



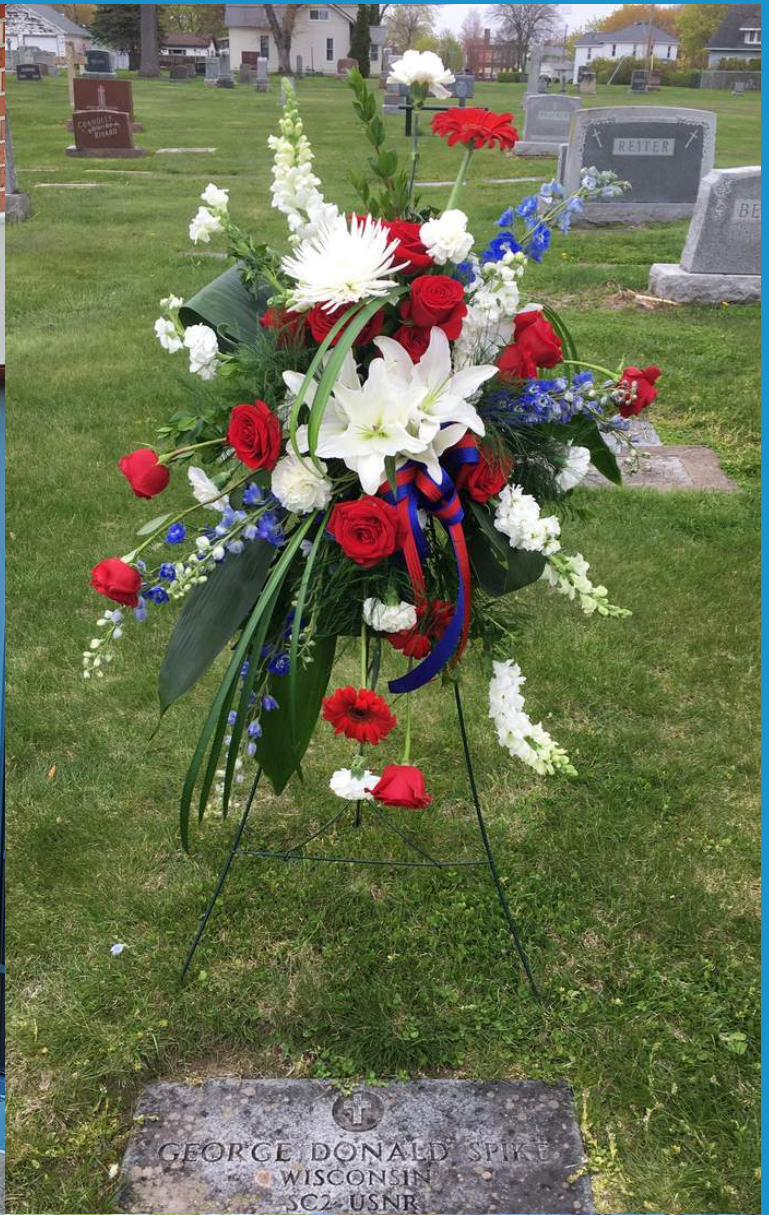
2020 Annual Report

A Year of Challenges



Chippewa Falls Police Department
Integrity - Compassion - Commitment







MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, especially for law enforcement. The death of George Floyd sparked a discussion about the proper role of law enforcement in our communities nationwide. It also led to anger and at times violence toward the police in some cities. Thankfully, our Chippewa Falls community rose up in support of our law enforcement, most visibly through the "Back the Blue" campaign led by the Chippewa Falls Police Department Alumni Association.

Within the department many discussions were held about our department culture and our officer training program's philosophy to make sure we were serving every member of our community to the highest standards.

The COVID-19 Pandemic moved us into uncharted waters. The city responded quickly authorizing the creation of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Chippewa Falls with myself and Fire Chief Douglas as Incident Commanders. Throughout 2020 the EOC navigated many challenges associated with the Pandemic.

