

# 2014 Annual Report



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# DODGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mayor, Todd Novak  
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Commissioners, Dodgeville - Police and Fire Commission

April 8, 2015

Dear Citizens, Mayor, Council Members and Commissioners,

The Dodgeville Police Department experienced a great deal of change in 2014. The retirement of former Chief, David Kieffer, left vacancies that would carry over into the following year. The Chief of Police position was filled with an internal candidate, which also left another supervisory position unfilled. The department continued its involvement with a multi-jurisdictional drug task force and with the Dodgeville School District which accounted for 1.25 FTE positions. Our volume of calls was slightly decreased from previous years and we saw noticeable reduction in quality of life offenses. (Disorderly Conduct, Harassment, etc)

The calendar year of 2014 brought was plagued by stories of police involved shootings and racial bias. The most prominent incident was the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Included in this report are statistics on the traffic and municipal offenses handled by the department and the age, sex and race of those persons involved. I report that our enforcement statistics show comparable percentages to our demographics. It is important to note that because of the small sampling; even one citation can move the percentages positively or negatively.

The State of Wisconsin and our local drug units continued to battle Heroin in 2014. It was not limited to any socio-economic group as the death of Philip Seymour Hoffman, a high profile actor, would attest. The police department and drug task force changed our procedures in handling these cases and began an aggressive campaign of public informational meetings to combat the drug.

The department finished the year with some projects that invested in the computer infrastructure that will allow for the additional load of increased video and audio storage. We continued to look for ways to create efficiencies in services that we provide and the services that we use. There were unforeseen costs at the end of the year, but measures were taken to contain them. These measures allowed for the department to again, come in under budget for the year 2014. This report and services provided would not be possible without the hard work and professionalism shown by members of the department. If you have questions, please contact me at 608-935-3238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Bauer".

David J. Bauer, Chief of Police

## Dodgeville, WI Data & Demographics (As of July 1, 2014)

The figures on the next three pages are unverified but represent data found on various internet sites.

### POPULATION

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>4,622</u>
<u>Population in Households</u>	<u>4,558</u>
<u>Population in Families</u>	<u>3,641</u>
<u>Population in Group Qtrts</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>Population Density<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1,188</u>
<u>Diversity Index<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>11</u>

### HOUSEHOLDS

<u>Total Households</u>	<u>1,950</u>
<u>Average Household Size</u>	<u>2.34</u>
<u>Family Households</u>	<u>1,247</u>
<u>Average Family Size</u>	<u>3</u>

### HOUSING

<u>Total Housing Units</u>	<u>2,117 (100%)</u>
<u>Owner Occupied HU</u>	<u>1,274 (60.2%)</u>
<u>Renter Occupied HU</u>	<u>676 (31.9%)</u>
<u>Vacant Housing Units</u>	<u>167 ( 7.9%)</u>
<u>Median Home Value</u>	<u>\$116,084</u>
<u>Average Home Value</u>	<u>\$135,451</u>

### INCOME

<u>Median Household Income</u>	<u>\$52,027</u>
<u>Average Household Income</u>	<u>\$57,249</u>
<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>\$23,947</u>

### (Compound Annual Growth Rates)

<u>GROWTH RATES</u>	<u>2010-2014</u>	<u>2014-2019</u>
<u>Population</u>	<u>-0.36%</u>	<u>-0.23%</u>
<u>Households</u>	<u>-0.18%</u>	<u>-0.15%</u>
<u>Families</u>	<u>0.34%</u>	<u>-0.26%</u>
<u>Median Household Income</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1.61%</u>
<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.45%</u>

## 2014 Population %

Crime	Dodgeville, WI	United States
People	Dodgeville, WI	United States
Female Population	56.25%	50.83%
Male Population	43.75%	49.18%
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE</b>		
Age 0 to 4	6.18%	6.51%
Age 5 to 9	5.11%	6.57%
Age 10 to 14	8.88%	6.68%
Age 15 to 17	4.39%	4.17%
Age 18 to 20	2.91%	4.45%
Age 21 to 24	5.80%	5.52%
Age 25 to 34	11.55%	13.32%
Age 35 to 44	11.36%	13.34%
Age 45 to 54	15.58%	14.44%
Age 55 to 59	7.21%	6.37%
Age 60 to 64	4.77%	5.48%
Age 65 to 74	8.56%	7.12%
Age 75 to 84	5.33%	4.25%
Age 85 and over	2.38%	1.78%
<b>RACE</b>		
White	96.88%	74.17%
Black	0.79%	12.56%
Asian	0.71%	4.81%
Native American	0.00%	0.82%
Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.17%
Other	0.36%	4.79%
Two or More Races	1.26%	2.68%
Hispanic	1.78%	16.35%
Non-Hispanic	98.22%	83.65%
Violent Crime	41.3	41.4
Property Crime	44.5	43.5

\*Data located at [www.bestplaces.net](http://www.bestplaces.net)

Dodgeville, WI, violent crime, on a scale from 1 (low crime) to 100, is 41. Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The US average is 41.4.

