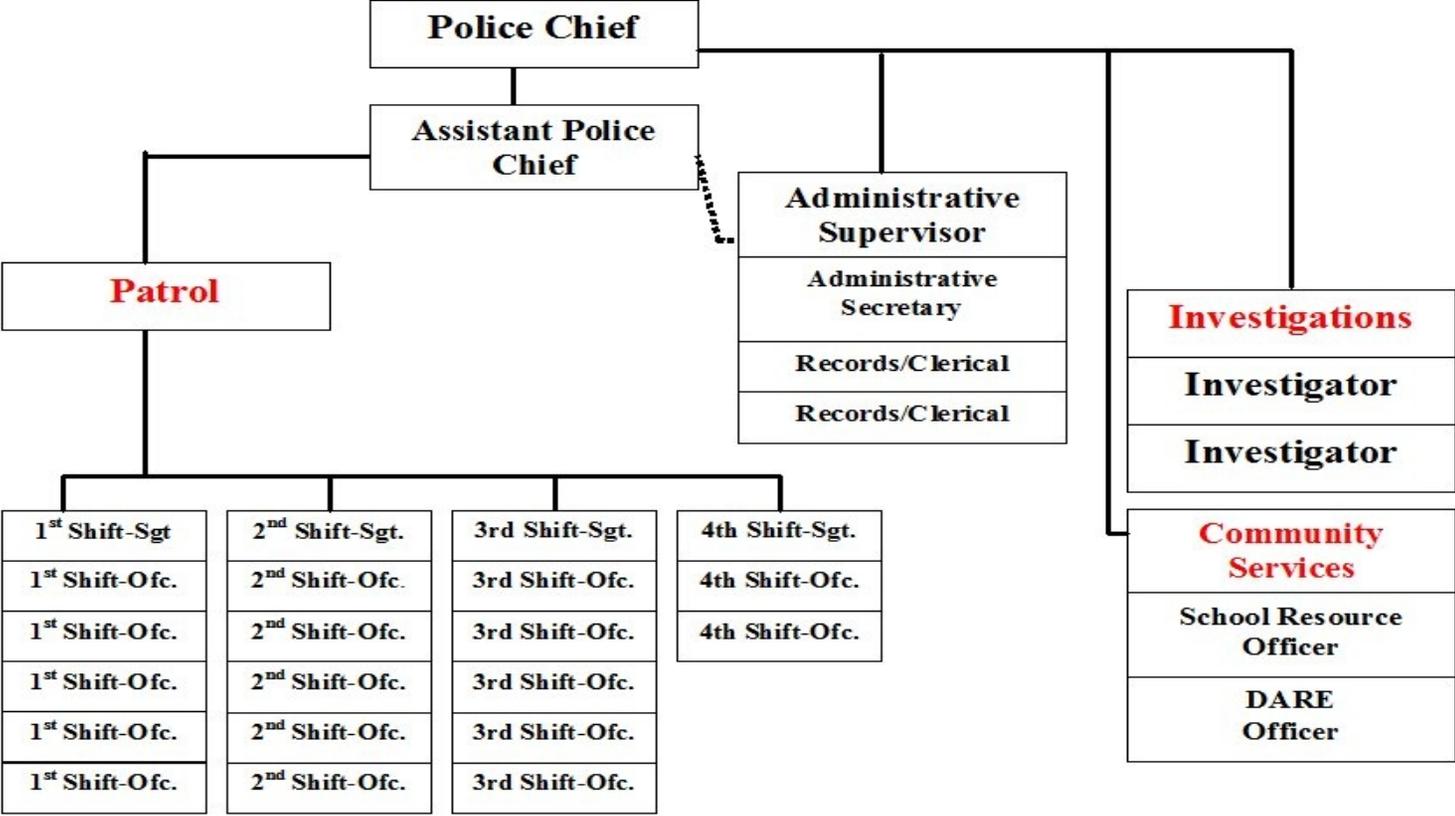
Compassion

The role of police is to resolve conflict through impartial enforcement of the law, not through imposition of judgment or punishment. All persons shall be treated equitably and with compassion.

Pride

We pride ourselves on being capable and caring people who provide a valued service to the citizens of Onalaska, and we shall promote pride in our community, agency and profession.

Onalaska Police Department Organizational Chart



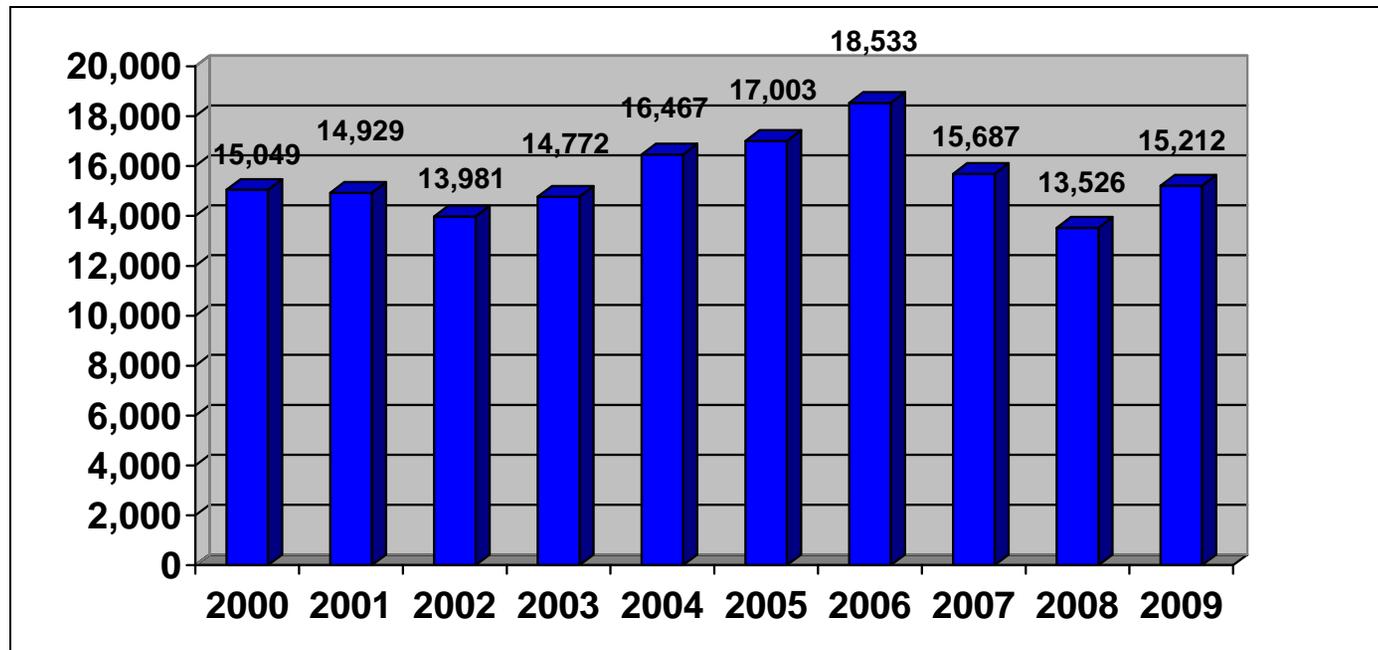
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2009 Roster

