

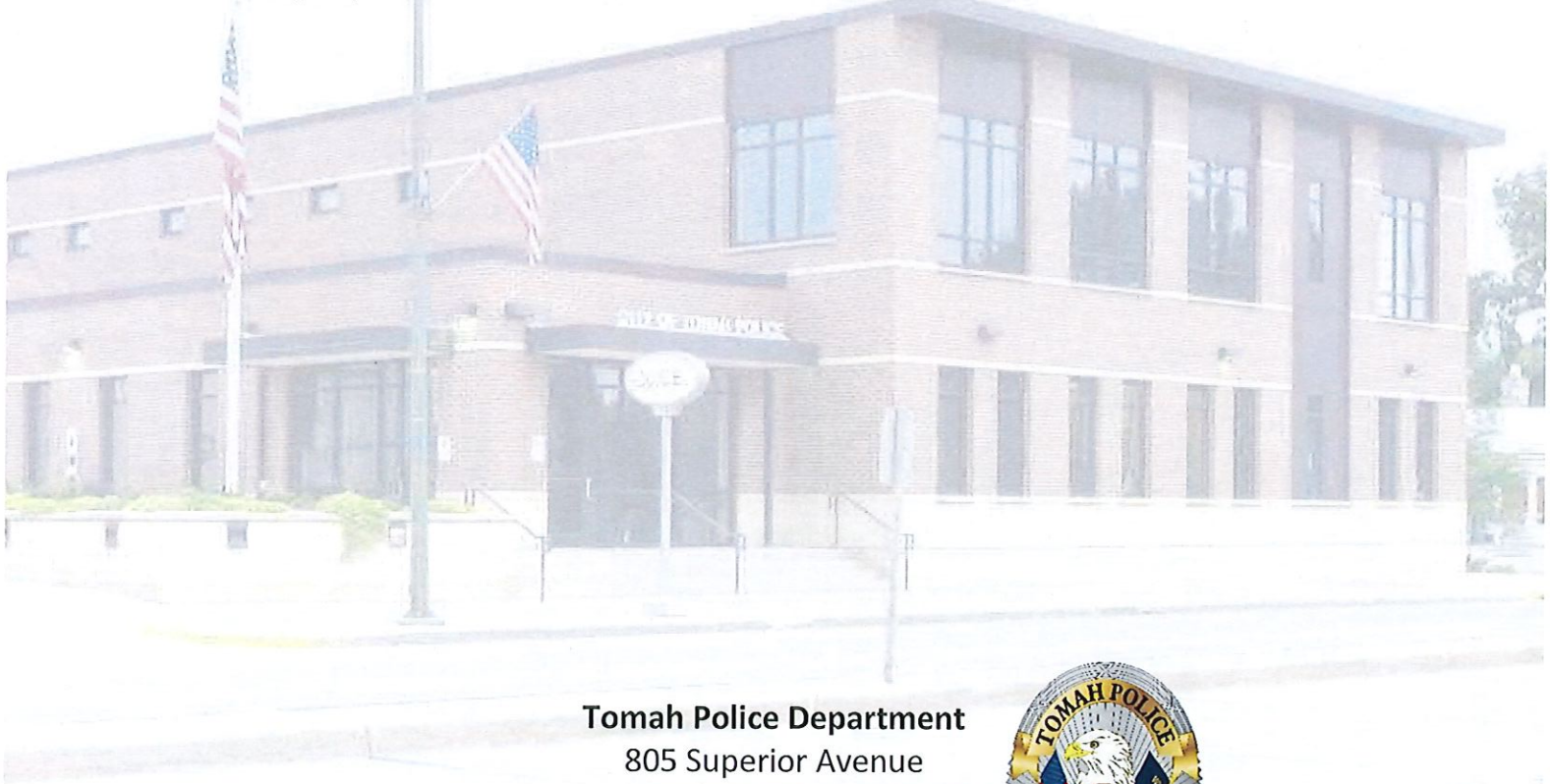
2023

Annual Report



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VISION STATEMENT

The Tomah Police Department is devoted to reducing crime, ensuring public safety, and protecting property while operating within the framework of the U.S. Constitution. Through problem solving and dedicated leadership, we will continue to deliver high quality police services to our community. We are determined to develop and strengthen our relationships within the community by employing educated, highly trained professionals that hold themselves to the highest standards.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Tomah Police Department is committed to providing professional and ethical police services to the public. We will treat all with dignity and respect, while serving with integrity and honor.