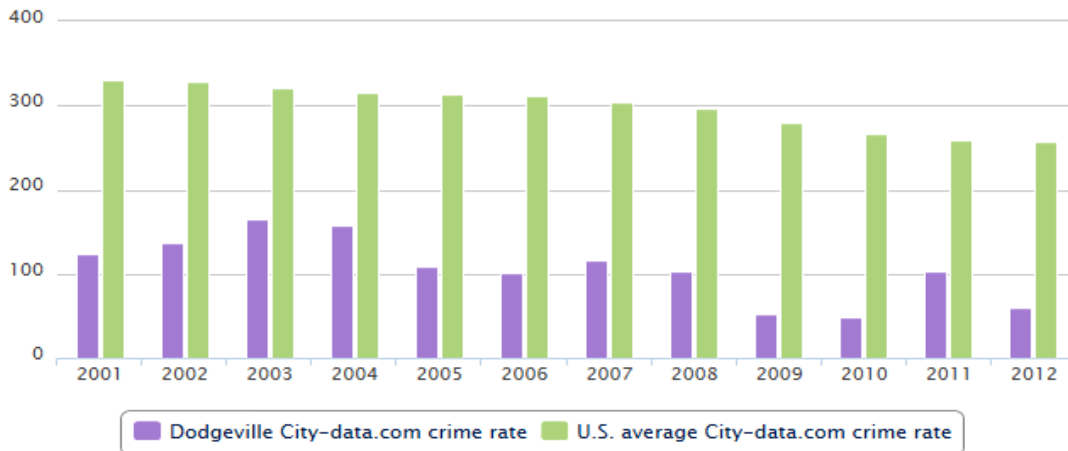
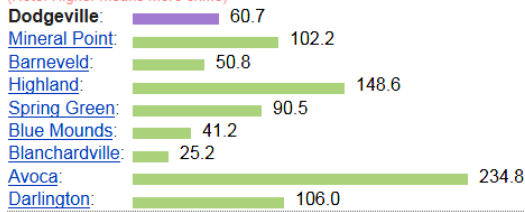
Dodgeville, WI, property crime, on a scale from 1 (low) to 100, is 45. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The US average is 43.5.

Crime rates in Dodgeville by Year												
Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Murders</b> (per 100,000)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
<b>Rapes</b> (per 100,000)	0 (0.0)	1 (23.4)	2 (44.4)	1 (21.5)	0 (0.0)	1 (20.8)	1 (21.8)	2 (44.1)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (21.2)	0 (0.0)
<b>Robberies</b> (per 100,000)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (43.7)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
<b>Assaults</b> (per 100,000)	5 (117.8)	4 (93.4)	11 (244.0)	10 (214.8)	2 (42.0)	2 (41.2)	1 (21.8)	6 (132.3)	1 (19.8)	0 (0.0)	9 (191.0)	5 (108.8)
<b>Burglaries</b> (per 100,000)	8 (188.2)	8 (188.9)	17 (377.1)	5 (107.4)	6 (125.9)	6 (123.5)	10 (213.5)	6 (132.3)	10 (197.5)	4 (88.7)	10 (212.2)	8 (170.8)
<b>Thefts</b> (per 100,000)	103 (2,423.5)	109 (2,546.1)	87 (1,829.9)	132 (2,835.1)	121 (2,539.3)	98 (2,017.3)	99 (2,183.0)	57 (1,297.2)	57 (1,125.8)	49 (1,088.2)	61 (1,294.3)	41 (874.4)
<b>Auto thefts</b> (per 100,000)	7 (184.7)	5 (116.8)	5 (110.9)	3 (64.4)	5 (104.9)	4 (82.3)	1 (21.8)	1 (22.1)	0 (0.0)	4 (88.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (42.7)
<b>Arson</b> (per 100,000)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	N/A	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (21.2)	0 (0.0)
<b>City-data.com crime rate (higher means more crime, U.S. average = 298.9)</b>	124.4	136.9	166.7	157.8	107.7	102.2	117.4	104.3	53.2	48.1	103.2	60.7

City-data.com crime rate counts serious crimes and violent crime more heavily. It adjusts for the number of visitors and daily workers commuting into cities.