Our community's challenges around methamphetamine persisted. Our officers investigated many incidents of meth related criminal activity. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 lockdown, treatment and assistance options were much reduced for our community members suffering from addiction to this terrible drug. I foresee this will lead to significant issues in 2021 and beyond.

Finally, I am very pleased to report that our various hiring processes in 2020, including both sworn and non-sworn positions, resulted in outstanding additions to the police department. We entered 2021 fully staffed and ready to meet the challenges of a new year.

- Police Chief Matthew L. Kelm



HIRING & FIELD TRAINING

The Chippewa Falls Police Department Hiring and Field Training Programs are designed to provide our community with officers who can meet or exceed our high standards.

What does our hiring process look like?

- **Assessment Center**
 - Initial Interview
 - Pre-Employment Assessment Test
 - Physical Agility Test
- Interview and Scenario Testing with an internal panel of CFPD officers
- Interview with Police & Fire Commission
- In-depth background check
- Psychological Testing
- Medical/Drug Testing

Minimum Requirements

- 60 College Credits
- 21 Years of Age
- Valid Driver's License
- Legally able to carry a firearm
- No Felony or Domestic Violence Convictions
- Background Check Suitable for Employment as a Police Officer



Once an Officer is hired that is just the start...

Officers being field trained undergo an intense 14 week training program

- Their first day they are sworn-in before front of a Judge and their family.
- The next three days are long as they are put through tactical training and evaluation by our in-house tactical trainers on a variety of topics.
- For the next two weeks they ride with a Field Training Officer (FTO) for orientation.
- Over the following 8 weeks they are tested, trained and evaluated daily by their FTO and monthly by their Sergeant. They also complete self-evaluations at the end of each phase of training.
- The candidate is then put through advanced live scenario training before they are approved to enter the final phase of field training.
- For the last two weeks the officer responds to calls with the field training officer observing, often in plain clothes.
- After a final evaluation by the Field Training Coordinator, Lieutenant of Field Operations and Chief of Police the officer has completed field training and is assigned to a patrol position on a probationary status. Further training during probation includes working with the School Resource Officer and attending court.
- After 18 months working here the officer is evaluated again and, if they pass, they are considered full police officers.
- Throughout their career officers will receive continual in-house and outside the department training on a variety of topics and specialties.

ORGANIZATION

Police and Fire Commission

Todd Prill - Greg Dachel - Mike Houle - Cindy Bogess - Chris Norseng

Responsibilities of a Police & Fire Commission:

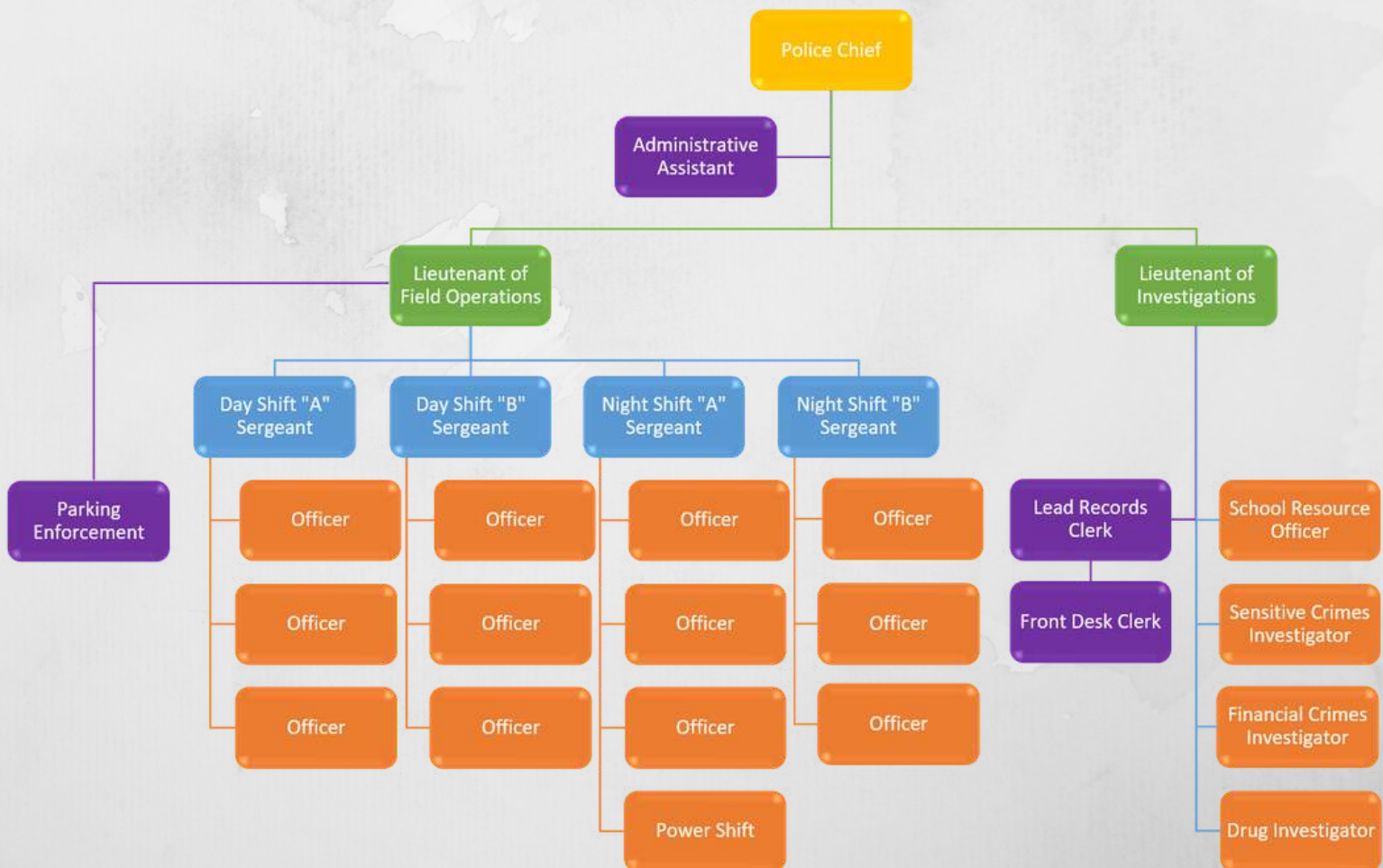
Appoint, suspend or remove the Police Chief or Fire Chief

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



DEPARTMENT ROSTER

As of 01/01/2020

Sworn

Chief Matthew Kelm
Lieutenant of Investigations Brian Micolichek
Lieutenant of Field Operations David BeBeau
Sergeant Ryan Douglas
Sergeant Korry Boos
Sergeant Deborah Brettingen
Sergeant Sheridan Pabst
Officer Brian Zwiefelhofer
Officer Brian Flug
Officer Stephen McMahon
Financial Crimes Investigator 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
Officer Scott Schoenweter
Officer Christian LeMay
Officer Noah Weinke
Officer Cody Richardson
K-9 Leo

Civilian

Administrative Assistant Julie Johnholtz
Lead Records Clerk Linda Morning
Front Desk Clerk April Holty
Parking Enforcement Jean Bernier



NEW FACES



**Police Officer
Tye McLaughlin**
Hired April 1, 2020



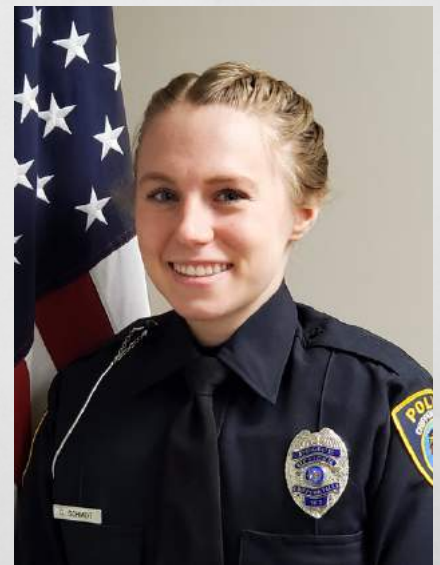
**Parking Enforcement Worker
Amber Mitchell**
Hired May 7, 2020