CORE VALUES

Professionalism in our interactions with the public and our colleagues.

Integrity through upholding strong moral standards.

Service with a commitment to help our community.

Character by using sound judgment in every aspect of our lives.



CITY COUNCIL

Michael Murray
John Glynn

Mayor
President of the Council

ALDERPERSONS

Travis Scholze
Richard Yarrington
John Glynn
Shawn Zabinski
Nicole Hart
Lamont Kiefer
Nellie Pater
Dean Peterson

First Aldermanic District
Second Aldermanic District
Third Aldermanic District
Fourth Aldermanic District
Fifth Aldermanic District
Sixth Aldermanic District
Seventh Aldermanic District
Eighth Aldermanic District

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Darren Price
John Cram
Dennis Koranda
Oakley Moser
Jeremy Weyer

Commission Chair
Commission Vice Chair
Commission Secretary
Commissioner
Commissioner





PERSONNEL

As of January 1, 2024



OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Scott Holum—Police Chief

Rhonda Culpitt—Admin Assistant

SWORN PERSONNEL

Eric Pedersen—Assistant Police Chief

Jarrod Furlano—Patrol Lieutenant

Paul Sloan—Investigative Lieutenant

Adam Perkins—Sergeant / K9 Handler

Wilbert Steinborn—Sergeant

Cody Paulson—Sergeant

Brandon Kuhn—Sergeant

Delaney Goodenough—Sergeant

Brittnay Westpfahl—Investigator

Lindsey Stoughtenger—Investigator

Melanie Marshall—School Resource

Steve Keller—Patrol Officer

Brennon Scallon—Patrol Officer

Alex Brueggeman—Patrol Officer

Justice Blackhawk—Patrol Officer

Jayden Olson—Patrol Officer

Audra Gomez—Patrol Officer

John Reigel—Patrol Officer

Ethan Pedersen—Patrol Officer

Brandon Bellacero – Police Recruit

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

Ashley Bankhead—Clerk

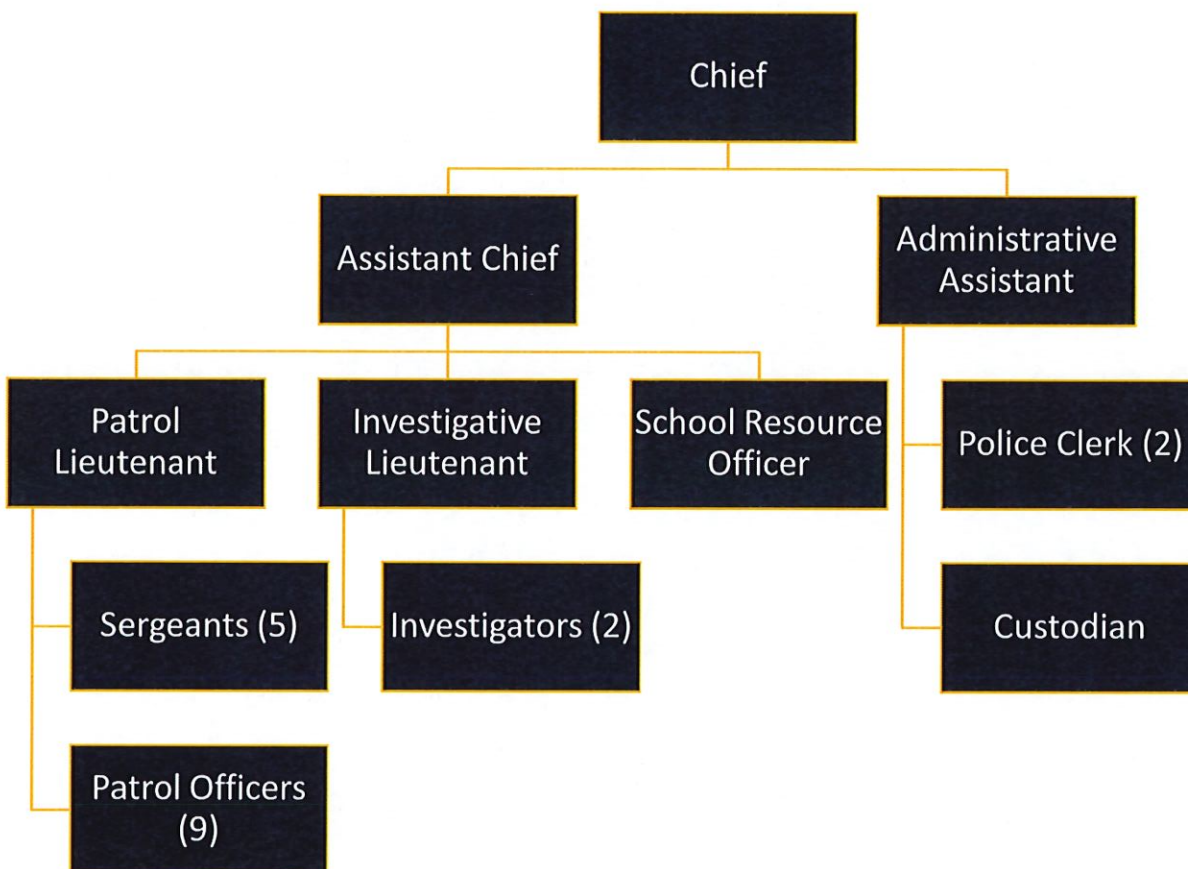
DeAnn Batten—Clerk

Mark Nicholson—Evidence Custodian

Vacant—Custodian



PERSONNEL





NEW MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Officer Ethan Pedersen was hired on January 1, 2023. Officer Pedersen was sponsored by the department to attend the Criminal Justice—Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Officer Pedersen successfully completed the academy in June 2023 and is currently in Step V, “solo patrol”.