According to our research of Wisconsin and other state lists there [were 20 registered sex offenders living in Dodgeville, Wisconsin](#) as of March 25, 2015. The ratio of number of residents in Dodgeville to the number of sex offenders is 72 to 1.

See how dangerous Dodgeville, WI is compared to nearest cities:  
(Note: Higher means more crime)



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Full-time law enforcement employees in 2012, including police officers: **11 (10 officers)**.  
 Officers per 1,000 residents here: **2.13**  
 Wisconsin average: **2.22**

## Mission

We, the members of the Dodgeville Police Department are committed to serve citizens in our community in a respectful and professional manner. We strive to achieve public trust and safety through community partnerships with a dedication toward improving the quality of life for all.

## Organizational Values

Human Life – We value human life above all. We will defend it with reasonable force if necessary.

Respect – We value respect, through fair and impartial deployment of our police services.

Integrity – We believe that character is the foundation of our value system and its preservation.

Team Work – We believe strength is derived from its employees and each is valuable to achieve goals.

Accountability – We believe accountability preserves the basic tenants of our organizational values.

## Structure

### Elected

#### Mayor and Common Council 2014

Mayor Todd D. Novak

Shaun Sersch

Larry Forseth

Mark James

Jeff “Potsie” Weber

Dan Meuer

Jerry Johnson

Mike Borne

Kim Ross

### Appointed

#### Police and Fire Commission

Robert Zimmerman

Jerry Whitford

Robert Kratchowill

Diane Messer

Carol Gates

Alternate - John Pipal

## Command Officers

Under the general direction of the Mayor, Common Council, and Dodgeville Police and Fire Commission, the Chief of Police is responsible for planning through policy development, coordinating, supervising, and evaluating all police department operations. Lieutenant David Pope is second in command and is responsible for directing investigations. He also performs the task of scheduling and insuring that training requirements are met by the staff.

## Promotions



**Chief of Police - David Bauer** - Promotion Date – November 5, 2014  
Serving Since: June 1988

David Bauer started his career as a Police Officer for the Prairie du Chien Police Department in 1988. He was hired as a Dodgeville Officer 1990 and promoted to Sergeant 2005. His responsibilities within the Law Enforcement community have included; Iowa County Emergency Response team, narcotics investigator with the Richland Iowa Grant Drug Task Force, Community Resource Officer, Fox Reporting System steering committee, Information Technologies, and grant writing. He has attended many Supervisory and Specialized courses, including Problem Solving Policing. Chief Bauer has been active in the community in both government and service organizations, by representing the City of Dodgeville and County of Iowa.

## Retirements



**David E. Kieffer** - Retirement Date – October 3, 2014

David Kieffer completed nearly eleven years of service in Dodgeville as Chief of Police. He served in US Army 1970 for two years. He was employed at the Platteville Police Department (30 years) where he served as a Captain. He then went to the Iowa County Sheriff's Office (1 year) where he served as Chief Deputy prior to accepting the Chief's position at Dodgeville in 2003.

## Support Staff – Confidential Secretary

Jennie Sigg provides support at the direction of the Chief and Lieutenant with respect to parking, purchasing, reporting, records maintenances, transcription, projects and customer service.

## Sergeant and Police Officers

The Sergeant and Police Officers provide a wide variety of services to citizens and our community. The Sergeant supervises police officer reports and misdemeanor crimes. The majority of Police Officers' tasks include community service calls, traffic enforcement, initial investigations, and patrol. The full time officers include Max Hofkes, Jerron Wetter, Rose Shriver, Joseph Pepper, Nathan Forrest, Todd Oellerich and Brandon Wilhelm. We had two part time officers working and they are Nathan Birdsill and Joshua Rider.

Duties include:

- Enforcement of state statutes, local ordinances, and traffic laws
- General Investigations to pursue matters of criminal conduct
- Patrol of the City to detect criminal or traffic activity and provide a police presence
- Member of the Richland-Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force which conducts investigations of drug related incidents in a three county area.
- Liaison with the Dodgeville School District to provide education and assistance to the school system in an attempt to divert young person from the criminal justice system.
- Preventative efforts that act as a deterrence by nature.
- Community involvement and education where officers engage community members through supportive efforts and being visible in a non-enforcement environment

## Training

The delivery of quality police service to the community requires that officers be trained in a wide variety of tasks. The problems that face every officer and police manager today and the decisions they have to make are growing in complexity in direct relation to the issues in society today. The laws we enforce are constantly changing and the decisions concerning police action in relation to the laws and the Constitution are interpreted and then reinterpreted on a regular basis. With this goal in mind, the following goals and objectives are viewed as essential.