**Records Clerk
Ciara Branshaw**
Hired June 23, 2020



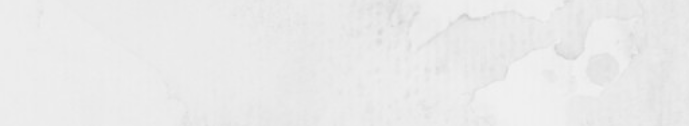
**Police Officer
Jayson Oratch**
Hired June 29, 2020



**Police Officer
Stephanie Schmidt**
Hired December 9, 2020



Best
Wishes



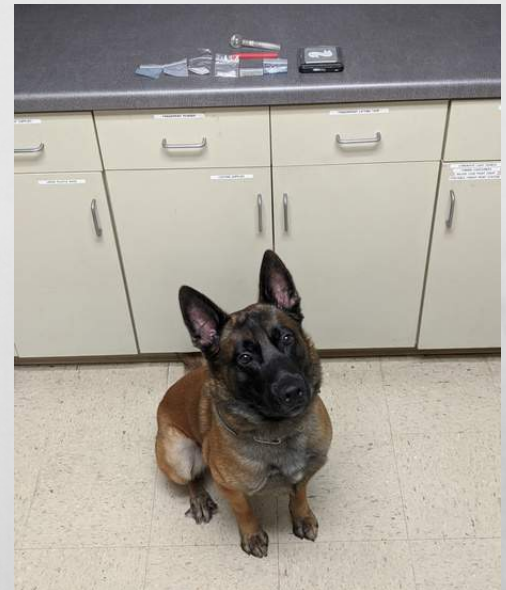
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Criminal

<u>Crime</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	8	7	2
Aggravated Assault	24	14	40	17
Simple Assault	146	111	113	85
Kidnapping/Abduction	4	0	1	4
Robbery	4	1	2	0
Burglary	15	23	25	19
Theft/Larceny	229	160	148	100
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	12	22	15
Arson	1	1	1	2
Fraud	32	23	24	31
Vandalism	66	53	63	63
Drug/Narcotics Offenses	334	317	316	400



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BY THE NUMBERS

Non-Traffic Citations

Animal Running at Large	18
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	2
Discharge of Firearm in City	1
Disorderly Conduct	8
Dogs and Cats to be Licensed	20
Exhibition Driving	3
Illegal Dumping	1
Littering	2
Loud and Unnecessary Noise	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	20
Resisting/Obstructing and Refuse to Aid Officer	1
Sale and Discharge of Fireworks/Possession	2
Sell/Provide Intoxicants to Underage	1
THC Prohibited	28
Underage Consumption (12-16 years must appear)	6
Underage Consumption (17 years State Bond)	5
Underage Consumption (18-20 years State Bond)	14
Underage Tobacco	20
Urinating in Public	1
Violation of Park Closing Hours	1



