

2019 Annual Report



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April 17th, 2020

Dear Citizens, Mayor, Council Members and Commissioners,

The Dodgeville Police Department continues to experience staffing changes in 2019. We had a resignation of an officer that was with us for approximately 1 ½ years. The resignation was not due to working conditions but in response to starting a new life with her fiancée. We did replace the position with a full-time officer in October. The position was filled after we went through a hiring process that produced no viable candidates. We continue to have a depleted part-time staff as candidates seek full-time options instead of part-time opportunities. 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 increased from the previous year by 2.85%, with a 1.35% increase to complaints which were classified as crimes.

The calendar year of 2019 was plagued by stories of continued mass shootings throughout the country. Emergency planning is an ongoing discussion in how to best prepare for these types of events. Locally, we were dealing with the increased use of vaping materials by juveniles and disrupted traffic patterns caused by the USH 151 reconstruction. We also worked on several projects and plans to deal with safety at events as well as the safety of our employees.

The department and our local drug units seemed to see a shift in drug trends in 2019. The area was plagued by Heroin over the last several years, but this seemed to shift somewhat to methamphetamines in the recent months. Both drugs are dangerous and hazardous, but heroin has a higher mortality rate. We also saw an increase in violence throughout the area in crimes related to marijuana. This is not something we have seen in a decade or more.

The department finished the year with a substantial camera project that placed cameras on intersections and other public locations. This system has already paid dividends by providing historical and real time data which assisted in the identity and capture of a subject for stalking and armed robbery. This investment in cameras and the computer and radio system were additional costs that were taken out of a carryover that had been created over several years. The department again, came in under budget for the year 2019. This report and the 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.

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, 2019)

The figures on this page is unverified but represent data found on various internet sites.

POPULATION		HOUSING	
Total Population	4,870	Total Housing Units	2,187 (100%)
Population in Households	4,815	Owner Occupied HU	1,267 (57.9%)
Population in Families	3,818	Renter Occupied HU	769 (35.2%)
Population in Group Qtrs	55	Vacant Housing Units	151 (6.9%)
Population Density	1,201	Median Home Value	\$175,373
Diversity Index ¹	13	Housing Affordability Index ²	146
INCOME		HOUSEHOLDS	
Median Household Income	\$60,070	Total Households	2,036
Average Household Income	\$78,256	Average Household Size	2.36
Per Capita Income	\$32,416	Family Households	1,292
Wealth Index ³	79	Average Family Size	3

NOTES

1. The Diversity Index is a scale of 0 to 100 that represents the likelihood that two persons, chosen at random from the same area, belong to different race or ethnic groups. If an area's entire population belongs to one race AND one ethnic group, then the area has zero diversity. An area's diversity index increases to 100 when the population is evenly divided into two or more race/ethnic groups.
2. The Housing Affordability Index base is 100 and represents a balance point where a resident with a median household income can normally qualify to purchase a median price home. Values above 100 indicate increased affordability, while values below 100 indicate decreased affordability.
3. The Wealth Index is based on a number of indicators of affluence including average household income and average net worth, but it also includes the value of material possessions and resources. It represents the wealth of the area relative to the national level. Values above or below 100 represent above-average wealth or below-average wealth compared to the national level.

GROWTH RATE / YEAR	2010-2019	2019-2024
Population	0.06%	0.14%
Households	0.11%	0.15%
Families	0.19%	0.05%
Median Household Income		2.81%
Per Capita Income		2.51%

Dodgeville, WI - Peer Comparisons by Rank and Percentile

The table below compares Dodgeville to the other 778 incorporated cities, towns and CDPs in Wisconsin by rank and percentile using July 1, 2019 data. The location Ranked # 1 has the highest value. A location that ranks higher than 75% of its peers would be in the 75th percentile of the peer group.

Variable Description	Rank	Percentile
Total Population	# 155	80th
Population Density	# 176	78th
Diversity Index	# 460	41st
Median Household Income	# 314	60th
Per Capita Income	# 227	71st

Full-time law enforcement employees in 2018, including police officers: 10 (10 officers).
Officers per 1,000 residents here: 2.11 - Wisconsin average: 2.15

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Dodgeville-Wisconsin.html>

Mission

"To protect and serve, in partnership with our community, through integrity and compassion."

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 2019

Mayor Todd D. Novak
Shaun Sersch
Larry Tremelling
Roxanne Reynolds-Lair
Tom Devoss
Dan Meuer
Jerry Johnson
Mike Borne
Cody Mainwaring

Appointed

Police and Fire Commission

Robert Kratochwill
Mary McKinley
Diane Messer
Marie Fralick
Mike Humke
Alternate - John Pipal
Patrick Forsyth

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 Brandon Wilhelm is second in command and is responsible for directing investigations. He also performs the task of scheduling and ensuring that training requirements are met by the staff.



New Hire

Officer - Shane Groom - Hire Date – October 14, 2019

Shane Groom was hired out of the SWTC law enforcement academy in October. This is Officer's Groom's second career and we welcome him to our team. He has completed his field training and is assuming his full-time duties under his probationary status.

Resignation



Officer Whitney Wiederholt - Resignation Date – May 5, 2019

Officer Whitney Wiederholt joined the police department in 2017 after a previous career in retail. Unfortunately, she decided to leave the department in 2019 to take a job with the Shawano County Sheriff's Office. Officer Wiederholt will be missed but we wish her well with her new life and recent fiancée.

Support Staff – Confidential Secretary

Roseann Rossing and Amy Michek provide support at the direction of the Chief and Lieutenant with respect to parking citations, purchasing, reporting, records maintenances, transcription, projects and customer service. Roseann has been with the department since 2015 and Amy was added in April of 2019.

