

# **CHIPPEWA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



**CHIEF MATTHEW KELM**

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## DEPARTMENT VALUES

**INTEGRITY—COMPASSION—COMMITMENT**

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



2019 was a year of celebration for Chippewa Falls! This year we would celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in style in our newest addition, Riverfront Park.

Our year started out with a very cold and snowy beginning. Record cold temps and snowfalls meant our officers were outside a lot in terrible conditions. In total our officers responded to 143 reportable crashes that winter. Chippewa Falls Mayor Greg Hoffman recognized the police department and other city departments for their outstanding job in 2019 in an official proclamation.

This year we experienced our first officer involved shooting in decades. This incident was investigated by the Eau Claire Police Department and reviewed by the Chippewa County DA and was determined to be justified. The suspect in this case was not killed and no officers or citizens were harmed.

On the personnel side we promoted Officer Sheridan Pabst to the rank of Sergeant. In 2019 we ran two hiring processes in one year for the first time. We hired Scott Schoenwetter, Christian LeMay, Noah Weinke, and Cody Richardson as our new officers. Also, Parking Enforcement Worker Jean Bernier celebrated 25 years with the department this year.

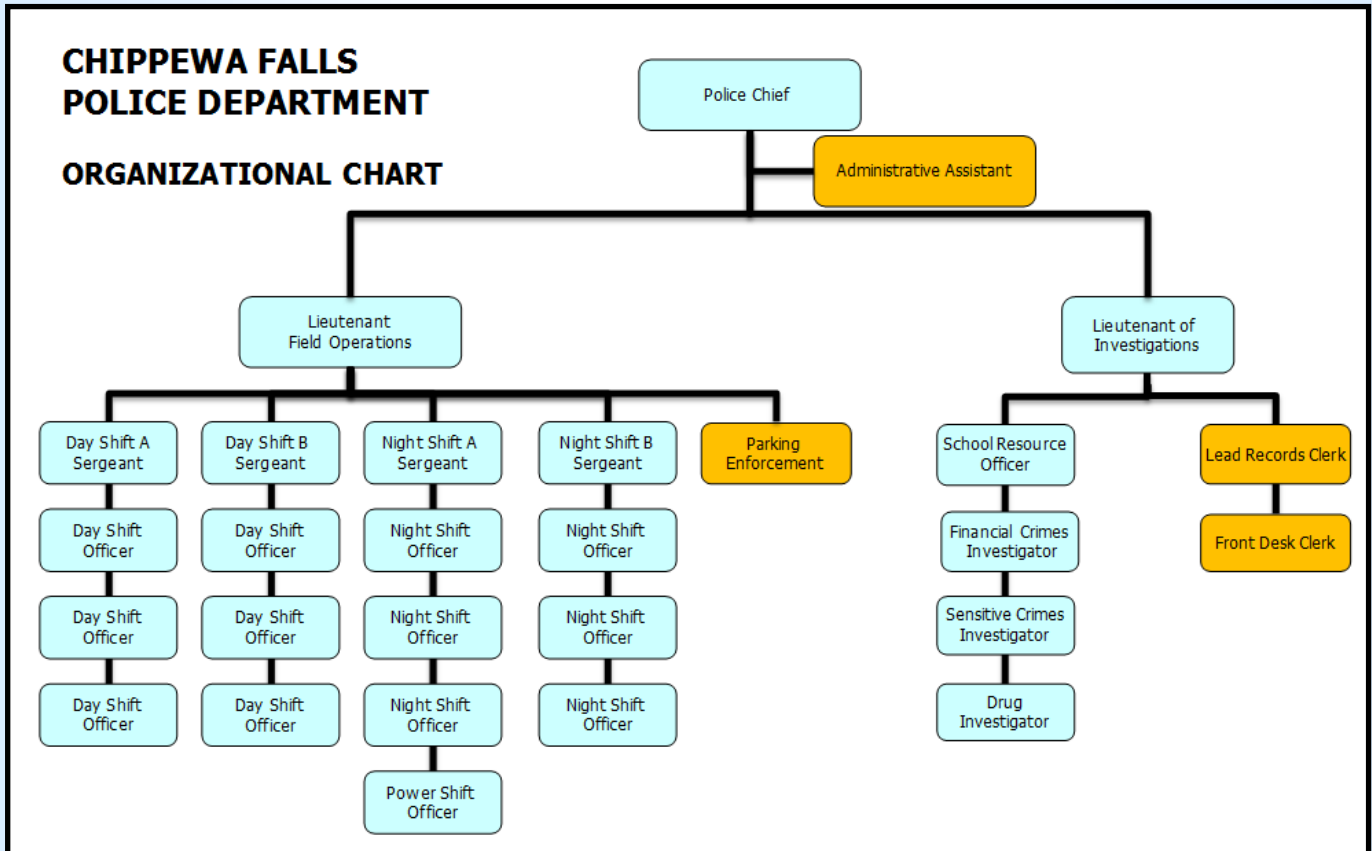
New officers are very hard to come by across the nation. Thanks to our rigorous hiring process we are still finding great people to join our team. The new union contract was completed before the end of the year with a pay increase for the officers. This should help with officer recruitment and retention in a very competitive employment market.