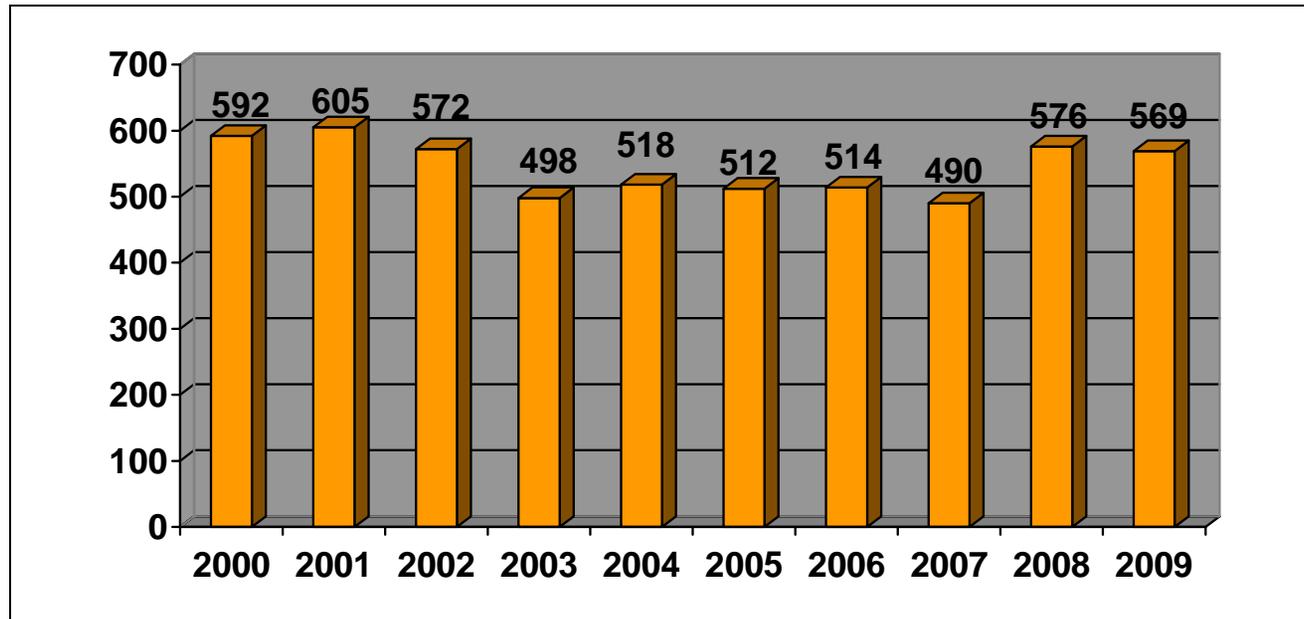
- ❖ Police Chief: Jeffrey S. Trotnic
- ❖ Assistant Police Chief: Troy Miller
- ❖ Investigations: Pete Jakowski
Chad Marcon
- ❖ Patrol Supervisors: Sgt. Knute Aasen
Sgt. Keith Roh
Sgt. Tim Berg
- ❖ Patrol Officer:

Pete Kroner	Dave Haack	Kevin Johnson
Barry Holm	Dan McCluskey	Shawn Robinson
Jim Page	Mike Moeller	Lisa Gerbig
Rich Elias	Rick Proctor	Matt Jahr
Leah Myers	Shawn Colgan	Adam Schulz
Justin Kingery		
- ❖ D.A.R.E Officer Terry Lund
- ❖ S.R.O Officer Jasson Jobe
- ❖ Administrative Supervisor: Pam Sharp
- ❖ Administrative Secretary: Trish Salvage
- ❖ Records: Kari Neumann
Deb Muleski

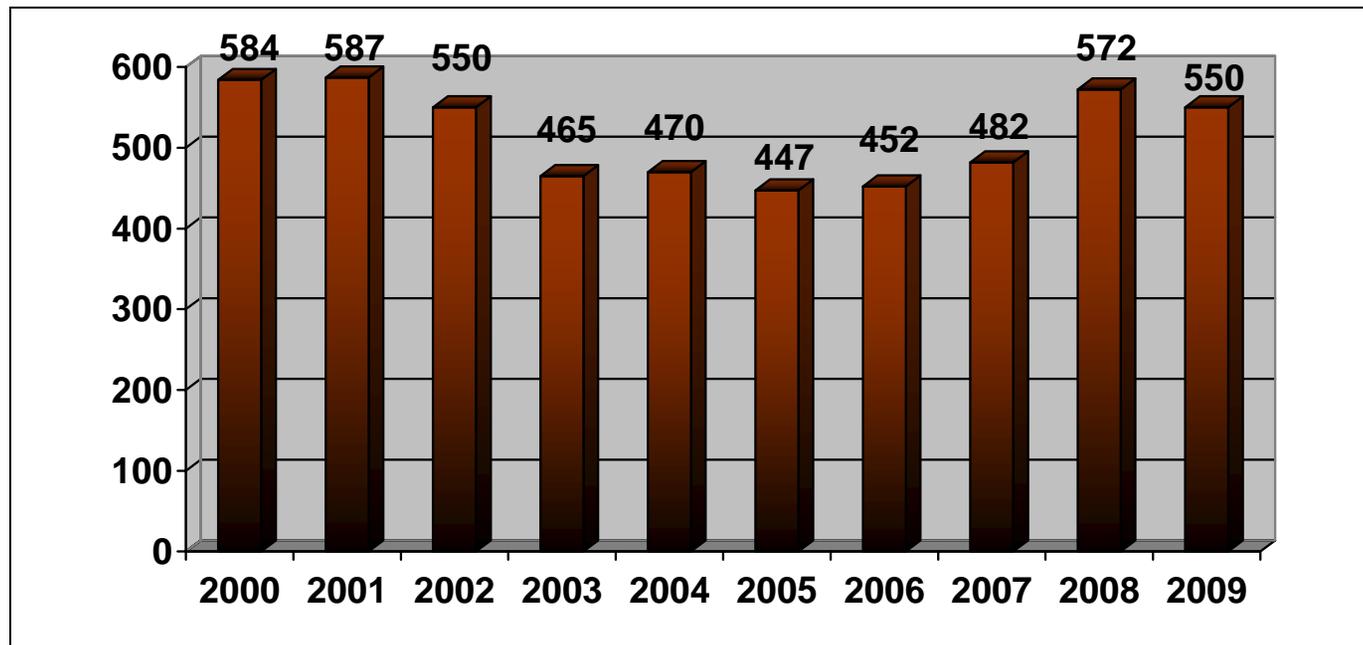
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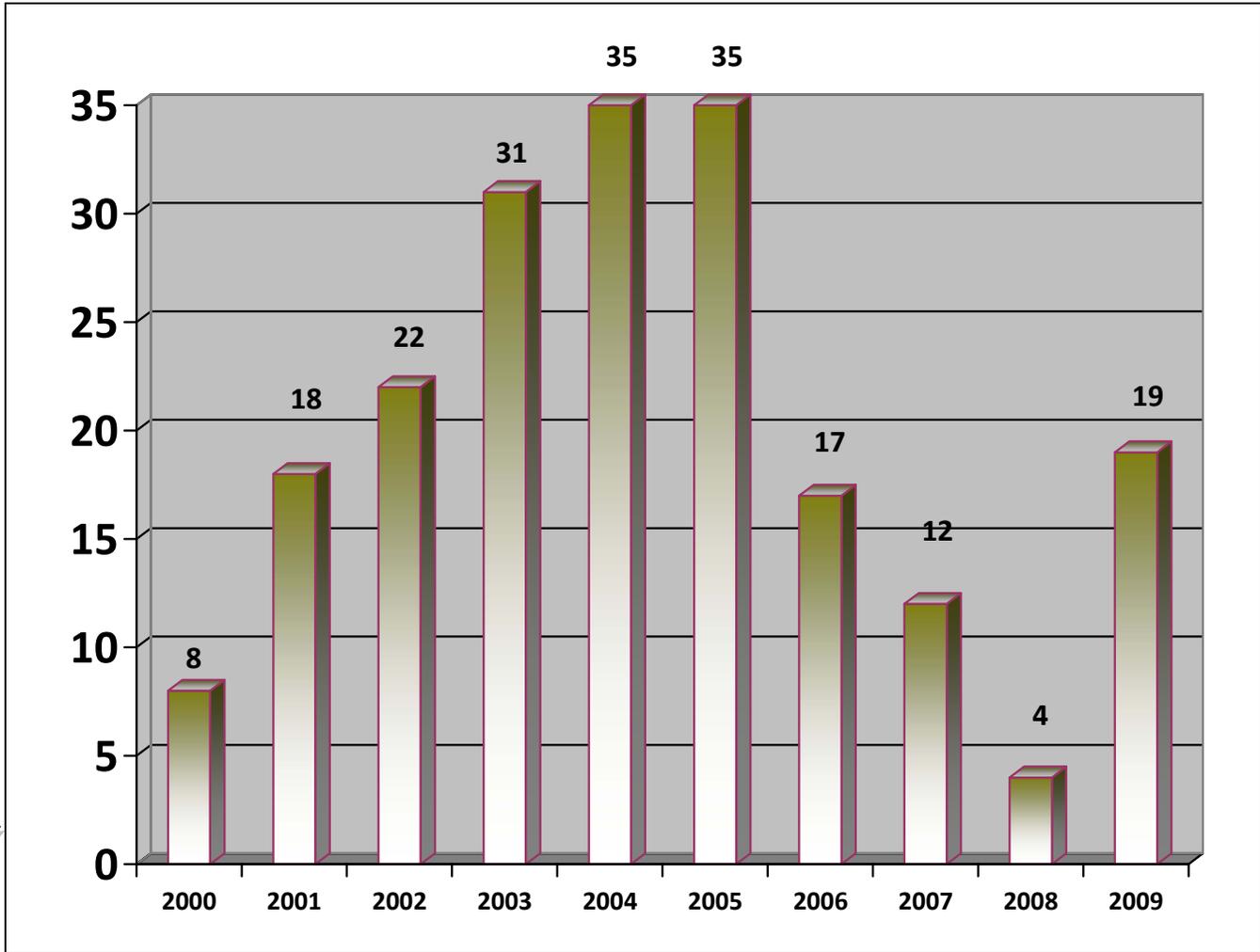
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TWO YEAR COMPARISON

