



PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER
JERILYN JEROME WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 9TH, 2018***



***THE ABOVE PHOTO WAS TAKEN ON JERILYN'S
20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH PPD***



***PLAQUE GIVEN TO JERILYN'S FAMILY; A SECOND
PLAQUE IS HANGING ON OUR MEMORIAL WALL***



LT. KEITH KLAFKE, OFFICER BILL CHARLEBOIS & CSO JERILYN JEROME



PROMOTION TO ASS'T POLICE CHIEF:

Administrative Lt. Keith Klafke was promoted to Ass't Police Chief on August 13th, 2018. He has worked his way up through the ranks from when he was hired on September 17th, 2001.



Chief Manthey & Ass't Chief Klafke



Nancy Klafke pinned the badge on Keith



Klafke family

HIRING OF NEW OFFICERS:

Officer Cameron Coronado was sworn in as a Police Officer on 5-22-18. His parents had the pleasure of pinning on his badge and collar brass. (Cameron's father is a retired Captain with the Juneau County Sheriff's Department) Cameron is a certified EMT and he was selected as one of the speakers at his police academy graduation. He looks forward to being involved with our community.



Officer Heather Medina graduated from the Madison College Police Academy on December 21st, 2018. Chief Manthey, Ass't Chief Klafke and Det. Lt. Garrigan had the privilege of attending her graduation ceremony. (she was sworn in on January 7th, 2019) She replaced Officer Pete Bartaczewicz who took an early retirement.



New Community Service Officer:



Nicole Lervik became our newest Community Service Officer on October 1st, 2018. She had previously served as a well respected correctional officer at CCI for three years and she looks forward to her new position. She has two girls, Paige, age 16, and Riley, age 8. (We were also very pleased to have received over 40 applications for this position.)

Retirement:

Officer Pete Bartaczewicz served on Portage PD from May 28th, 1996 – November 3rd, 2018. Pete had a gift for talking to people and calming them down in tense situations. He went to Crisis Intervention Training so he could better help people; especially those with mental or physical challenges. He is now putting those talents to good use as he is working with PACAP (Portage Area Community Assistance Program) at the River Haven Homeless Shelter.



Citizen Police Academy 2018 (Class #9)



L-R Lt. Keith Klafke, Jon Stefonek, Danielle Hernkind, Carolyn Wood, Maria Leone, Peter Price, Lora Foster, Nicholas Kruger, Phoenix Legrand, Eric Soderlund, Randy Hobson, William Kutzke, Andres Garcia-Wirts, William Richardson, Chief Ken Manthey



All four of these members of the Citizen Police Academy, Class #9, agreed to be Tasered!

In January of 2018, we started up our 9th Citizen Police Academy Citizen Police Academy. We had another great group of citizens attend. Lt. Keith Klafke and Officer Sarah Rueth were our main coordinators but many of our officers gave presentations on fields that they have specialized training in. This is a 10 week program (which runs from January through March) to show citizens the different kinds of training that we go through so that we can perform our duties to the best of our abilities. Topics included firearms & Tasers, traffic stops, drug investigations, emergency management, surveillance equipment, cameras, legal issues, sex offenders, Triad, domestic abuse, fingerprinting & DNA, DARE/School Liaison, Amber Alert/ A Child is Missing/ Project Lifesaver, Defense and Arrest Techniques/ Handcuffing & OMVWI & SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Testing) If you would like to join the 2020 class, please contact us. (You need to be at least 18 years old and have some direct connection to the City of Portage)

VI.P.S. (Volunteers In Police Services) Program

In 2010, we started a “Volunteers in Policing” unit under the direction and coordination of Ass’t Police Chief Kevin O’Neill. When he retired in 2015, Administrative Lt. Keith Klafke took the group over. The VIPS are made up of unpaid citizens who have completed ten weeks of training with the Citizen’s Police Academy and expressed a willingness to stay affiliated with our department. Future membership will require the person to be either a Citizens Police Academy graduate, a student presently enrolled full-time in a college-level Law Enforcement program, or formal Police Academy graduate not yet employed by an agency. None of the volunteers are armed and they do not have police arrest powers. Any identification card issued to them shall clearly show “volunteer”.