Recruit Officer Brandon Bellacero was hired by the department on January 2, 2024. Officer Bellacero was sponsored by the department to attend the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Once he completes the academy, he will enter our FTO program.



2023 DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Incorporated a new records management system
- Added a special purpose UTV to our vehicle fleet
- Added a second dual-purpose canine to our K9 team
- Updated mobile camera in vehicle to Fleet 3 systems with ALPR technology
- Created an Investigator Lieutenant position to command the Investigative Unit

2024 DEPARTMENT GOALS

- Continue to recruit and retain staff of high character
- Continue K9 fundraising efforts through various sources and events
- Upgrade IT capabilities to include finding resources for Flock cameras
- Continue efforts to research and apply for grant monies to assist with expenditures



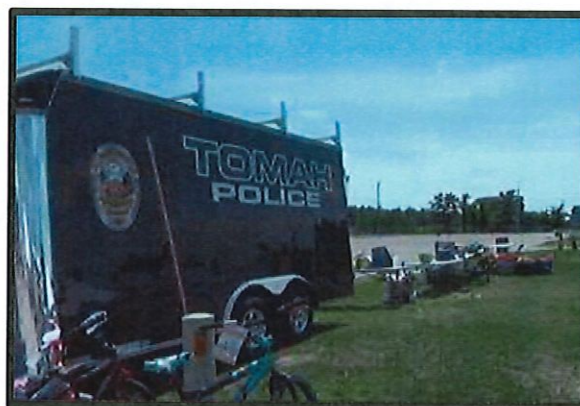
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

National Night Out

The Police Department, with the help of Tomah Health, Wal-Mart Super Center, and Wal-Mart Distribution Center held National Night Out. This year the event was held at Recreation Park. Organizations from around the area came to showcase resources available to the community that make Monroe County a safer place to live, work and play.

The Police Department's Bike Rodeo was held in conjunction with National Night Out. More than 250 children participated in the Bike Rodeo and received a backpack containing basic school supplies. Thanks to grant money from Wal-Mart, we were able to provide the backpacks.

This event would not be possible without the support and donations from the public and a grant from the Wal-Mart Corporation.



School District Events

At the middle school, Officer Marshall teaches GREAT to sixth grade students in the school district.