The following is a two year comparison of the Part 1 (Index) crimes reported to the Onalaska Police Department during 2008 & 2009. Part 1 crimes consist of the following crimes; murder, forcible rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft & arson.

	Offenses			Cleared		
	2008	2009	%	2008	2009	%
Violent Crime						
Murder	0	0	*	0	0	*
Forcible Rape	0	1	100%	0	1	100
Robbery	1	4	300%	0	2	200%
Aggravated Assault	3	14	367%	2	11	450%
Total	4	19	375%	2	14	600%
Property Crime						
Burglary	50	62	24%	6	17	183%
Larceny Theft	516	482	-7%	299	195	-35%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	6	0%	1	0	-100%
Arson	0	0	*	0	0	*
Total	572	550	-4%	306	212	-31%

As is reported in the graphs, there was a large increase in aggravated assaults and robberies. What also needs to be noted are the successful clearance rates of those same crimes. It should also be noted that of the 14 aggravated assault cases, 12 of them were classified as domestic type situations. One of the assaults was not a domestic but the victim knew one of the attackers. The other remaining aggravated assault case was reported as a stranger type assault.

Regarding the four robberies, only one was of an actual business. This was an armed robbery with a firearm at Dominos Pizza. One of the robberies was actually a strong armed robbery between two acquaintances. Regarding this robbery, the suspect is known but has not been located. The other two armed robberies were both conducted inside residences between parties that knew each other. Both times the suspects were at the residence demanding money and drugs. Arrests have been made in the last two robberies.

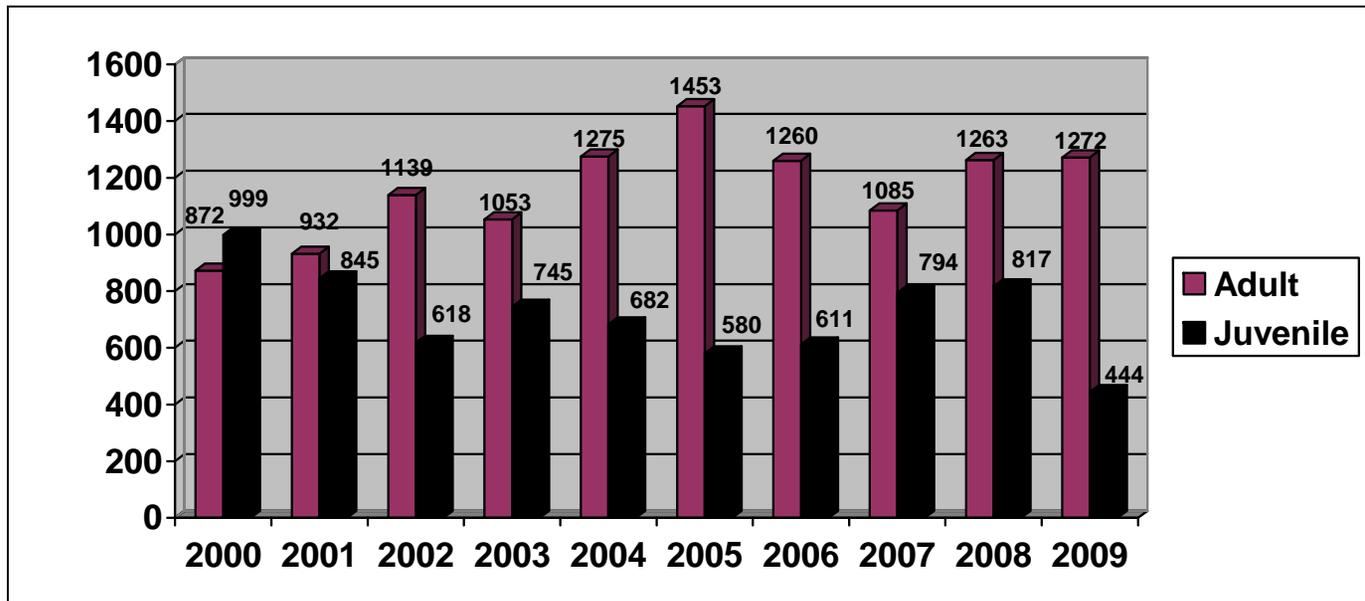
There were two times in 2009 where trends were occurring. These involved thefts from vehicles and business burglaries. Unlike assault type cases, which are difficult to proactively prevent, there are proactive steps that can be taken when trends are occurring in the areas of theft, burglaries and robberies.

Regarding thefts from vehicles, it became quite obvious during a stretch of 2009 that there was a disturbing trend in thefts from vehicles. Although these types of crimes are hard to catch in action (kind of like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack) there are ways to make an impact. Investigator Chad Marcon, who was working most of these cases, put together a team of officers to go out in plain clothes in an effort to resolve this problem. During the evening hours that this took place, there were a couple of arrests made unrelated to thefts from vehicles but it is believed that they were possibly out in the area for this purpose. There were also several citizen contacts. During these contacts, the citizens were made aware of what the Onalaska Police Department was doing. We do know that word got around regarding this due to conversations that we had with some people. Coupled with this action and some key arrests in the area related to thefts from vehicles, we did see a drastic reduction in these types of thefts. I know that Investigator Marcon is planning on doing more proactive style initiatives in 2010 but will be done so in order to prevent the thefts to begin with, not after the thefts have occurred.