The volunteers have trained one evening per month with the primary focus on emergency management. Here are the calls for service in 2018:

- Two of our VIPS assisted with the Citizen Police Academy training
- VIP Leader Bill Maxwell assisted with two circus showings on April 17th
- Four VIPS walked downtown during the Wine Walk on April 27th
- Four VIPS assisted with the Best Fest on May 19th & 20th
- Two VIPS assisted with traffic control for the fatal fire @ the Ram Hotel on May 20th
- Seven VIPS assisted with the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th
- Two VIPS assisted with the DSH Run/Walk on June 2nd
- Seven VIPS assisted with the Canal Days Parade on June 2nd
- Five VIPS assisted with the drowning @ Silver Lake Beach on June 17th
- Six VIPS assisted us with Concert in the Park on June 30th (cancelled at the last minute because of storm front coming through)
- Four VIPS assisted with Tractor Daze Weekend; July 12th – 15th
- Two VIPS assisted with the selection process of a new Community Service Officer on August 8th & 9th
- Four VIPS assisted us with the Big Top Circus on August 9th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the Kiwanis “Ride to Read” on August 10th
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Taste of Portage on August 25th
- Two VIPS assisted us with the K-9 fundraiser on September 9th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Alzheimer’s Walk on September 9th
- Six VIPS assisted with the Touched Twice/Kids’ Day on September 15th
- Seven VIPS assisted with the Tornado Drill on September 18th
- One VIPS assisted with the John Muir “Color Run” on September 29th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Homecoming Parade on October 5th
- Two VIPS assisted with the Wine Walk on October 12th

- Three VIPS assisted with our Open House on October 13th
- One VIPS assisted with the annual coat distribution on October 26th
- Seven VIPS assisted us with the costume parade downtown on October 27th
- One VIPS assisted with the “Rusch Run” on October 30th
- Seven VIPS assisted us with Trick or Treating on October 31st
- Two VIPS assisted us with the selection of a new Police Officer on Nov. 7th
- Three VIPS assisted us with the Santa Fly-In on November 23rd
- Eight VIPS assisted us with the Holiday Parade on November 23rd
- Six VIPS assisted us with the Holiday Train on December 8th
- Five VIPS assisted us with the Living Windows on December 8th

Halloween Downtown Walking Parade on 10-27-18



L-R Back row: VIPS Rita Haase, VIPS Steve Aldridge, CSO Kevin Todryk, VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell, Officer Tom Moore
 L-R Front row: VIPS Kathy Hartl, VIPS Barb Chenoweth, VIPS Tamara Brantley, VIPS Lee Chenoweth

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run –2018

Every year, our police department, along with other agencies, participates in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Officer Klaude Thompson is our liaison. This is held in June every year. We would like to thank owners Chad Stevenson and Jeff Liegel from Culver's for their continued generosity by providing meals and treats for all the participants.



Officer Kate Kalmerton donated her time helping us with the Special Olympic Fundraiser on 8-17-18 @ Dunkin Donuts

DARE/School Liaison Officer/School functions

In 2018, the Portage Community Schools and the City of Portage worked out an agreement to fund a full-time School Resource Officer. A selection process was done and Officer Pete Warning was selected to be the S.R.O. He was introduced to many of the students and staff in December and he officially began his role as S.R.O. on 1-02-19. Officer Dennis Pomeroy will continue to be our DARE Instructor.



Two of the top DARE Essay winners reading their DARE reports.

We continue to support the DARE training in all of the schools in the City of Portage not only for the educational value but for the bonding that takes place between the officer and the students.

- When needed, we supply an officer at dances, football games, basketball games, or other community events.
- We also assist the schools with their Homecoming Parade, the High School graduation and the Project Graduation lock-in. Detective Bob Bagnall, Det. Lt. Dan Garrigan and I attended the new teacher program held in August.
- We are happy to give talks or presentations in the schools on just about any law enforcement related topic. We also give tours of the police department and have students “job-shadow” with police officers.
- We work with four adult crossing guards and they do a very good job for us. Warren Taylor, Bob Griepentrog, Robert Weishoff and Willard Carpenter help protect our kids as they cross the streets before and after school.



Sgt. Ben Neumann & Ares @ Woodridge School



Officer AJ Brauner @ St. John's School

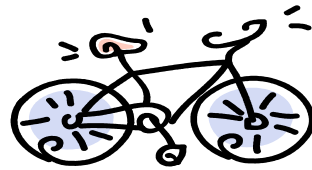


Lt. Rich Hoege played his bagpipes at John Muir and Woodridge Schools on 10-15-18 as part of their "Community Music Mondays"



We gave a tour of the PD and Officer Pomeroy showed the 15 students from Spain (and their two chaperones) one of our squads.

We had our annual bike rodeo on May 5th. Bike helmets were given away; these were donated by the Salvation Army, two bikes were donated by Kiwanis (given away through a drawing) and Divine Savior Hospital/EMS staff helped out with the fitting of the helmets. Children were taught how to ride their bikes safely. A K-9 demonstration was also done. Portage Elks Lodge #675 also assisted with the event.