Looking into next year we as a department will to continue to partner with our community as we tackle key issues like mental health and methamphetamine abuse. Our department is actively engaged in the Take a Stand Against Meth campaign in Chippewa County. We will also continue our efforts along with the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District to add a badly needed School Resource Officer to the Middle School.

I want to personally thank the Chippewa Falls Community for their support of our officers. We are blessed to work in a city like Chippewa Falls. We will continue to work hard to be deserving of your trust.



# ORGANIZATION



## 2019 Police and Fire Commissioners

Paul Peters - Todd Prill - Greg Dachel - Amy Mason - Mike Houle

Responsibilities of a Police & Fire Commission:

- Appoint, suspend or remove the Police Chief or Fire Chief
- Approve all appointments made by the Police and Fire Chief, including the promotion of subordinates
  - Approve competitive examinations used to judge suitability for appointment of subordinates
    - Approve each list of individuals determined to be eligible for appointment
    - Hear appeals of disciplinary actions initiated by the Chief of a Department

Paul Peters stepped down from the Police and Fire Commission in 2019. He was recognized for his 14 years of service to the City of Chippewa Falls.

Paul passed away on December 26.



# DEPARTMENT ROSTER

January 1, 2019

## Sworn

Chief Matthew Kelm

Lieutenant of Investigations Brian Micolichek

Lieutenant of Field Operations David BeBeau

Sergeant Ryan Douglas

Sergeant Korry Boos

Sergeant Thomas Wahl

Sergeant Deborah Brettingen

Officer Brian Zwiefelhofer

Officer Brian Flug

Officer Stephen McMahon

School Resource Officer Joseph Nelson

Drug Investigator Sheridan Pabst

Officer Craig Mantzke

Officer Cody Monson

Sensitive Crimes Investigator Drew Zehm

Officer James Luckey

Officer Daniel Downey

Officer Ryan Boie

Officer Robert Billen

Officer Joan Mattheisen

Officer Nathan Bowe

Officer James Harper

K-9 Leo

## Civilian

Administrative Assistant Julie Johnholtz

Lead Records Clerk Linda Morning

Front Desk Clerk April Holty

Parking Enforcement Jean Bernier



## NEW FACES



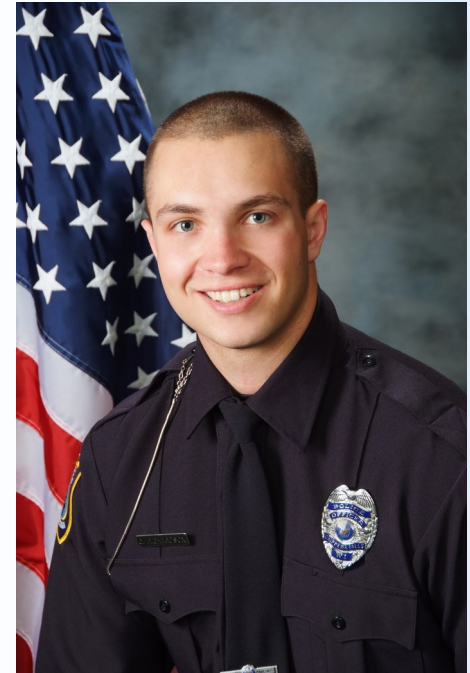
**Officer Scott Schoenwetter**  
March 18, 2019