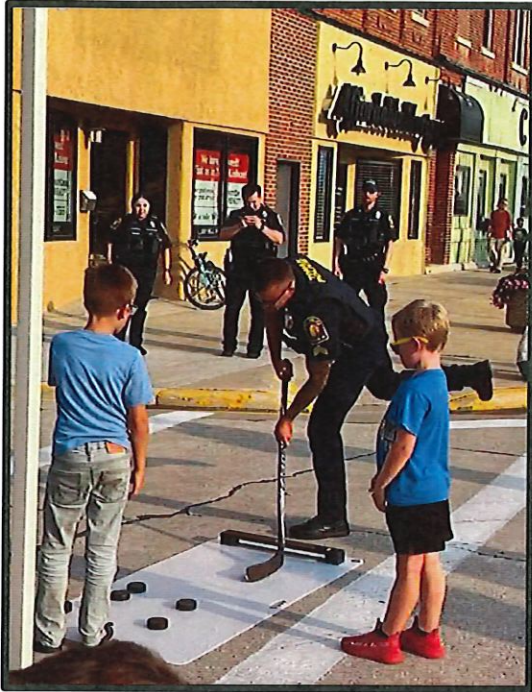
The high school holds a "Reality Check" event during the school year. This would be similar to a game of LIFE in which students are responsible for maintaining a budget to care for their "families" while also dealing with life type situations.

Officer Marshall attends special school events throughout the school year such as homecoming activities, prom, and graduation. Officer Marshall chaperones for the Monroe County School Safety Patrol trip where 5th grade students get the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C.



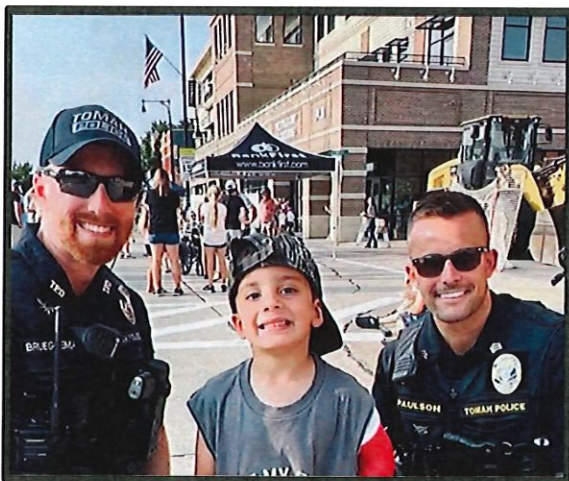
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Community Events



The Tomah Baptist Church hosted a Women's Conference and requested the Tomah Police Department to present on safety. TPD Officers presented various safety tips (ex: personal safety, CCW laws, open carry, situational awareness).

The Tomah Police Department visits the Boys and Girls Club to build relationships with the youth. TPD put together a Halloween activity for the kids to enjoy while they discussed how to be safe while Trick or Treating.



Downtown Thursday Nights

The Tomah Police Department assists with local community events like Downtown Thursday Nights. The event allows the community to enjoy live music while also providing opportunities to local businesses. Officers enjoy the chance to interact with the local community and youth.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES



Cops on Roof Tops

The Special Olympics Cops on Roof Tops event was held at Dunkin Donuts in Tomah. Officers from the City of Tomah, City of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin State Patrol, Tomah Ambulance,

Tomah Fire Department and Wilton Fire Department all participated in this event. Some of the Special Olympians came out to help collect donations. In 2023, the Tomah Police Department raised \$2,453 for the Special Olympics. Since 2014 we have assisted in raising over \$35,000 in donations to support the Special Olympics.