BY THE NUMBERS



Traffic Citations

AUTOMOBILE FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	5
DEVIATION FROM DESIGNATED LANE	1
DISPLAY FALSE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE	1
DRIVING AGAINST TRAFFIC (ONE WAY STREET)	2
DRIVING TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS	4
EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (11-15 MPH)	19
EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH)	22
EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (20-24 MPH)	11
EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (25-29 MPH)	3
EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (35-39 MPH)	1
FAIL/OBEY TRAFFIC SIGN/SIGNAL	6
FAIL/SECURE BOATS IF BEING TOWED	1
FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN/SIGNAL	23
FAIL/YIELD EMERGING FROM NONHIGHWAY ACCESS	2
FAIL/YIELD RIGHT/WAY FROM STOP SIGN	7
FAIL/YIELD RIGHT/WAY FROM STOP SIGN (BODILY HARM)	1
FAIL/YIELD RIGHT/WAY FROM STOP SIGN (RESULTING DEATH)	1
FAIL/YIELD WHILE MAKING LEFT TURN	3
FAIL/YIELD/UNCONTROLLED INTERSECTION	1
FAILURE TO NOTIFY POLICE OF ACCIDENT	2
FAILURE TO NOTIFY OWNER OF ACCIDENT	7
FAILURE TO KEEP VEHICLE UNDER CONTROL	12
FAILURE TO TRANSFER VEHICLE TITLE	2
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	14
HIT AND RUN	1
HIT AND RUN-PROPERTY ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY	8
HIT AND RUN-UNATTENDED VEHICLE	2
IID TAMPERING/FAIL TO INSTALL/VIOULATE COURT ORDER	21
IMPROPER DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATE/TAG/DECAL	4
IMPROPER LEFT TURN	4
IMPROPER RIGHT TURN	1

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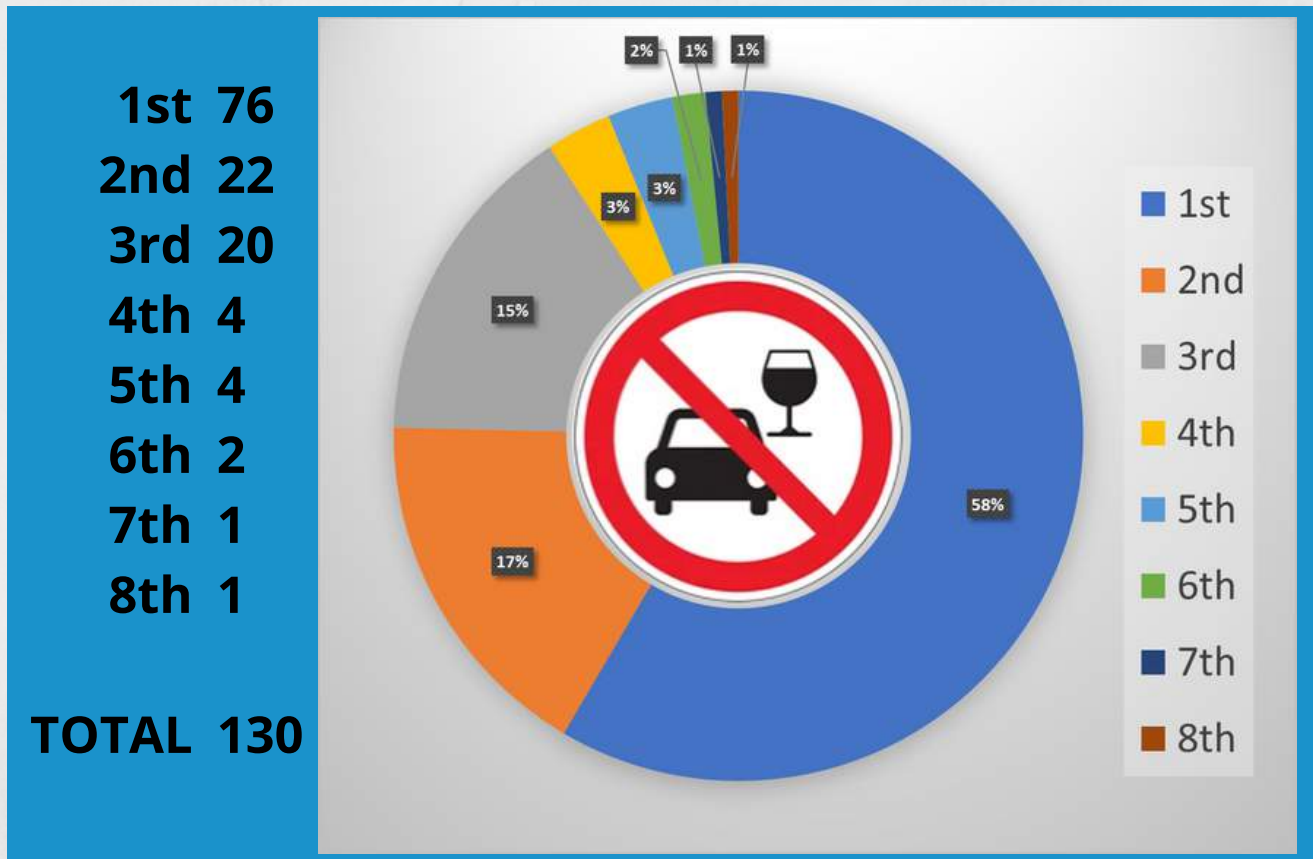
Traffic Citations