**Officer Christian LeMay**  
May 17, 2019



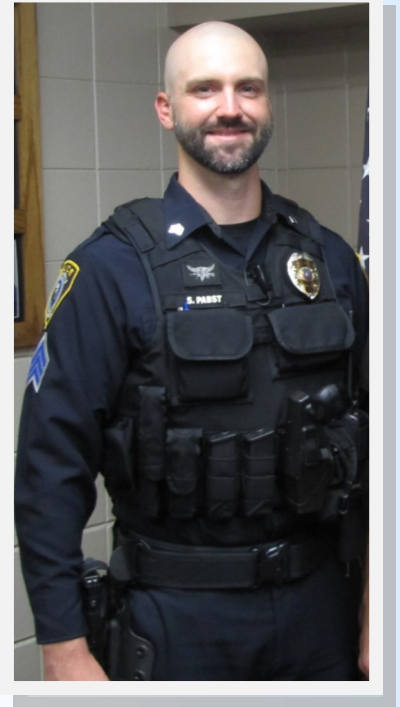
**Officer Noah Weinke**  
June 19, 2019



**Officer Cody Richardson**  
October 7, 2019

# IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

Sheridan Pabst was promoted to the rank of Sergeant this year. Sgt. Pabst has been with the department for 9 years. He is the department's primary armorer and firearms instructor. He has also served as a SWAT team leader and drug unit investigator.



Jean Bernier was recognized for her 25 years with the Chippewa Falls Police Department this year.



## BY THE NUMBERS — CRIMES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0
<b>Rape</b>	3	8	7
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	24	14	40
<b>Simple Assault</b>	146	111	113
<b>Kidnapping/Abduction</b>	4	0	1
<b>Robbery</b>	4	1	2
<b>Burglary</b>	15	23	25
<b>Theft/Larceny</b>	229	160	148
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	15	12	22
<b>Arson</b>	1	1	1
<b>Fraud</b>	32	23	24
<b>Vandalism</b>	66	53	63
<b>Drug/Narcotics Offences</b>	334	317	316