14,577

Calls for Service



52

Use of Force Incidents



3,187

Traffic Stops



1,098

Traffic Citations



3,146

Traffic Warnings



260

Traffic Crashes



1,186

Criminal Referrals



478

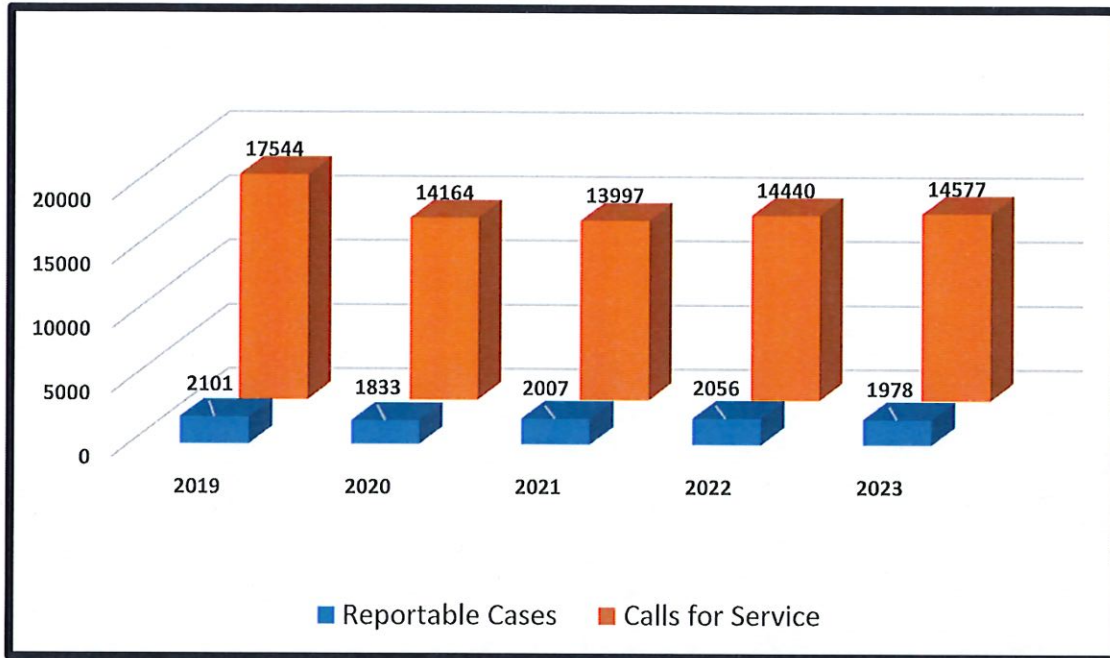
Municipal Citations

2023

YEAR IN REVIEW

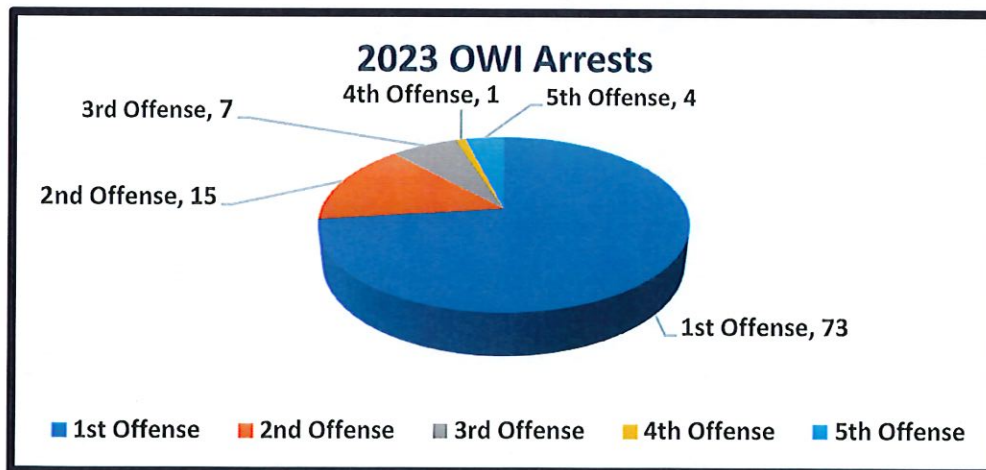


PATROL STATISTICS



The Tomah Police Department responds to approximately 15,000 calls for service per year. These calls vary significantly in the severity, scope of investigation, and resources needed to properly handle them.

In 2023, Tomah Police Department Officers made 100 OWI arrests with an average blood alcohol concentration of 0.161.



Tomah Police Department Officers drove approximately 147,000 miles in 2023 with zero reportable crashes and zero non-reportable crashes.



COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT INFORMATION

The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) is a Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team staffed by members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Sparta Police Department, Tomah Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol with tactical emergency medical support provided by Sparta Area Ambulance. The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit responded to one (1) full team call out and two (2) partial team call outs in 2023.



- **Full Team**—CTU was activated to serve a knock and announce search warrant in the City of Tomah for suspects involved in a burglary of a residence in Vernon County. The burglary in Vernon County resulted in several stolen firearms.
- **Partial Team**—CTU was activated to assist in a homicide investigation of a suspect that is known to possess firearms and weapons.
- **Partial Team**—CTU was activated after a homeowner called 911 stating he shot multiple home intruders. CTU and Patrol Staff cleared the residence.



Updates

Officer Alex Brueggeman completed basic sniper school and was assigned to the sniper team. Sergeant Cody Paulson attended an explosive breacher training hosted by Forced Entry Tactical Training (FETT USA) and was assigned to the breaching team.