Trick or Treaters from the Alphabet Express Pre-School paid us a visit again for Halloween; both their morning and afternoon classes. They sang some “spooky” songs and were given some treats and trick or treat bags.



Portage United Methodist Church Fall Rally 9-09-18



L-R Paramedics Kari Moore & Jim McClyman, Fire Inspector Craig Ratz, Lt. Rich Hoege



“SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE” WORK DAY HELD ON 9-22-18

(Making kids’ bunk beds for those who don’t have a bed)

L-R Brian Scheibach, President of SHP-Portage chapter, PFD Lt. Terry Kibby, Core Team Member Mike Statz, Officer AJ Brauner, Core Team Member Sara Shaver, Chief Ken Manthey

Triad/S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law enforcement working Together.)

- We continue to work with TRIAD/SALT. Officer Teresa Johnson and CSO Nicole Lervik are our department liaisons.
- Every spring, a training day is held in the meeting room below City Hall
- Medication collection has taken place due to the partnership formed between TRIAD, Walgreen’s, Portage PD & Divine Savior Healthcare; we also have a drug safe in our lobby where people can drop off prescription medication that is no longer being used
- In October, they had a Senior Safe Afternoon where they get together in the basement of city hall for a nice meal and entertainment.

Spring Drug Collection @ Walgreen's 4-28-18
L-R Jeremiah Angell, Janet Wiegel
EMT Kari Moore, Herb Jones (Triad)
Stacy Davenport, EMT Jim McClyman
Officer Teresa Johnson



Fall Drug Collection @ Walgreen's 10-27-18
Front Row – CSO Nicole Lervik &
Officer Teresa Johnson
Back Row – Herb Jones & EMT Jim
McClyman



Lt. (now Ass't Police Chief) Keith Klafke emptying the drug safe in our lobby on 3-22-18.
This fills up on a regular basis and it helps keep drugs from falling into the
wrong hands or ending up in our wastewater treatment facility.

Regional Sex Offender Notification Team

- Our Sex Offender Notification Team meets monthly and strives to keep the public informed, as soon as possible, of any new released offenders moving into our area. Det. Lt. Garrigan is our department Liaison. Besides Portage PD and the Columbia County Sheriff's Department, the State of WI Probation & Parole, the Department of Corrections, the District Attorney's Office and the Victim-Witness Office make up this team. We also invite Police Chiefs from other communities to attend our meetings if a sex offender is moving into their jurisdiction.

Business Security Checks

- Our patrol officers continue to perform security checks on businesses at night. They will occasionally leave a card informing the business owner that we were checking their business.

Columbia County Crimestoppers:

- We continue to work with Columbia County Crimestoppers. Det. Lt. Garrigan is the liaison for our department
- Crimestoppers continues to help our department solve crimes in and around Portage

Portage Police Chaplains' Program

We continue to be blessed with four Police Chaplains. They are Pastor Alan Boeck, Pastor Scott Dadam, Pastor Scott Schultz and Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy. They were especially helpful to us during two very critical and traumatic incidents; the drowning of a teenage boy at Silver Lake Beach and the death of an infant at a fire at the Historic.



L-R Pastor Scott Schultz, Pastor Alan Boeck, Community Representative & Funeral Director Bob Mendrala, Pastor Scott Dadam, Chaplain Mark Goldsworthy

Fire Calls

- Our officers respond to fire calls and help with traffic control and assist the Portage Fire Department in any way we can. We have a very good working relationship with the fire department.

Special Events:

- We assist in all kinds of special events such as Memorial Day Parade, Canal Day Parade, Taste of Portage, Living Windows, the Holiday Parade and the Holiday Train. Portage can be very proud of all the great activities they offer to the greater Portage area.

Ride-Along Program:

- We offer citizens the opportunity to ride with a police officer. We will first do a brief background check on the person and they must sign a waiver of liability form. This gives the general public a better idea what our police officers do and it especially provides them with some insight in the event they're contemplating becoming a police officer.

LIFESAVING AWARDS:

CONGRATULATIONS RICH, DUAINE (NOT IN PHOTO), ERIC, PETE & BRIAN
FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF A 23 YEAR OLD YOUNG LADY ON 6-10-18;
AWARD PRESENTATION HELD ON 7-12-18



CONGRATULATIONS TO CITIZEN JARED PIERCE FOR HELPING TO SAVE THE
LIFE OF A 25 YEAR OLD WOMAN IN THE WISCONSIN RIVER AS WELL AS
ASSISTING OFFICER BILL CHARLEBOIS & TROOPER JOSHUA TROTH



CONGRATULATIONS OFFICER DENNIS POMEROY AND OFFICER BRIAN
LOEWENHAGEN FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF A 69 YEAR OLD PORTAGE
MAN ON 3-02-18; AWARD PRESENTATION HELD ON 7-12-18