### THE MISSION OF THE CHIPPEWA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

*To Provide Quality Policing*

through Community Partnerships

that Focus on Problem Solving and

through EmPloyees who

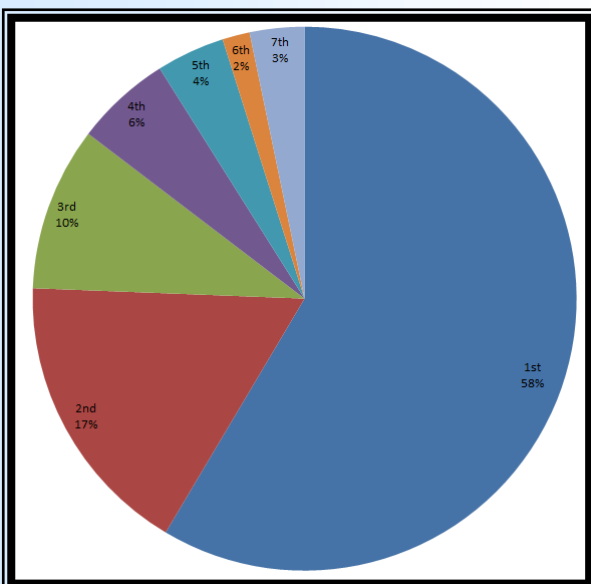
# BY THE NUMBERS - CITATIONS

1391 Citations were issued including the following

Animal Running at Large	8	AUTOMOBILE FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	12
City Retail Theft	6	DRIVING TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS	10
Consume Alcohol in Street	1	EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES	34
Disorderly Conduct	9	FAIL STOP/YIELD FROM STOP SIGN/LIGHT	47
Dogs and Cats to be Licensed	12	FAIL TO INSTALL IID	26
Exhibition Driving	7	FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	18
False Alarms	1	INATTENTIVE DRIVING	11
Fighting/Brawling	5	NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC	55
Loud and Unnecessary Noise	5	OPERATE AFTER REV/SUSP OF REGISTRATION	44
Loud Parties/Gatherings	5	OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE W/O INSURANCE	156
Tavern Open After Hours	1	OPERATING WHILE REVOKED	109
Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia	29	OPERATING WHILE SUSPENDED	260
Possession of Alcohol on Street	1	POSSESS OPEN INTOXICANTS IN MV-DRIVER	12
Resisting/Obstructing	1	RESISTING/FAILING TO STOP/FLEEING	3
Sell/Provide Intoxicants to UA	1	VEHICLE OPERATOR FAIL/WEAR SEAT BELT	21
THC Prohibited	23		
Theft	1		
Trespass Prohibited	2		
Underage Consumption	32		
Underage Tobacco	44		
Violation of Park Closing Hours	1		



**Operating while Intoxicated** is a very serious issue. Our community continues to struggle with impaired drivers. A rising concern are those impaired by drugs. Either prescription medication or illegal drugs can impair driving to a dangerous extent.



1st	72
2nd	21
3rd	12
4th	7
5th	5
6th	2
7th	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>

**THE AVERAGE  
ALCOHOL  
LEVEL AT  
ARREST  
WAS .15**

## BY THE NUMBERS - PARKING

We get it, no one wants to get a parking ticket. But parking enforcement is a very important task. It helps keep our downtown area open for customers and visitors to park. It also helps keep our streets safe and clean by allowing us to remove snow and abandoned vehicles. It is a big job and our parking enforcement worker does most of it.

2 HOUR ZONE	1074
24 HOUR ZONE	89
2AM - 6AM	924
30 MINUTE ZONE	1
4 HOUR ZONE	198
8 HOUR ZONE	37
HANDICAPPED PARKING	12
IMPROPER PARKING	41
KEYS IN UNATTENDED VEHICLE	8
LOADING ZONE	3
POSTED PRIVATE	19
PROHIBITED PARKING	108
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2514</b>



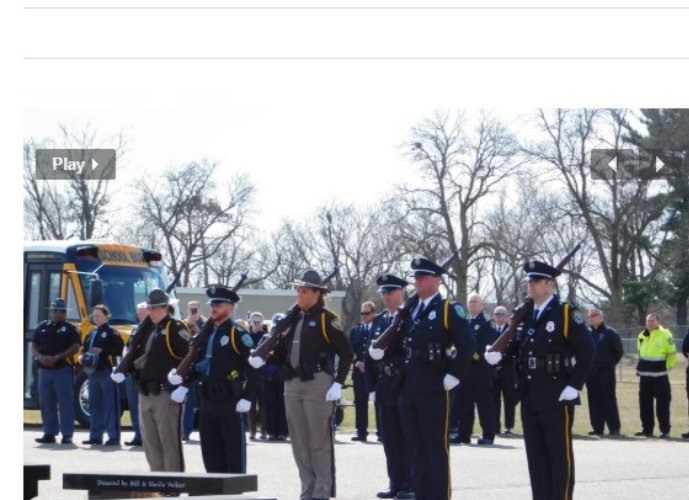
# WEBSITE

The Department website is a valuable way for the department to communicate with the public. There is information here about how our department works, department initiatives, and other important information.

Website data for 2019

Total Website Visits: 12,367

Total Pages Viewed: 23,589



[Donate to the CFPD K9 Program](#)

## Alerts:

[Missing Person: Shannah Boiteau](#)

# SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Facebook page has grown to over 18,000 followers. It is our way to reach out and directly connect with the community about a variety of topics. We post about driving conditions, crime trends, safety tips. But we also try to keep a humorous side out there too and we are always looking for the public to help us solve crimes. Here are our Top Posts from 2019.