IMPROPER STOP/STOP SIGN-STOP LINE	1
INATTENTIVE DRIVING	12
MV WINDOWS NOT REASONABLY CLEAN	1
NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC	31
NON-REGISTRATION OF OTHER VEHICLE	1
OPERATE AFTER REV/SUSP OF REGISTRATION	27
OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE BY PERMITTEE W/O AUTH PERSON >21	3
OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE W/O CAPABLE BRAKES	1
OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE W/O INSURANCE	79
OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE W/O PROOF OF INSURANCE	24
OPERATE MOTORCYCLE W/O VALID LICENSE	2
OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE	30
OPERATING LEFT OF CENTER	4
OPERATING WHILE REVOKED	94
OPERATING WHILE SUSPENDED	172
PASSING IN NO-PASSING ZONE	1
POSSESS OPEN INTOXICANTS IN MV-DRIVER	8
PROB LICENSEE OPER CLASS D VEH W/OTHER PERSON IN VEH	1
RESISTING/FAILING TO STOP/FLEEING	4
RIDE IN VEHICLE W/O WEARING SEAT BELT	4
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING	1
THROWING/PLACING MISSILE IN VEHICLE	1
UNREASONABLE AND IMPRUDENT SPEED	9
UNSAFE BACKING OF VEHICLE	5
UNSAFE LANE DEVIATION	3
VEHICLE OPERATOR FAIL/WEAR SEAT BELT	19
VEHICLE OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR FSA - ATTENDED VEHICLE	1
VIOL OF CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT - CHILD 4 YRS BUT < 8 YRS	3
VIOLATE ABSOLUTE SOBRIETY LAW	2
VIOLATE MILEAGE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS	1

BY THE NUMBERS

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The legal limit in Wisconsin is .08%.

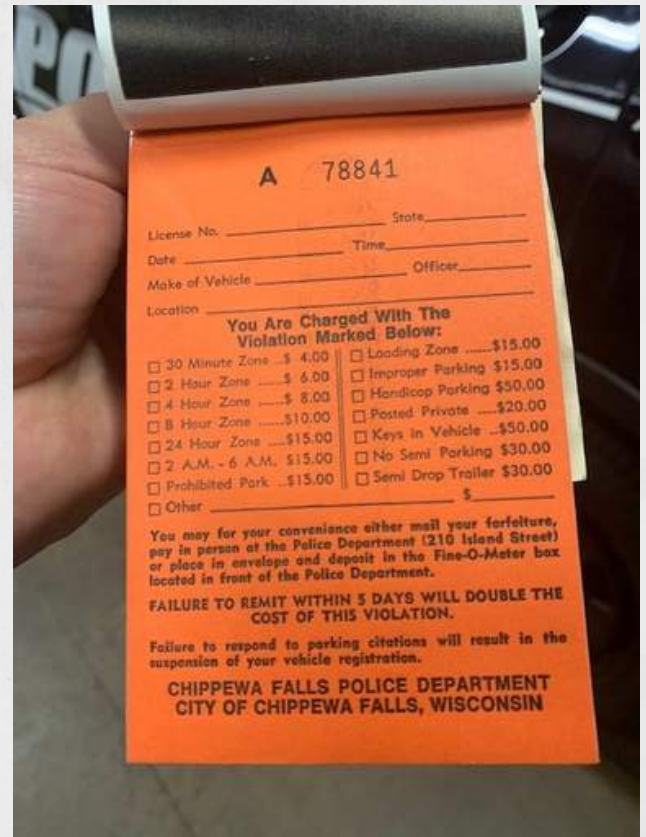
In 2020 the average alcohol level at time of arrest was .18%