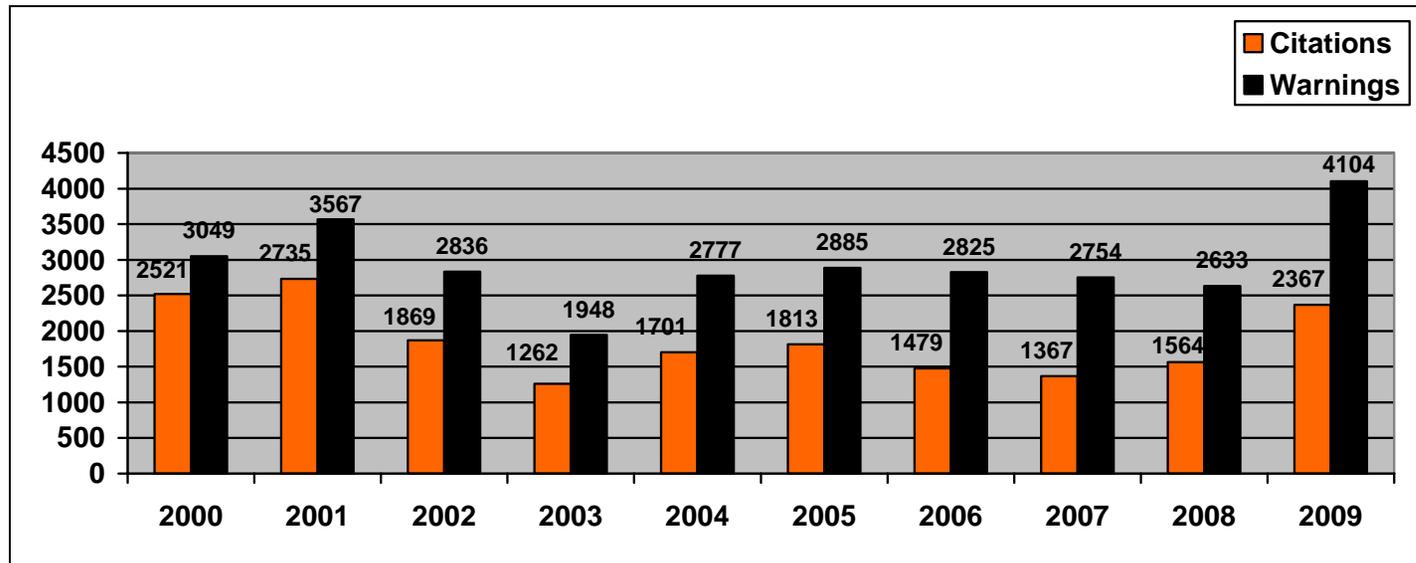
Regarding the burglaries, there was a period of time where there were several burglaries of Onalaska businesses and surrounding businesses. Based on the evidence at the scenes of these burglaries, it was quite apparent that they were all tied together. Investigator Jakowski and Investigator Marcon took the initiative to conduct early morning surveillance on our city businesses in an effort to catch the persons involved. Although this effort did not pay off during their times of surveillance, the suspects were apprehended and charged with several area burglaries.

It is solid investigative work in a very proactive manner that can aide in deterring illegal activity within the city limits of Onalaska. Although we will never be fortunate enough to never be victimized by those that seek to steal from others, I can assure the readers of this report that every effort will be made to apprehend those that partake in such activity and to deter it from happening to begin with.

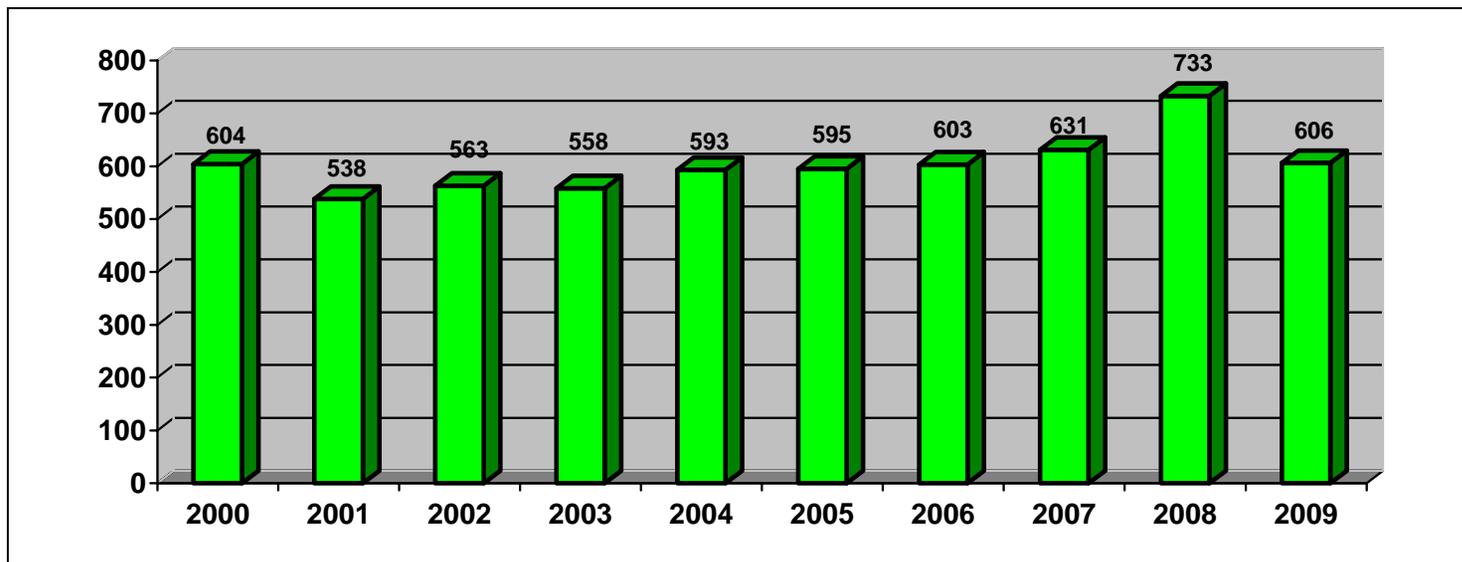
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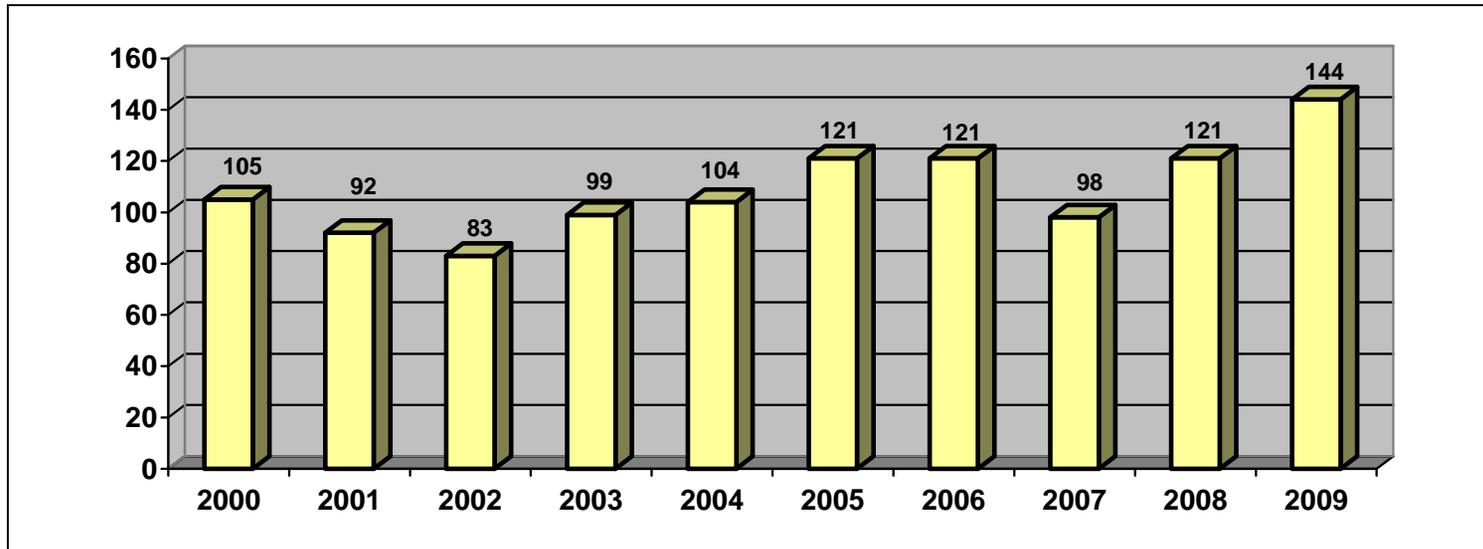
TRAFFIC CONTACTS