- In-Service Training – 24 hours per year classroom training per officer is the required minimum an officer must achieve in order to remain certified. 24 hours of in-service training fulfills the recommendation of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 165.85 concerning in-service training.
- Firearms Training – includes pistol, rifle, shotgun, and other equipment. All sworn officers are required to demonstrate shooting competency with a minimum level of expertise as specified by state

standards on an annual basis. In addition, all officers are required to demonstrate a complete grasp of the laws and policies governing the use of department firearms.

- Advanced Vehicle Operation/Pursuit Training is a bi-annual requirement and provides skills in vehicle operation and methods of bringing vehicles to a stop that minimize the risk to the officer and other motorists.

### **Specialized Training received in 2014**

#### **Patrol Officer Response to Street Drugs**

Drug abuse recognition system using pupil meter cards and pupil lights, drug physiology and pharmacology, drug identification and methods of use, recognition of drug signs and symptoms, drug paraphernalia, dangers of confronting subjects under the influence, legal issues and coverage of all areas of warrantless searches, clandestine lab recognition and drug distribution techniques.

#### **Operation RUSH**

Trains officers to look beyond the traffic stop and detect criminal activity. Training included topics on legal update, current drug trends, roadside interviews, hands on vehicle searches, and the use of K9's during traffic stops.

#### **Prescription Drug Crimes Training**

Prescription Drug Identification and Trends, Lawful Prescribing, Abuse and Diversion, Major Case Study, RX Patrol were covered in this training.

#### **Identity Theft Seminar**

Most common methods used to steal identities, how criminals use the stolen information, actions consumers can take to protect their information, and what to do if you are a victim of identity theft.

#### **Death Investigation School**

Courses include the Detection and recovery of buried bodies, identification of human remains, determination of how, when, and where the victim died, and who, if anyone, was responsible for their death. All commonly encountered means of death are discussed including firearms, poison, sharp and blunt force, asphyxiation, and fire/explosives.

#### **Crisis management and Executive Training Series**

Agency leadership, agency management issues, latest trends in crisis management and interagency cooperation.

### **2014 IN REVIEW**

Significant policing events and commitments include:

- Police concluded a Drug Investigation which caused charges to be sought against a male subject for Delivery of large quantities of marijuana. The sales were extensive and involved tens of thousands of dollars.
- An extensive informational campaign was begun in the tri-county area to combat Heroin as overdose reports continue.
- Community Resource Officer – The City and the Dodgeville School District continues to meet the objective of providing a safe environment for learning in schools.
- Management constantly reviews efficiencies in the use of City – Police resources.
- Policy changes and ordinances are updated to meet the changing demands on the Police Department and to gain compliance with case law and legislation, both Federal and State.