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 Sergeant Jerron Wetter, Joseph Pepper, Nathan Birdsill, David Brennum, Blake Weier, Jared Weier, Cody Durni and Shane Groom. We have two part time officers working and they are David Pope and Todd Oellerich.

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 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. Dodgeville Officers averaged 56 training hours per Officer in 2019.
- 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 2019

Read, Recognize and Respond

Officers develop a thorough understanding of human nature and how effective communication skills can be utilized to effectively **read** body language, detect deception and **recognize** pre-attack indicators.

Less Lethal and Vehicle Contacts Instructor Training

The department continues to further the training of officers so they can become instructors and provide critical training to our officers in the area of vehicle stops and less lethal munition training.

Internet Crimes Against Children Seminar

Highly specialized training focused on the investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated crimes against children. We were recently recognized for our 10-year partnership with the Department of Justice in this effort.

ALERT training

Officers participated in Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training which prepares officers to respond to active shooter scenarios and other emergency response situations.

Solving Homicides: Investigative Steps to Success

The course provided the participants with knowledge, tools and investigative steps necessary to conduct thorough investigations.

Dark Web Investigations

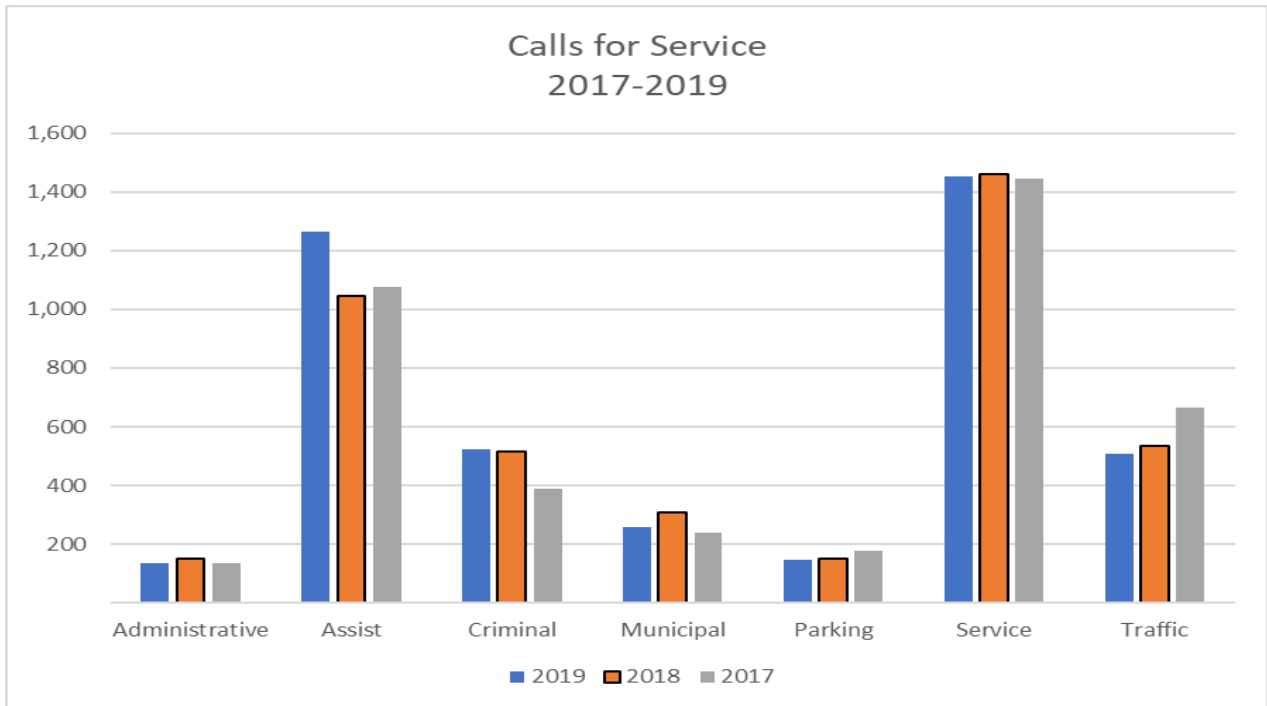
The course provided the participants with knowledge, tools and investigative steps to conduct investigations into the part of the World Wide Web that is only accessible by means of special software, allowing users and website operators to remain anonymous or untraceable.

2019 IN REVIEW

Significant policing events and commitments include:

- An extensive public camera system was put in place that monitored public spaces and traffic areas.
- Community Resource Officer – The City and the Dodgeville School District continues to meet the objective of providing a safe environment for learning in schools.
- The department worked with many challenges relating to the detour of USH 18.
- The department purchased an aeroclave device, along with EMS, to provide decontamination of vehicles and workplaces.
- An extensive investigation into a burglary within the City in which over \$30,000 worth of property was taken from a residence, resulted in over thirty Criminal and Felony charges between seven individuals. This investigation was completed by utilizing multiple investigatory methods including digital forensics, fingerprint analysis, DNA, interviewing and canvassing. The subsequent arrests were a direct result of the culmination of countless hours of investigation.
- An arrest was made from a 2017 case regarding the delivery of a controlled substance that resulted in the death of a Mississippi resident who had been staying at a hotel in the City of Dodgeville. With a request in July for assistance from the US Marshalls, Nicole Gordon, was arrested in October in the State of Arizona and extradited to Wisconsin on charges of Reckless Homicide by Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

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 which provides a presence to give the criminals less opportunity to commit crimes and increases 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 Lt. Brandon Wilhelm for compiling local data contained in this report.