CONGRATULATIONS SGT. MIKE SCHUTZ, COSO K-9 DEPUTY
MIKE SCHULTZ & OFFICER BILL CHARLEBOIS FOR SAVING
THE LIFE OF A 25 YEAR OLD WOMAN ON 4-28-18
(AWARD PRESENTATION HELD ON 5-24-18)



CONGRATULATIONS TROOPER JOSHUA TROTH, OFFICER BILL
CHARLEBOIS, SGT. BRIAN FEHD & OFFICER DENNIS POMEROY FOR SAVING
THE LIFE OF A 25 YEAR OLD WOMAN ON 5-11-18
(AWARD PRESENTATION HELD ON 5-24-18)



DIVINE SAVIOR HOSPITAL TECHNICIAN VANESSA GUERRA WAS PRESENTED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION/CITIZEN BRAVERY AWARD ON 5-24-18 FOR COMING TO THE AID OF SGT. WALTERS & OFFICER BRIAN LOEWENHAGEN ON 4-16-18



OFFICER BILL CHARLEBOIS RECEIVED AN AWARD FROM THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL ON 10-11-18 FOR HIS ROLE IN SAVING A WOMAN FROM DROWNING



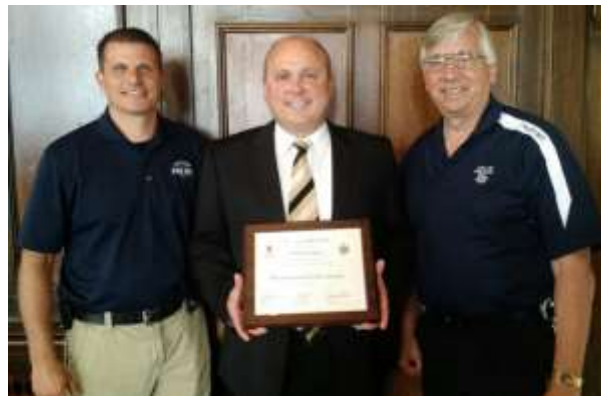
POLICE FAMILY:



Sgt. Mike Schutz and Officer Brian Loewenhagen assisted with the annual “Shop with a Cop” event on 12-01-18



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Service
Chief Manthey, VIPS Leader Bill Maxwell
Ass't Chief Keith Klafke, Officer Brian Loewenhagen



Detective Lt. Dan Garrigan graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement
Command College on 6-08-18



On June 15th, 2018, Detective Jason Stenberg and Citizen Caroline Rittmann were
recognized by the FBI for their invaluable assistance with solving the bank robbery at
Bank Mutual in Portage in September of 2017.

PHOTOS FROM POLICE/FIRE OPEN HOUSE HELD ON 10-13-18





2018 Statistics comparison							
Incident Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Accident	386	442	412	420	411	422	402
Agency Assist	410	412	402	390	376	440	424
Ambulance Calls	788	789	788	892	897	984	971
Alarm Calls	151	194	156	157	171	151	117
Animal Complaints	359	382	408	398	107	68	83
Burglaries	17	18	36	47	43	30	26
Citations (Traffic & Ordinance)	2514	2642	2131	2224	2889	2535	2259
Criminal Damage/Property	54	68	59	80	80	90	63
De-Tox	23	11	15	9	9	22	11
Disturbance	201	160	143	115	82	100	89
Found Property	220	215	201	207	235	213	224
Lost Property	53	47	42	52	72	95	80
Mental Commitment	42	28	25	44	54	44	39
Motorist Assists	87	149	154	140	172	132	147
OWI Arrests	114	72	60	81	155	139	166
Probation/Parole Arrests	147	119	132	169	211	216	182
Suspicious Activity	361	347	343	329	318	345	311
Suspicious Person	105	99	83	115	136	131	131
Suspicious Vehicle	43	75	74	94	82	72	78
Telephone Harassment	28	26	25	29	10	13	6
Theft – Bicycle	14	18	21	9	9	5	9
Theft – From Motor Vehicle	26	47	45	86	57	39	32
Theft – Motor Vehicle	5	6	10	13	22	4	12
Truancy – Habitual	41	43	18	102	99	52	51
Warnings	1426	962	1388	2666	2891	1761	1915
Warrant Arrests	153	183	178	223	227	232	224
Welfare Checks	502	470	523	611	690	639	644

In summary, we once again had a very busy year. I am very proud of our department. We have a very dedicated staff that does their best to fulfill our mission statement every day. ***“Protecting our community and its quality of life by delivering exceptional law enforcement services.”***

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Manthey

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Chief of Police 2-08-19