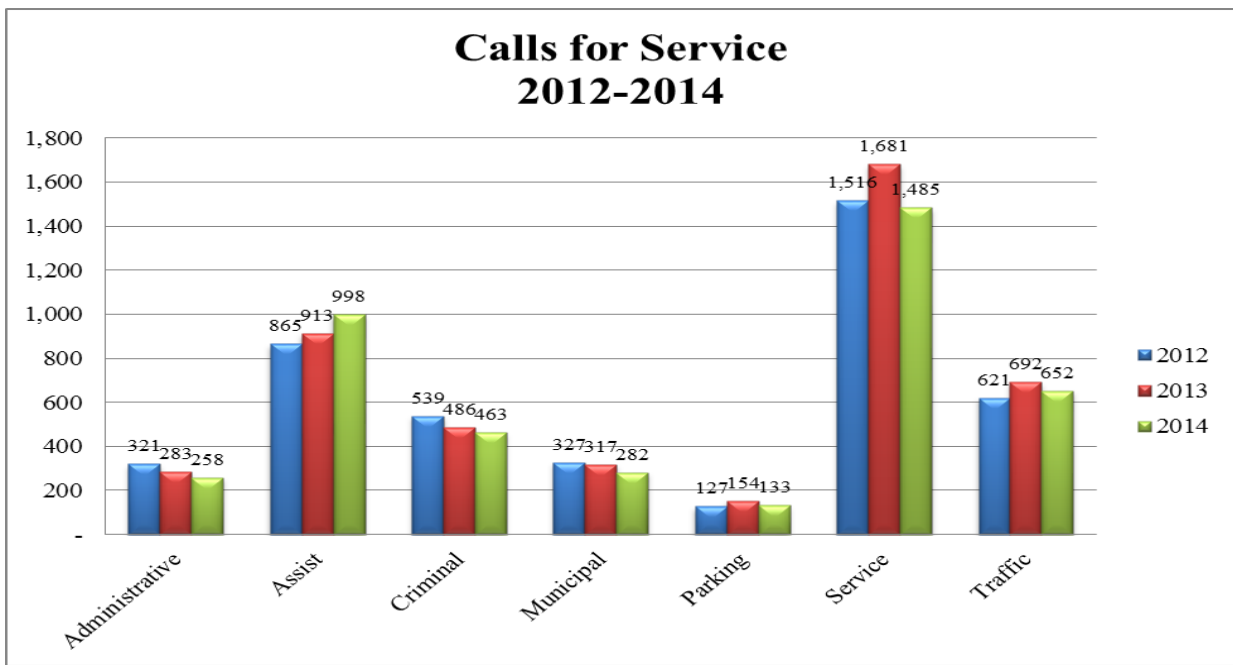


- The police department created a Face Book page to provide additional ways of connecting with the public we serve.

### 2014 Patrol Grants

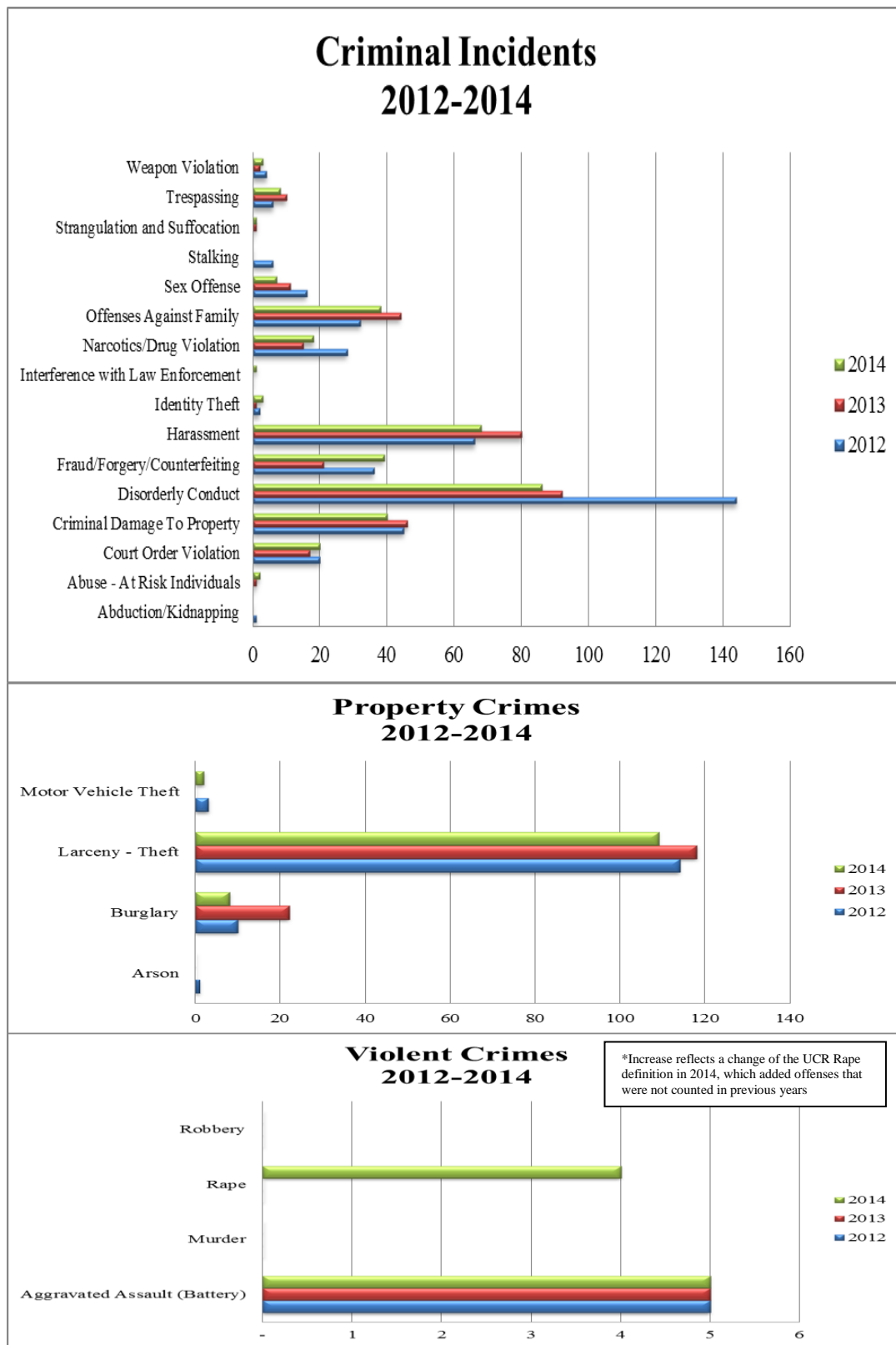
Grants included Highway Safety - Eligibility required participation on the part of patrol in three initiatives: Seat Belt, “Click It or Ticket”, OWI enforcement, “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”, “Booze and Belts”. Participation in the program made us eligible for a grant award. The department also participated in grant funding for digital-trunking radio equipment through the Iowa County Daily User Radio Grant. This grant is funded by Federal Homeland Security funds and is administered by Wisconsin Emergency Management. The proceeds from both grants will be used to replace portable radios used by the patrol staff.