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED



In 2009, the Onalaska Police Department received an OWI grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. As part of that grant, 176 hours of enforcement activity toward OWI violations was expended with a total of 14 arrests for OWI.

Training Accomplished in 2009

Just like most occupations, training is crucial to maintain skills and abilities required of a police officer. As a police officer, each officer must complete 24 hours of “in-service” training to keep their license up to date. This accounted for nearly 600 hours of in-service training. The Onalaska Police Department completed more than an additional 900 hours of training above and beyond in-service training. The following are a sample of training sessions that officers attended throughout the year.

- Advanced domestic abuse and sexual assault training
- School Resource Officer training
- Defensive Arrest and Tactics training
- Legal updates
- WNOA conference-Drug Enforcement
- WAWP Conference-Youth and violence training
- WCPA winter conference
- ICS-400 training
- Wisconsin Terrorism Training
- School Bomb Threats
- Impaired driving conference
- Property Room Management-Evidence handling
- Intoximeter Operation
- WACCI Conference-Computer Crimes
- Evidence Technician School
- Compliance Check and Beverage Operator training
- G.R.E.A.T officer training
- Suicide Prevention Summit

There were numerous areas that we paid particular attention to in 2009. With some of the budget issues that were occurring in 2009, several training opportunities got cancelled. We are working hard in 2010 to catch up with some of that training. We will strive to train our officers as much as practical without impacting the quality of service that we provide to our community.

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*Officer Rich Elias
Life Saving Award*

On September 18, 2008, Officer Elias responded to an unresponsive party call. Upon arrival Officer Elias began CPR until back-up Officers and First Responders arrived on location. The victim was stabilized and transported to Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center. Officer Elias made contact with the victim after the incident and he advised that he had an auto defibrillator inserted due to an irregular heartbeat.

2008-2009



*Officer Leah Myers
Life Saving Award*

On September 19, 2008 Officer Myers responded to the Outback Steakhouse for a report of a customer choking. Upon arrival Officer Myers assisted an off-duty nurse with CPR until the food became dislodged and the patient began to breathe on his own.

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*Officer Shawn Colgan
Life Saving Award*

On March 29, 2009, Officers Colgan and Schulz responded to an unresponsive party call. Upon arrival Officer Colgan began CPR until back-up officers and First Responders arrived. A short time later, Officer Schulz arrived with a defibrillator. The victim was shocked with the defibrillator and began to stabilize. He was then transported to Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center.

2008-2009



*Officer Adam Schulz
Life Saving Award*

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*Sgt. Knute Aasen
Letter of Recognition*

On November 25, 2008 Sergeant Aasen, while patrolling the bike trail, noticed a male subject wet and shivering. The subject stated that he was trying to commit suicide and had become impatient waiting for a train to come and jumped into the water. He was showing the first signs of hypothermia and had he not been found, he could have died.

2008-2009



*Officer Shawn Colgan
Certificate of Commendation*

On January 27, 2009 Officer Colgan learned of the burglary of two local residences. He then checked the immediate area and was able to locate two subjects, who were subsequently arrested for the burglaries. After further investigation it was learned that the two individuals had been involved in several burglaries and thefts totaling \$30,000.

AWARD RECOGNITION

Civilian Recognitions

Terese Peterson- Citizen Life Saving Award

On September 19, 2008 Ms. Peterson assisted a fellow customer who was choking. She attempted the Heimlich Maneuver; however it was unsuccessful and the victim became unconscious and went to the floor. Ms. Peterson then started CPR and continued until the food became dislodged and the victim started to breathe on his own.

Loren Carrell- Citizen Commendation

Cassie Perry-Citizen Commendation

On April 8, 2009 Ms. Perry and Mr. Carrell were driving EB on Hwy 16 when they noticed a group of juveniles running in the grassy area by Goodyear. A short distance down the road, they noticed that there appeared to be one person on the ground and the others were standing around the person and were kicking and hitting him. Mr. Carrell got out of the vehicle and began to chase the other juveniles away, while Ms. Perry called 911. Their intervention saved the victim from receiving more injuries.

Mary Griffen-Citizen Commendation

Rick Griffen-Citizen Commendation

On January 3, 2009 officers of the Onalaska Police Department were searching for a female with dementia who had left her home without a jacket and had been outside for approximately forty minutes. The temperature was approximately ten degrees and the wind was blowing. The Griffins noticed that the victim seemed out of place, so they picked her up and transported her to the Onalaska Police Department.

Andrew Kirchner- Citizen Commendation

On February 20, 2009 Mr. Kirchner stopped to render aid at a traffic crash scene. Mr. Kirchner called 911 and remained with the driver, who had suffered a seizure until emergency services arrived.

2009 IN REVIEW

Since September 2008 there have been numerous changes for the Onalaska Police Department. One of the many areas that were addressed had to do with equipment replacement. Much of the equipment that was in use was out of date and there were equipment needs that were not even being met. Many of those issues have been addressed but there are many other areas that we need to meet as we move forward. Some of the changes that have been implemented in 2008 & 2009 are as follows.

- The firearms that the officers carried were quite old and in need of replacement. The officers have since transitioned over to new Smith & Wesson .40 caliber semi-automatic handguns.
- There were no options for mid-range and long-range less lethal options. This is crucial for those times that a threat has to be neutralized immediately but not necessarily with deadly force. With the purchase of a 40mm less lethal launcher and the conversion of a couple of shotguns to less lethal capable, the Onalaska Police Department now has mid to long range less lethal options.
- The squad cars were in serious need of upgrades and additional equipment.
 - ✓ All of the cars now have upgraded light bars, which are more energy efficient (creates less of a drain on the alternator) and much more visible, which leads to officer and civilian safety.
 - ✓ We are in the process of transitioning all of the vehicles to new prisoner transport cages.
 - ✓ We are in the process of transitioning all of the vehicles to rear window guards, which prevents a prisoner from damaging the rear windows.
 - ✓ We are in the process of transitioning all of the vehicles to new push bumpers, which enables an officer to immediately remove a stranded vehicle from a point of danger to a point of safety.
 - ✓ We are in the process of transitioning all of the vehicles to new computers, replacing ones that are years past their expectancy of life. With the constant changes in technology, the police department has adopted a replacement plan for the computers, which will allow us to replace these on a more regular basis and keep up with the technology changes.
 - ✓ We are in the process of transitioning all of the vehicles to new shotguns and shotgun holders.