**Chippewa Falls Police Department**  
December 26, 2019 · 🌐

The CFPD had a significant police presence near First Ave and State St today. Our officers responded for a report of a domestic assault at an apartment at 928 First Ave at 10:06 am. Officers learned that the victim of the assault was a juvenile teenager. The juvenile's injuries were relatively minor. The suspect had fled prior to the call to police. Officers began searching the area, including use of the dog, but the suspect has not been located.

The suspect is a Jesus Gonzales age 33. The officers were familiar with him. He's from the Milwaukee area and has a history of domestic assault. He currently has a warrant out of the Department of Corrections.

At the time he fled he was wearing an orange jumpsuit, blue jeans and white shoes and he walks with a limp.

If you do see him do not approach and contact Dispatch Center at 715-726-7701 Option #1.

Thank you



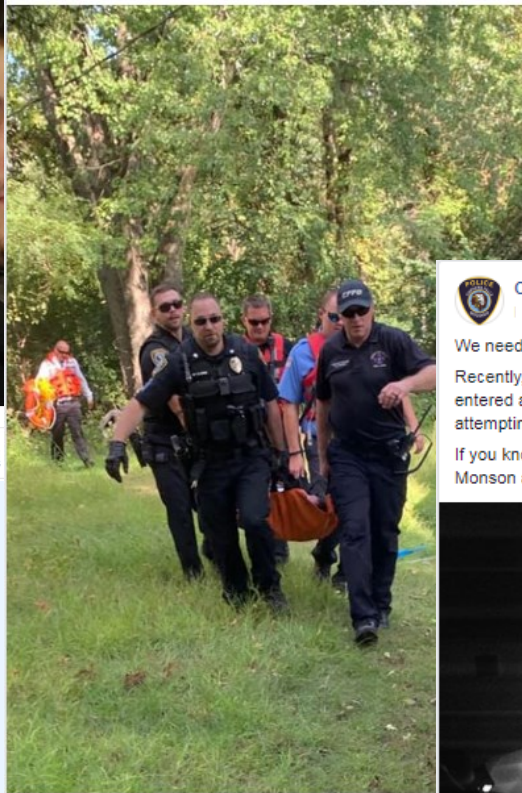
48,064 People Reached 12,085 Engagements

**Chippewa Falls Police Department**  
September 17, 2019 · 🌐

**Chippewa River Water Rescue**

At 1:10pm this afternoon one of our officers was on patrol when he witnessed a male adult intentionally go over the side of the Main St bridge and into the water. The male seemed unwilling to swim towards shore. Numerous Police and Fire units quickly responded and attempted rescue efforts by deploying life vests and ring buoys without success. The Fire Department's rescue boat was sent out with two EMT's and a police officer on board.

He floated past the railroad bridge near Wagner St. The rescue boat was able to reach him as he neared the area near Scout Island. At this point he was repeatedly going under water. Despite the danger, the EMT's and our officer were able to rescue him from the water and return him to shore safely.



44,451 People Reached 24,136 Engagements

**Chippewa Falls Police Department**  
August 15, 2019 · 🌐

Officer Luckey recently located a small puppy on the East Hill. Let's share this so we can find the owner!

71,156 People Reached 12,156 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

👍❤️ 478 72 Comments 1.3K Shares

**Chippewa Falls Police Department**  
September 13, 2019 · 🌐

**We need your assistance**

Recently, there have been numerous reports of unlocked vehicles being entered and items stolen. We received a photograph of a suspect and are attempting to identify them.

If you know the photographed individual, please contact Investigator Cody Monson at 715-726-2706. You may remain anonymous.

38,147 People Reached 16,679 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

👍👎😬 77 104 Comments 526 Shares

# POLICE COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Citizen's Academy



## National Night Out



## Special Olympics Basketball Game



## Bike Rodeo





## Police in the Community



## Looking Back a Decade



CFPD Dispatcher Tracey Smart working the radio

Officer Brian Micolichek showing off his squad and leather jacket



CFPD "Superheroes" Officers Mark Johnson and Deborah Brettingen and Special Olympics Athlete Charles Erlien during the annual Family Fun Night Basketball



Sgt. Neitge and Chief Nehring congratulating each other on their retirements

# 2009

Pastor Terri Koca conducting a high risk traffic stop during the Citizens Academy