BY THE NUMBERS

Parking

<u>Description</u>	
2 HOUR ZONE	1068
24 HOUR ZONE	133
2AM - 6AM	862
30 MINUTE ZONE	0
4 HOUR ZONE	169
8 HOUR ZONE	55
HANDICAPPED PARKING	6
IMPROPER PARKING	16
KEYS IN UNATTENDED VEHICLE	12
LOADING ZONE	1
POSTED PRIVATE	6
PROHIBITED PARKING	16
Total	2344



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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media remains an important way for us to communicate with our community. We use it to share stories, ask for assistance, provide safety tips and much more.

In 2020

Total Posts: 321

Total Videos: 39

Total Followers **20,000+**



Chippewa Falls Police Department

Published by Matthew Kelm · September 15, 2020 ·

Yesterday CFPD Officers responded to a residence on the East Hill to talk to a very distraught 12-year-old boy who was at their house and was lost. The boy said he and his family were from out of town. The boy told officers that his mom was intoxicated and she was driving around with him and his one-year old brother. The boy was able to get out of the car and tried to take his one-year old brother with him. But his mom drove off before he could do that, leaving him on the East Hill in an unfamiliar area. He walked up to a stranger's house and they called police. Officers brought the boy back to the police department's family room and bought him some lunch while they worked on the case.

Officers quickly got out a vehicle description to area law enforcement. A couple of hours later a motorist on Highway 53 southbound near Tilden reported a suspected drunk driver. The description of the vehicle matched the vehicle officers were looking for. Officer Nate Bowe was able to locate the vehicle on Highway 53 and conducted a traffic stop on County Road S. The mother was taken into custody by the Chippewa County Sheriff Department for suspicion of drunk driving and child abandonment.

The one-year-old was removed from the vehicle and entertained by Officer Bowe and Officer Joan Mattheisen until Department of Human Services workers could arrive. Officer Bowe even conducted a badly needed roadside diaper change. Both children were temporarily placed in foster care.

We are thankful that the children in this case are safe in what could have easily been a tragic ending. Our officers care deeply about our community, especially our children, and we are willing to go above and beyond to keep them safe whenever we can.

176,155
People Reached

45,802
Engagements

Boost Post

4.6K

513 Comments 1.5K Shares

SOCIAL MEDIA

Chippewa Falls Police Department
Published by Mommsin Korie · July 28, 2020 ·

Update

This past weekend, one of our patrol officers was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle, with no plates, commit numerous traffic violations. A traffic stop was initiated with that vehicle.

During the contact, officers identified the vehicle as being the final missing vehicle that was stolen from Eau Claire Crossroads Auto Service. The operator was arrested for numerous offenses.

Great job to our proactive patrol officers!

On Saturday night at 10:50 pm this past weekend one of our night shift officers was on routine patrol and saw a BMW parked partially blocking a driveway on Grant Court on the south side of Chippewa Falls. He ran the plate and learned it was listed as stolen out of the city of Eau Claire. Officers made contact with a Shauna Dommer and a Jerimie Kelling at that residence. Mr. Kelling told officers the vehicle was dropped off by a friend. He had a warrant and was taken into custody by officers.

Officers also saw a silver Porsche parked at the residence with no plates on it. Officers ran the VIN and learned the Porsche was listed as stolen out of Eagen, MN.