- ✓ One glaring piece of equipment missing from the vehicles is in-car video systems. There are so many reasons to have these cameras in place but the police department has never taken that step. With a \$24,000 grant, the police department was able to purchase five video cameras, which will be installed and operational in 2010.
- ✓ Each squad car is now equipped with electronic ticket writers.

One of the biggest priorities of the Onalaska Police Department is creating ways to interact with the youth in our community. The following are various ways that we are able to do such.

- One way to create positive interaction between the youth and the police is with the purchase of Czak, the Onalaska Police Department's first K-9. Kids love police K-9's and want to interact with them. It was a goal of 2009 to obtain the department's first K-9. This goal had to be accomplished without impacting the budget with the promise that it would not impact the budget moving forward. This goal was accomplished in October 2009 through a large community effort. This K-9 team of Officer McCluskey and Czak has already made a positive impact on the community. The future interaction that Czak will have with all segments of our community, including children, will pay huge dividends.
- One of the Onalaska Police Department's biggest accomplishments was the purchase of P.C. the robotic patrol car. This was only made possible through a \$15,000 community grant, which was obtained from Courtesy Corporation (McDonalds). P.C. will be used in a multitude of ways in a manner that will create positive interaction with children. The robot car has two interchangeable heads. One is P.C. and the other is Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion. P.C. will deliver general messages while Daren will deliver drug and alcohol related messages.
- The Onalaska Police Department implemented the "Cop Card" program. This program is designed so every police officer has their own card depicting their photograph and short biography of that officer on the back of the card. This program is designed so that children feel comfortable approaching a police officer to ask for their card thus creating a dialogue between the two.
- The Onalaska Police Department owns an identification card machine that is used in the community to make children ID cards. The information that is printed on these cards is saved to the computer's data base but most importantly, the time spent making the card is time spent interacting with the child. The Onalaska Police Department made approximately 529 of these cards during 2009, which provided 529 interactions which would not have been possible without the equipment and time spent going to the various events.
- The Onalaska Police Department has made a concerted effort to utilize bicycle patrols more in 2009 than it had in previous years. Although there is not an exact number of hours officers have spent on the bikes, they have been used a considerable amount more than in recent years. The bicycle officer is a mechanism that creates a situation

where a child will want to engage in conversation with that officer. The patrol car acts as an insulator to the public. The more time spent out of the car, the more accessible the officer is to all segments of the community.

- The Onalaska Police Department and the Onalaska Fire Department participate at Christmas time in Santa's List. This program makes it possible for children suffering from tough times to still enjoy Christmas. On Christmas Eve, members of the police and fire departments along with Santa take gifts to area children. This year we visited 12 area homes and delivered presents to 33 children.
- The Onalaska Police Department participates in the D.A.R.E. program. During the 2008-2009 school season 236 kids graduated from the program.
- The Onalaska Police Department participates in the G.R.E.A.T program, which teaches kids how to avoid gangs. During the 2008-2009 school season 337 kids graduated from the program.
- In an attempt to deter underage drinking, the Onalaska Police Department conducted alcohol compliance checks. The police department did our initial compliance checks in conjunction with other agencies in the area. The police department received money from the Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) to pay for the overtime related to these compliance checks. In 2009, the Onalaska Police Department checked 38 businesses. Of those checks, there were six failures. That gave our local businesses an 84% pass rate. This initiative showed that there is a need for attention in this area and we will continue with the compliance checks in the future.

The Onalaska Police Department participated in many community events throughout 2009. Some of these events are as follows.

- The D.A.R.E program has been challenged to be budget neutral. In order to accomplish this, the Onalaska Police Department has to be creative in raising money for this program. One of those ways is by having a New Years Day golf tournament. 2009 was the inaugural year for this tournament. The idea behind the tournament was Bob Muth who was at that time a member of the Onalaska City Common Council. On a chilly Wisconsin January day, we had 50 golfers show up to support the D.A.R.E. program. We were able to raise \$4,136 for the program.
- As an effort to raise money to purchase a police K-9, the Onalaska Police Department held the Dog Day Duffers golf tournament. The outing was held at Cedar Creek. We had 76 golfers attend and we were able to raise \$9,500 for the program.
- The Onalaska Police Department participated in the D.A.R.E. chili cook off. The proceeds earned from this event are split between various organizations. The Onalaska Police Department received \$2,300.

- The Onalaska Police Department has participated in numerous community fun fairs, participated in coloring with the chief's night hosted by the Parks & Rec department, and did reading night for area kids along with a number of other events.

It is a goal of the Onalaska Police Department to be as accessible to the community as possible. One way that we wanted to get more information out to the public was by creating a face book page. This enables us to post information quickly. This enables others to correspond with the police department. It enables the police department to post events such as when we will have PC the robotic car on display or doing child ID cards. It enables us to post photographs from various events. Most importantly, it does make us more accessible to the public. At the time this report was completed, there were 492 persons that have become fans of our face book page. Accessibility to a community's police department is a key component to establishing trust with the community. We will strive to come up with additional means to assure that we are always as accessible to the public and that our information is getting out to the public in a timely fashion.

GRANTS

K-9 Program-The citizens of the surrounding area rallied around the Onalaska Police Department as we tried to bring the first ever K-9 to the department. Over several months of 2009, citizens donated \$25,000 for the K-9 program. In October 2009, the Onalaska Police Department recognized this long sought after achievement when Officer Dan McCluskey brought Czak home from Indiana after 5 weeks of training.

Ronald McDonald Charities-The Onalaska Police Department received \$15,000 from Ronald McDonald Charities to be used to purchase PC the robotic Patrol Car. PC is used for child education.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation-The Onalaska Police Department received \$14,995 from WDOT for drunk driver enforcement. Overtime was paid for with \$10,000 of the grant and the police department was able to purchase 3 LED light bars for the patrol cars with the remaining money. The grant paid for 176 hours of overtime to be used for the purpose of enforcement of drunken driving.

Bryne Justice Assistance Grant-The Onalaska Police Department received \$24,876 from this grant. The funds from this grant were used to purchase five in-car video systems and two lapel cameras that can be worn by officers on calls.

Wal-Mart Community Grant-The Onalaska Police Department received \$1,000 from Wal-Mart for the D.A.R.E program. It is a requirement of the Onalaska Police Department to self fund the DARE program. Community grants such as this are crucial to help us fund an important program.

GREAT Grant-The Onalaska Police Department received \$3,812 worth of reimbursement for the GREAT program. This program aided the police department in teaching 4th and 6th graders the importance of staying away from gangs. The money was used to pay for OT hours spent teaching the program and the purchase of equipment.

The Onalaska Police Department was able to secure nearly \$85,000 in grant money. Without these funds, many of the programs and equipment that we secured in 2009 would not have been possible. The Onalaska Police Department will strive to continue seeking and securing grant funding in 2010 and future years.

DARE & GREAT PROGRAMS

The DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program completed its 20th year in Onalaska schools. During the 2008-2009 school year, DARE core classes were taught to 5th grade at St. Patrick's, St. Paul's, Eagle Bluff, Northern Hills, and Irving Pertzsch Elementary Schools. The DARE core curriculum focuses on the last year of the elementary school setting. There were two hundred and thirty-six (236) graduates from the Dare Program this school year.