### Operations

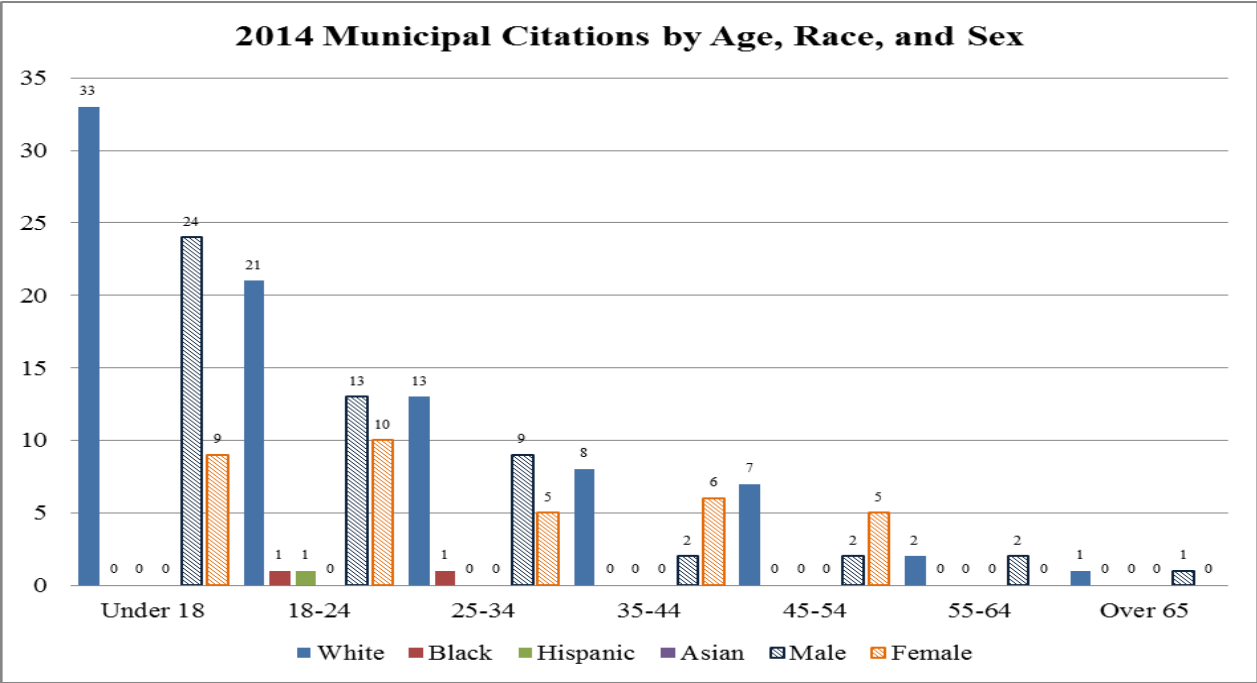


Data from Dodgeville Police records

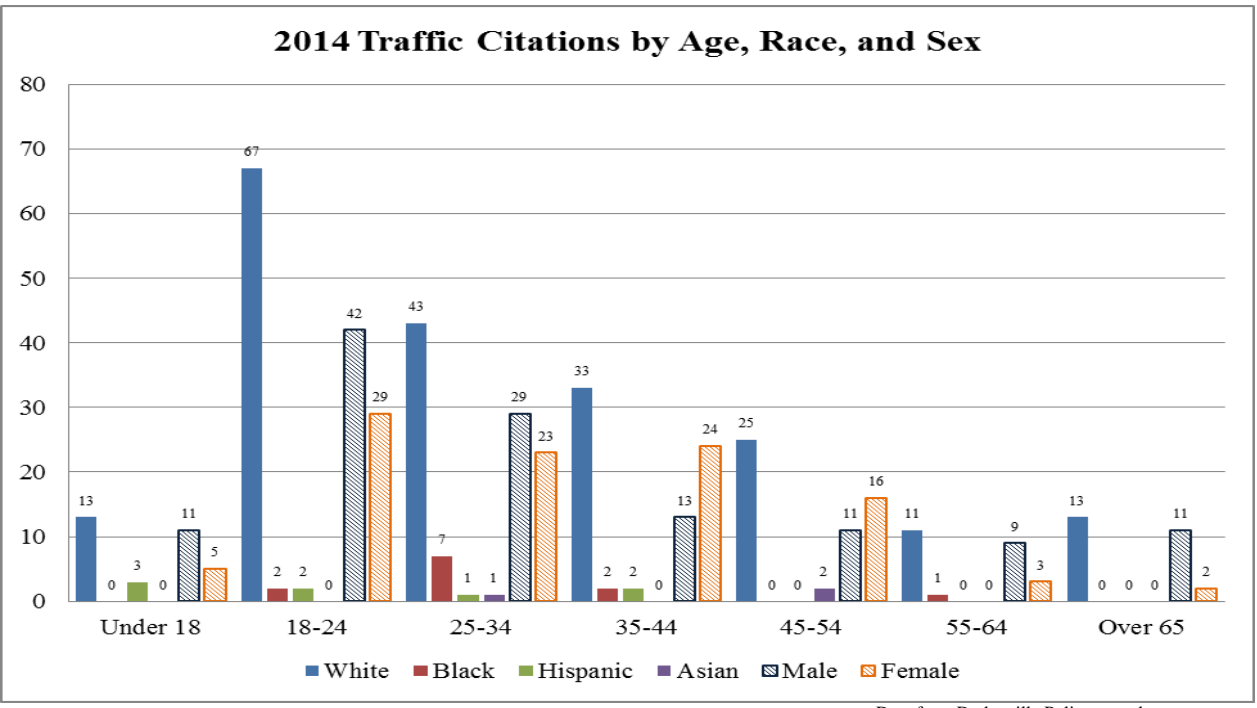
1. Administrative – Some of the functions provided by the Department involve licensing and permitting of activities to provide for the lawful and efficient monitoring of those persons performing the services. In addition, this group of activities also covers internal functions as it pertains to the routing of information and investigative reports.
2. Assist – The police department partners with many groups and organization to provide public services. These groups include the courts, social services, probation and parole as well as other law enforcement agencies and emergency services. It is only within these relationships that we can successfully provide the level of services that we do.
3. Criminal – The two primary methods of crime prevention are developed through effective patrol and establishing good public relations. Services provided by the department range from patrol tactics to prevent crimes from happening and investigations of criminal acts that have happened. The City of Dodgeville operates a 24/7 police force in an effort to provide a presence to give the criminals less opportunity to commit crimes and increase the opportunity for crimes to be detected.



4. Municipal– it is an officer’s responsibility to have a good working knowledge of the laws and ordinances of the State and City and to enforce those laws that are part of community norms when and where appropriate. Municipal Codes allows the officers to use discretion for the purpose of gaining compliance with law, using the least restrictive method. Regular patrol of known and potential trouble areas and supervision of special events help to ensure safety through planning.