Officers saw that there were even more vehicles in the backyard. Ms. Dommer refused to allow the officers permission to check those vehicles. However, one of the officers was able to see a plate on a vehicle in the backyard and upon running it learned that it was also stolen. The officers then obtained a search warrant for the residence and vehicles. Three more stolen vehicles were located in the backyard of the residence including a GMC Sierra, an Audi and a Honda Civic. Methamphetamine, THC and drug paraphernalia were located in the residence along with a fully loaded SKS rifle, a 9mm pistol and a large amount of ammunition. Mr. Kelling is a convicted felon.

Jerimie Kelling, age 40, was arrested and referred to the DA for five counts of receiving stolen property, two counts of felon in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor bail jumping.

Shauna Dommer, age 37, was referred to the DA for possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The vehicles have been or are in the process of being returned to the owners. Our investigators, along with the Eau Claire Police Department, are investigating the connection of these vehicles to the stolen vehicles from the Eau Claire Crossroads Auto Service earlier this month.

This investigation is still ongoing and additional charges may be possible.

A great job by our night shift officers out there on patrol.



76,738 People Reached 29,186 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

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Chippewa Falls Police Department
Published by Matthew Kelm · June 18, 2020 ·

FATFAR June 21 and June 28

Those attending FATFAR and the subsequent FATFAR celebration on Sunday June 28, please be safe.

It is not legal to consume alcohol at the public boat landing, wait until you are in the water. Drink responsibly and please clean up after yourself. Help keep the river clean.

If you are not a strong swimmer, consider bringing or wearing a life jacket. Especially if you're consuming alcohol.

If you choose to launch from the Riverfront Park, NO vehicles are permitted on the sidewalks. Any vehicles left at the public boat landing near the city shops, or near Riverfront Park need to be removed in a timely manner.

Now with COVID-19 precautions, continue to practice social distancing, and if you are showing signs or symptoms of being sick, please stay home.

Although there are no enforceable mass gathering or social distancing orders, we do strongly recommend following them. Link to those rules and recommendations below. As always, participation in FatFar is at your own risk.

Tell a loved one where you will be. Plan for a safe ride home before you start. Be safe on the water. Be courteous when driving in the area and when parking your vehicles.

We do plan to have extra officers working the event as we have in past years.

And most importantly, no matter what you choose to do this weekend, stay safe and don't forget to have a little fun!

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/.../covid-19-coronavirus...>



46,907 People Reached 13,922 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

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Chippewa Falls Police Department
Published by Mommsin Korie · March 27, 2020 ·

Yesterday at approximately 0800 hours, officers received a report of a theft that had just occurred at a local business.

One male subject entered the store and stole two Milwaukee brand tool sets before fleeing to a vehicle parked nearby. That vehicle did not have license plates but was confirmed to be a newer style red Chevrolet Equinox or Traverse.

An officer passed the vehicle going in the opposite direction as it was leaving the city. Upon seeing our patrol vehicle and before the officer could activate emergency lights the suspects fled at a high rate of speed and passed multiple vehicles in an unsafe manner. Due to the nature of the crime and the reckless driving of the suspects the officer did not pursue so as not to endanger our community any further.

Officers are following up on leads, but need your help. If you recognize either subject photographed below, please contact Officer Schoenwetter at 715-723-4424 ext. 3006 or private message us. You may remain anonymous.

We are aware the photographs are not ideal, but it is all we were provided at this time.



45,935 People Reached 17,772 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

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COPS AND KIDS

One of the things we missed the most this year was connecting with our kids. A very fun new feature our innovative officers came with during COVID-19 was "Operation Bedtime Story". We had a lot of officers record themselves reading a book to kids at bedtime.



Looking back a decade

2010



**Our new Police Chief
Wendy Stelter!**



Mayor Greg Hoffman, Commissioner Paul Peters, Captain John Liddell & Finance Manager Lynne Bauer congratulate the new Chief



**Lt. Mark Bauman at the PD
Open House**

**Welcoming Officer Sheridan Pabst
and Officer Joe Nelson to the team**



**Officer Korry Boos showing off our
new "computer in the squad car"
technology**



**Officer Stephen McMahon
working on a new ride**



2010 Police Week Banner