SCHOOL SAFETY

The Tomah Police Department takes a proactive approach regarding school safety. School Resource Officer Melanie Marshall and Assistant Police Chief Eric Pedersen are involved in numerous aspects of school safety, such as:

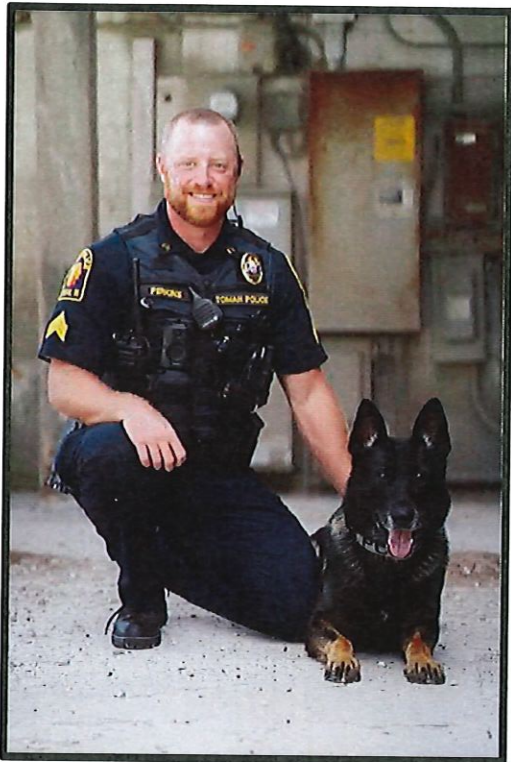
- Attend T ASD safety meetings
- Assist with training staff
- Assist with school safety drills
- Support the adoption of the Standard Response Protocol
- Participate in the threat assessment process
- Provide guidance/training to parochial schools
- Attend meetings with school officials and Monroe County Human Services to assess at risk youth

The department has taken a proactive role in school safety. The department began dedicating resources specifically to school zones more than 17 years ago (2005).





K9 UNIT



The Tomah Police Department's senior dual-purpose K-9 Unit consists of Sergeant Adam Perkins and his partner, K-9 Viktor. Sergeant Perkins has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since September 2011 and was selected to be the K-9 handler in late 2016. Sergeant Perkins was paired with Czech Shepherd K-9 Viktor at Jessiffany Canine Services and certified through Jessiffany and the American Police Canine Association (APCA) in early April 2017.



The Tomah Police Department's second dual-purpose K-9 Unit consists of Officer Justice Blackhawk and his partner, K-9 Raiden. Officer Blackhawk has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since June of 2021 and was selected to be the K-9 handler in late 2022. K-9 Raiden, a Belgian Malinois, was purchased through Working K9 in Beeton, Ontario. K-9 Raiden and Officer Blackhawk went through an intensive training course in October of 2023, after which Officer Blackhawk received a dual-purpose handler certification through Working K9. Officer

Blackhawk and K-9 Raiden are assigned to the night shift and are also members of the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit.



K9 Unit

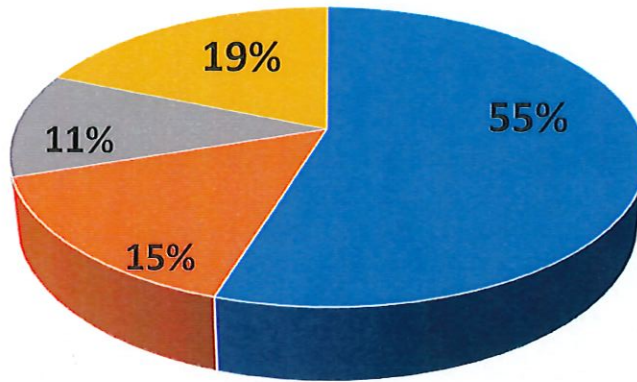


Ruby is an Australian Labradoodle and has been partnered with Sergeant Goodenough as her handler since September 2021. Ruby has successfully completed several obedience training courses and is a certified therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Her primary role is to enhance department morale, alleviate anxiety, and reduce fear in children/adults during calls for service. Ruby is known for being loving, affectionate, and sweet. She was generously donated to the Tomah Police Department by Blueberry Cottage Labradoodles, located near Osseo, Wisconsin. Her veterinary care, grooming, and food are made possible through donations from the community.