The DARE core curriculum provides students with the tools to resist drugs and violence, as well as the ability to make good decisions, especially when risks are involved. The curriculum is taught twice a week for 9 weeks at the Public Schools. Each session is 40 minutes long. At the parochial schools, we meet once a week for 45 minutes culminating in February of each school year.

The DARE Card Program, which promotes positive alternatives, has expanded each year to include more activities and involves more communities in our area. With the continued growth in Onalaska, we continue to add businesses to the DARE/GREAT Card. Neighboring agencies have also expanded their DARE card programs which enhances our program. The DARE Card has recently been updated and has been well received by students. There are currently about one hundred businesses in the La Crosse County area that participate in this program. We are also submitting names for Wisconsin Dells Discount Cards for those students in the Onalaska DARE Program.

The La Crosse County DARE and GREAT businesses have also been added to our Web site <http://www.onalaskapolice.com/dare.htm>, so it is much easier for all students to utilize. The DARE Program continues to receive very strong support from parents, schools, businesses and the community.

For DARE Graduation, we hosted "DARE Day at the Omni." As part of graduation, the Wisconsin National Guard participated by exposing the students to the LEAP Program. The National Guard's LEAP (Leadership Education Adventure Program) reinforces the goals and concepts taught in both DARE and GREAT. After participating in the "LEAP Course" and viewing a "Big Screen Movie" at the Omni Center, instructors, students, and teachers were treated to Dominos pizza and pop.

The GREAT Program finished its 12th year at St. Patrick's and St. Paul's schools with excellent success. Forty-four (44) students graduated from Saint Patrick's and Saint Paul's School. One hundred ninety-five (195) students graduated from the Onalaska Middle School. The GREAT Program consists of thirteen 45 minute lessons. Dominos Pizza and pop were served to students on the last day of class. This was followed by a raffle for GREAT prizes. The OMS classes were also rewarded with Dominos pizza and pop. This occurred on their end of the year class trips to Veteran's Memorial Park and Pettibone Park

The 4th grade GREAT component was taught to 98 students at Eagle Bluff Elementary. Each lesson is 40 minutes long. This six lesson curriculum focuses on bullying, solving problems without violence, and being a GREAT citizen.

In 2008 the State Bank of La Crosse hosted the 17th annual GREAT/ DARE Chili cook-off at the La Crosse Oktoberfest Grounds, which raised over \$10,000 for La Crosse County, Habitat for Humanity, City of La Crosse and City of Onalaska DARE and GREAT programs. The Onalaska booth had both a five-alarm chili and a milder chili for the weak at heart. This event has strong community support from the entire Coulee Region.

Summer Programs – Camp Send a Kid

This year Onalaska participated in Camp Send a Kid which was sponsored by the La Crosse Tribune, Family and Children's Center, and the Boys and Girls Club. This program is designed for at-risk youth in the Coulee Region and took place at Camp Ehawee in Northern La Crosse County. If a camper is selected for this program, cost for the camp is free. There were 75 campers chosen this year and the camp included many activities. Horseback riding, hiking, crafts, and swimming were just a few of the activities that the campers enjoyed. The La Crosse Police Dept, Lacrosse County Sheriff's Dept. and Onalaska P.D. joined forces and taught G.R.E.A.T lessons and hosted activities for the campers.

P.L.A.Y. Program – (Participating in the Lives of Area Youth)

The Onalaska P.D., La Crosse P.D., and La Crosse County Sheriff's Department worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Clubs in La Crosse County. Activities for the PLAY Program included G.R.E.A.T. lessons, a community service day, hiking Brady's Bluff in Perrot Park, graffiti-busting, and many other activities. Each student received a T-shirt, water bottle and other incentives for their participation. There was an average of 28 students each day for the five-week period. National Kids Day was held on August 14th 2009. Approximately 400 kids attended this event which included food, games and lots of fun.

OPD K-9 PROGRAM



A goal for 2009 was to acquire the first ever K-9 for the Onalaska Police Department. Through fundraising efforts, this goal was achieved in October of 2009. Officer Dan McCluskey was selected to be the department's first K-9 handler and went to Elkhart, Indiana and teamed up with his new partner Czak. There they trained for five weeks and returned to Onalaska in November 2009. While in Elkhart, Dan and Czak trained together for approximately 196 hours.

Although only together a short time in 2009, Czak was used a total of nine times. Following are some of Czak's high lights in 2009, which consisted of approximately one month on the street.

- Traffic stop in which he alerted on vehicle and a marijuana blunt was found and the handgun (air pistol) used in the robbery on Quincy St. was located in the vehicle positively linking suspect to the robbery.
- Czak was used in apprehension (building search) for the second suspect in the armed robbery. Czak was put into the attic and assisted ERT in locating the suspect that had crawled above ceiling of attic roof into the dormer area of the building in an attempt to conceal himself. (Passive Apprehension)
- Czak was used on a total of five (5) traffic stops, in four (4) of the stops which subject's were arrested prior to K-9 being called (OMVWI, Warrant arrests). Fifth stop K-9 was requested for sniff. Nothing found on traffic stops. Three (3) of the stops he had positive alerts and we had admissions from vehicle operators that either they use marijuana or have "friends" that used the vehicle that use marijuana. The other two (2) stops he did not alert on vehicle
- Czak was used at Onalaska H.S. for vehicle sniffs in the parking lot on two occasions. On first occasion Czak sniffed five (5) vehicles and alerted on one (1). Search of the vehicle turned up nothing but student advised that he drives his cousin to school daily and cousin is a marijuana user. Second time used for vehicle sniffs and again sniffed five(5) vehicles and alerted on three (3). Two vehicles contained marijuana seeds and shake. In the third vehicle nothing was located student denied any drug use or friends that use drugs.

Onalaska Police Reserves



L-R: Chief Jeff Trotnic, Assistant Chief Troy Miller, Sergeant Tim Berg, Commander Dave Villeneuve, Deputy Commander Rick Vogel, Jocelyn Crouch, Matt Janisch, Jennifer Knight, Erin Collins, Zach Seibel, Neil Kent, Adam Breidel, John Zupan, Ben Howard, Dave Brennum, Matthew Rose

Introduction

2009 was another great year for the Onalaska Police Reserve Program. The unit remains under the direction of Commander Dave Villeneuve, Deputy Commander Rick Vogel and Sergeant Jennifer Knight. All three of these individuals are volunteers and do a great job leading the organization. The department is fortunate to have their leadership and they should be commended for their efforts. Patrol Sergeant Tim Berg is in his 7th year serving as the liaison officer between the police department and reserve unit.

Command Staff



Villeneuve

This is Dave Villeneuve's 8th year volunteering with the reserve program. Over the past 8 years Dave has logged over 1,184 volunteer hours with the police department. During 2009 Dave was awarded the Onalaska Police Department Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is given at the end of each year to the reserve officer who logs the most volunteer hours during the preceding year.



Vogel

Rick Vogel has been with the reserve program since 2003. As deputy commander Rick is an important asset to our program. In addition to working at events in the public, Rick is responsible for filling in during vacancies in our sergeant and training officer positions. Rick also assists with new member orientation, is responsible for overseeing the monthly schedule, and coordinates the reserve unit's billing.