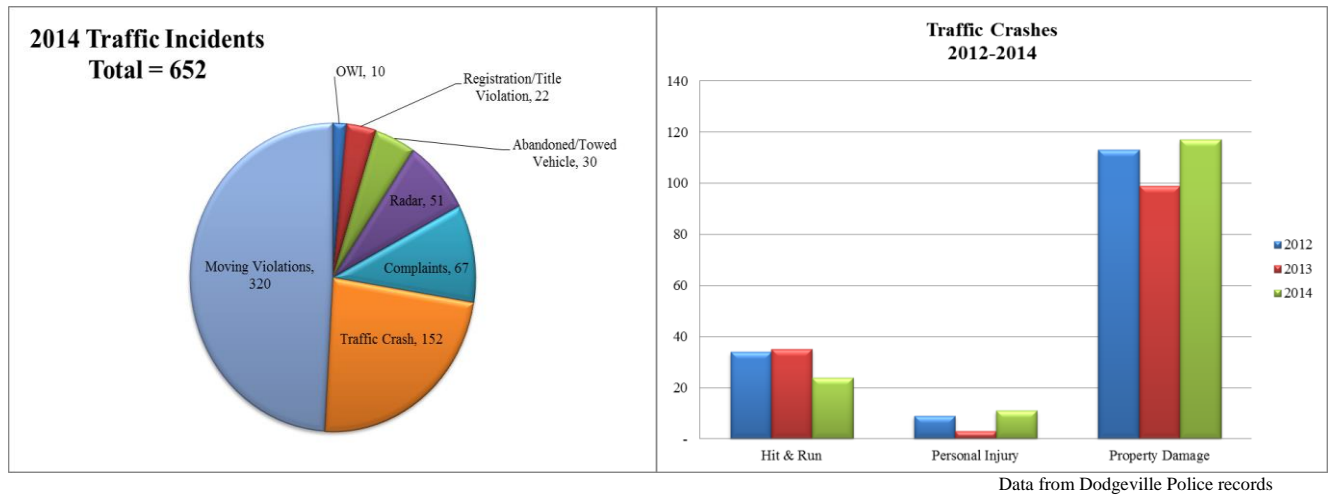


5. **Public Service** – the core ideal behind law enforcement is to provide fair and impartial serve the public. The action of the police officer in performing his/her duties is directed at fostering a safe community environment and to reduce or minimize any fear that the public may be experiencing from social disorder. By using the Police strategies as a tool to accomplish these goals and through effective problem solving techniques, a police officer has a genuine ability to effectively address problems within their community. Also, officers are encouraged to make contacts between themselves and citizens to create an open line of communication. This free flow of information provides an opportunity for citizens to share information with the police on community concerns.

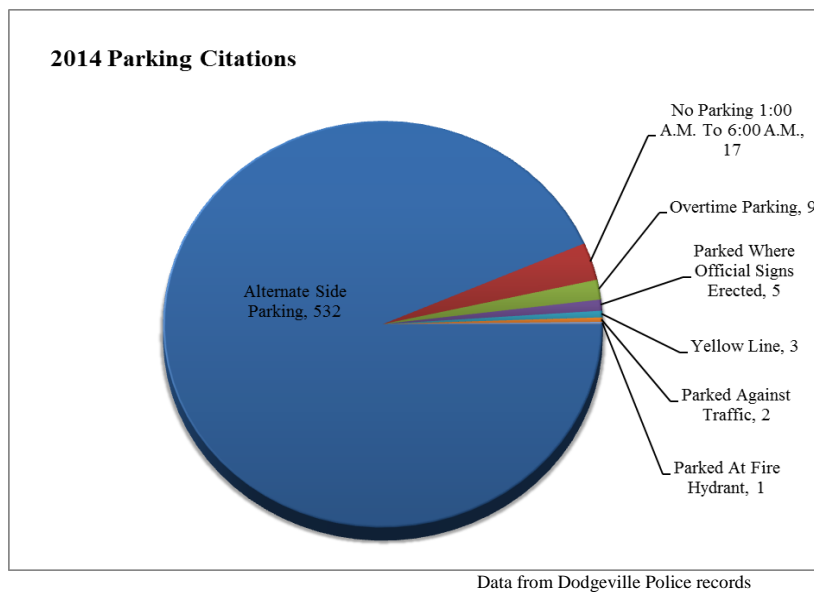


6. **Traffic** – This year the City of Dodgeville and the State of Wisconsin had the lowest number of traffic fatalities in 71 years. It is reported that there were only 491 traffic fatalities in 2014, which was 36 lower than the previous year. Dodgeville helped bring traffic safety to the forefront by again

participating in Click it or Ticket, Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over, and Booze and Belts. As a result of our dedication, the police department has been awarded a \$4000.00 grant for equipment, which will be used to purchase new portable radios.



7. **Parking Enforcement** – It is essential to enforce parking restrictions as we all share the use of roadways and public parking space. This comes in the form of 2 hour parking downtown, handicap parking and others. Alternate side parking is a significant factor in allowing for efficient snow removal, which allows for less expenditure of tax dollars. Parking compliance contributes to public safety.



**Acknowledgements:**

The Department would like to thank Mayor Novak, the common council and the citizens of Dodgeville for providing the necessary resources to fulfill our mission. I would also like to thank Administrative Assistant, Jennie Sigg for compiling and graphing the local data contained in this report.