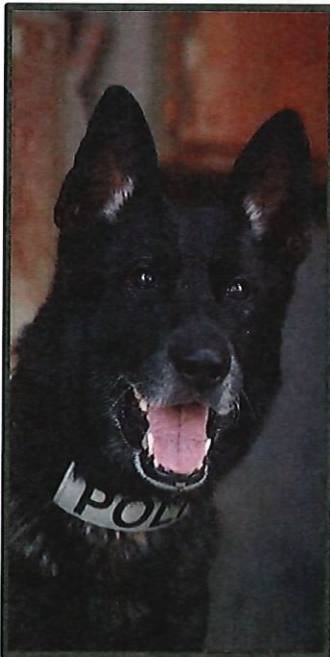


K9 UNIT STATISTICS

2023 Dual Purpose K-9 Deployments



- Vehicle Sniffs
- Building/Area Searches
- Apprehesion Assists/Tracks
- Other



2023 Therapy K-9 Deployments

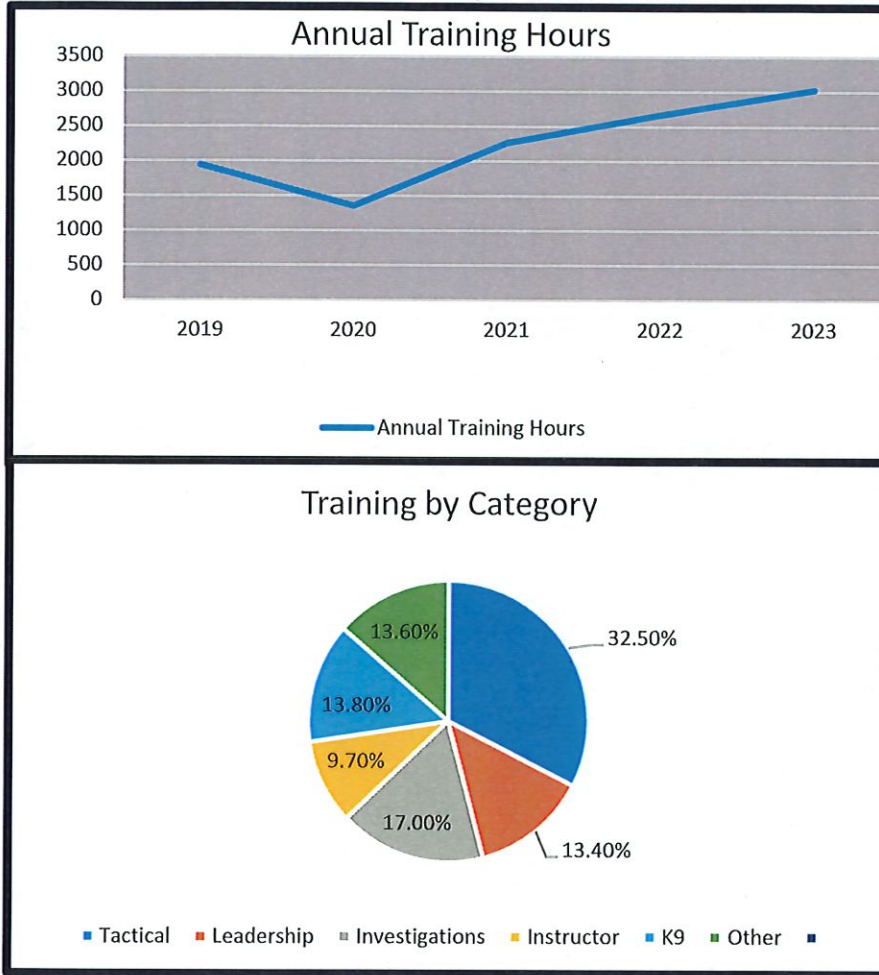


- Community Service Events
- Calls For Service



TRAINING REPORT

The Tomah Police Department has an annual budget dedicated to training, training equipment, and utilizes in-house certified instructors along with outside training events to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its members.



Breakdown of 2023 Training Hours

Training Category	Training Hours	Percentage
Tactical	981	32.5%
Leadership	404	13.4%
Investigations	515	17.0%
Instructor	292	9.7%
K9	418	13.8%
Other	411	13.6%