Reserve Officer of the Year Award

Starting in 2005 the Onalaska Police Reserves began a Reserve Officer of the Year Award. The intent of this award is aimed at recognizing members who have given outstanding service to the organization. In order to become Reserve Officer of the Year recipients must show commitment, dedication and a true motivation for the organizations success. The recipient of this award is chosen by their fellow reserve officers and this officer is recognized at the units annual Holiday Party held each January. This officer is given a commemorative plaque and his/her name is on a plaque displayed at the police department recognizing other past award recipients.



Knights

The 2009 Reserve Officer of the Year award was given to Sergeant Jennifer Knight. Jennifer is a resident of Vernon County and a Student at Western Technical College. In addition to spending time with her family and volunteering at the Onalaska Police Department, Jennifer is a full time student at Western Technical College and is the president of the church council at Bethany Lutheran Church in Esofea. The reserve program would not exist in its current capacity if it were not for Jennifer's involvement and commitment.

Past Reserve Officers of the Year		
<i>Year</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Status</i>
2005	Dave Villeneuve	Current Commander
2006	Ben Boese	Wisconsin Department of Transportation
2007	Dave Schneider	Tomah Police Department
2008	Shawn Colgan	Onalaska Police Department

General Information

The reserve unit continues to be a volunteer organization and has a monthly meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month. These meetings consist of scheduling, announcements and training.

The reserve unit receives training on a variety of law enforcement related topics. These topics include DAAT, EVOC, CPR, Firearms, Crowd Control, Traffic Direction, Crime Scene Investigation and Crash Investigations.

The Onalaska Police Reserve program operates at a minimal cost to the city. The reserves charge an hourly fee for most of the services they provide. Reserve Officers are not paid and the group's proceeds are used to support the unit and the police department. This money is spent throughout the year on training, uniforms, equipment and social functions. During 2009 the reserve unit purchased several new uniform jackets, rain jackets and flashlights. This equipment was badly needed and is now being used by our reserve officers while they are working in the community.

During 2008 and 2009 the reserve unit was able to make several large donations to the police department. These donations assisted the department with the purchase of Tasers, a 40mm Less Lethal Launcher, and the department's new K-9 unit.

The reserve unit continues to provide services at co-curricular events for the School District of Onalaska. The unit also provides security for the Coulee Region Municipal Court. During 2009 the unit was called upon to help at several area events, and the reserve officers did an excellent

job representing the City of Onalaska and the Onalaska Police Department. These events include but were not limited to:

- Airfest
- June Dairy Days
- Onalaska Sunfish Days
- Festival Foods Salute to the Four
- Holmen Kornfest
- Onalaska Legion Community Days
- Onalaska Show Choir Classic
- Several other charity events

In addition to working events, active reserve officers are allowed to ride-along with sworn officers while they are on duty. These ride-alongs usually take place in 4-8 hour blocks. The ride-along program serves as an incentive for many of the reserve officers by allowing them to gain first hand insight into police work. It also benefits the department as the reserve officers are able to assist the sworn officers while participating in the ride-along.

Unit Statistics		
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
Total Active Members	14	20
Active Members at Year End	13	14
Members Hired into Law Enforcement while Active with Reserve Unit	2	2
Total Hours Logged by Members	1115.9	831.5
Unit Income	\$4358.34	\$4143.99
Unit Expenses	\$6252.44	\$5252.22

Unit Roster			
Dave Villeneuve* - Commander			
<i>Squad 1</i>		<i>Squad 2</i>	
Jennifer Knight	Sergeant	Rick Vogel*	Deputy Commander
Erin Collins*	Officer	Alyson Berzinski	Officer
John Zupan	Officer	Zach Seibel	Officer
Elizabeth Okon	Officer	Adam Breidel	Officer
Joel Flatten	Officer	David Brennum	Officer
		Tyler Bauer	Officer
		Dan Howe	Officer
<i>* Indicates an officer with over 5 years of service</i>			

New Hires & Retirements (2008 & 2009)



Assistant Chief Tim Hauser

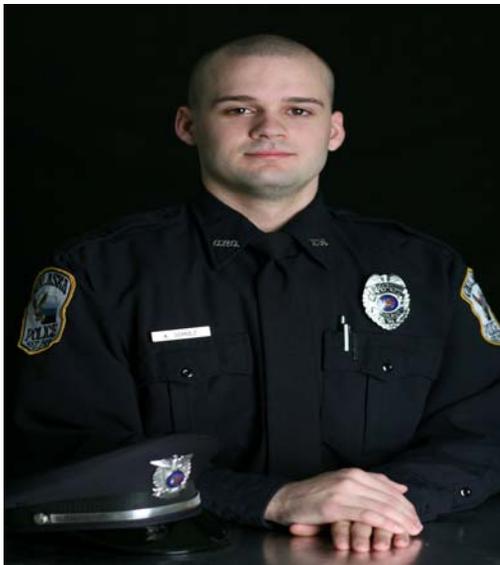
Tim Hauser started with the Onalaska Police Department January 31, 1977 and was promoted up the chain to the rank of Captain. He retired from the Onalaska Police Department February 9, 2007. He came out of retirement when asked to do so and came back to the police department on June 4, 2007 as the Interim Police Chief. He served in that capacity until September 1, 2009 which is when a new police chief was sworn in. Tim agreed to stay with the police department during the transition period as the Assistant Police Chief. He retired from the position June 5, 2009.



Officer Shawn Colgan

Shawn Colgan started with the Onalaska Police Department June 22, 2008. He was a reserve officer with the Onalaska Police Department prior to being hired as a full time police officer. He also served in the United States Army prior to his employment with the police department. Shawn is currently assigned to the 3rd shift.

New Hires & Retirements (2008 & 2009)



Officer Adam Schulz

Adam Schulz started with the Onalaska Police Department July 18, 2008. He was a Mauston police officer prior to being hired by the Onalaska Police Department. Adam is currently assigned to the 3rd shift.



Officer Justin Kingery

Justin Kingery started with the Onalaska Police Department February 23, 2009. He was a UWL police officer prior to being hired by the Onalaska Police Department. Justin is currently assigned to the 3rd shift.

FUTURE OF ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Although there has been plenty of progress during the last part of 2008 and 2009, there is plenty to still accomplish. Some of the future challenges facing the Onalaska Police Department are as follows.

- ❖ In-Car Video Cameras-Although we were able to purchase five of the nine in-car video cameras, it is a must to find an avenue to purchase the remaining cameras. These are a much needed acquisition for the police department that should have been a priority before now.
- ❖ Car Radios-2012 is the current deadline for transitioning to radios that are narrow-band compliant. The police department has tried to obtain grant funding for the purchase of these radios with no luck. The grants for these radios are highly competitive. Although we were able to secure grants for the purchase of our hand held radios, we have not been successful for these radios. We were able to purchase four of the fourteen radios out of the 2009 budget. It will be a priority to obtain funding to purchase the remaining radios as soon as practical.
- ❖ The Onalaska Police Department has been tasked with self-funding the D.A.R.E program if we want to have the program for our community and its children. This is a program that is essential to have and we will find a way to self fund it so we can continue to educate the youth of our community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.
- ❖ The Onalaska Police Department has never participated in the National Night Out program that is held on an annual basis across the country in August. It was a goal of 2009 to host a National Night Out event, which we were unable to accomplish. This goal will be met in 2010.
- ❖ One of the repeated questions that I have been asked about is the Citizen's Police Academy. This is a program that I am very familiar with and that has been a part of the Onalaska community in years past. This is a program that I want to get started along with a teen citizen's police academy. This is a budget issue and will be a 2011 goal.

The Onalaska Police Department hopes that the readers of this report have found it to be beneficial in understanding where we are as a police department at the end of 2009. Please visit our website and our facebook page throughout the year for up to date information about the department.