

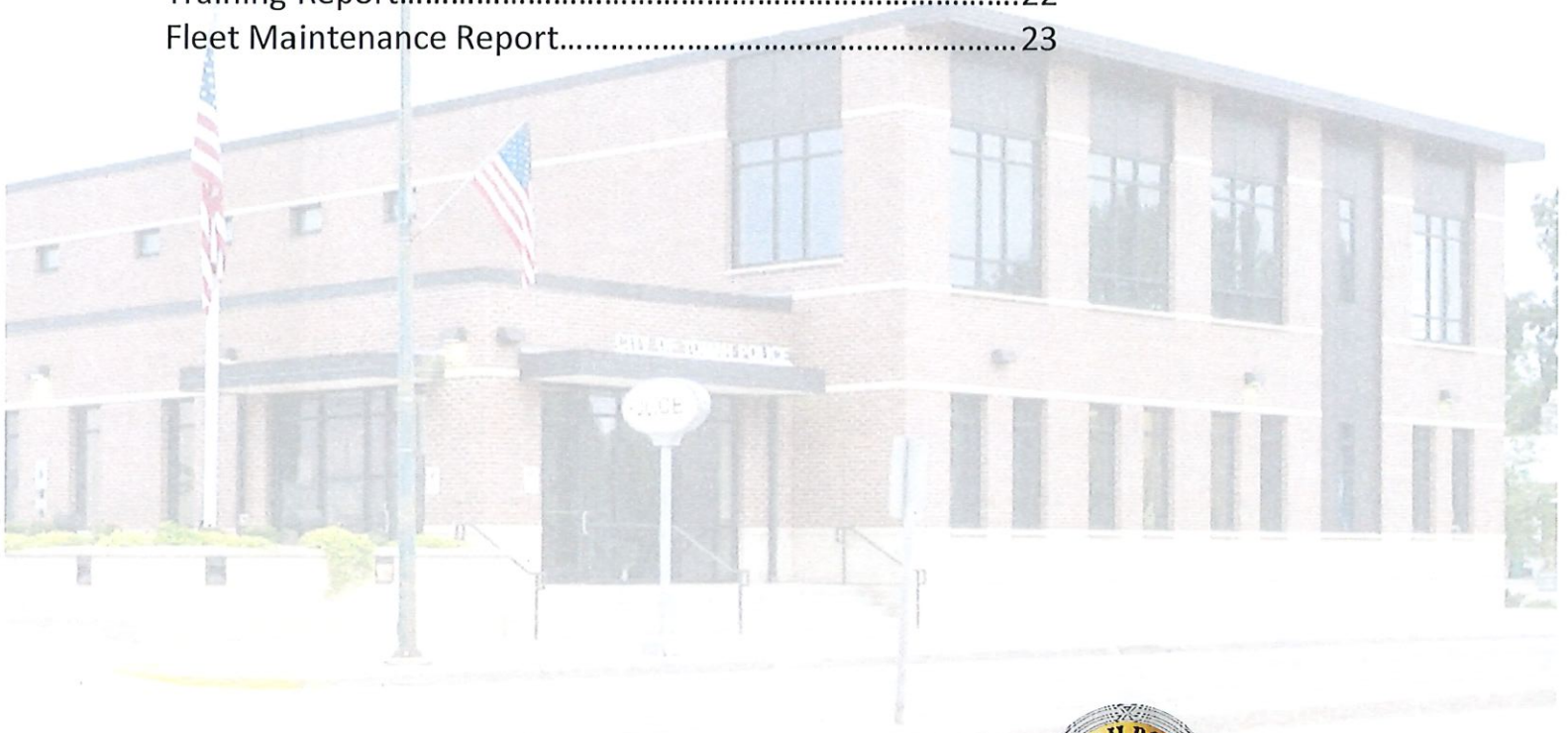
2025

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

Paul Dwyer
John Glynn

Mayor
President of the Council

ALDERPERSONS

Travis Scholze
Richard Yarrington
John Glynn
Shawn Zabinski
Mitch Koel
Patrick Devine
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
Oakley Moser
Dennis Koranda
Jeremy Weyer

Commission Chair
Commission Vice Chair
Commission Secretary
Commissioner
Commissioner





PERSONNEL

As of January 1, 2025



OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Eric Pedersen—Police Chief

Rhonda Culpitt—Admin Assistant

SWORN PERSONNEL

Jarrod Furlano – Assistant Police Chief

Paul Sloan—Detective Lieutenant

Cody Paulson—Sergeant

Alex Brueggeman—Sergeant

Lindsey Stoughtenger—Detective

Steve Keller—Patrol Officer

Jayden Olson-Patrol Officer

Ethan Pedersen-Patrol Officer

Brad Hoffman-Patrol Officer

Nick Nething – Patrol Officer

Adam Perkins—Patrol Lieutenant

Wilbert Steinborn - Sergeant

Brandon Kuhn—Sergeant

Audra Gomez – Sergeant

Melanie Marshall—School Resource

Justice Blackhawk-Patrol Officer

John Reigel-Patrol Officer

Brandon Bellacero-Patrol Officer

Kaden Kaufman-Patrol Officer

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

Ashley Bankhead—Clerk

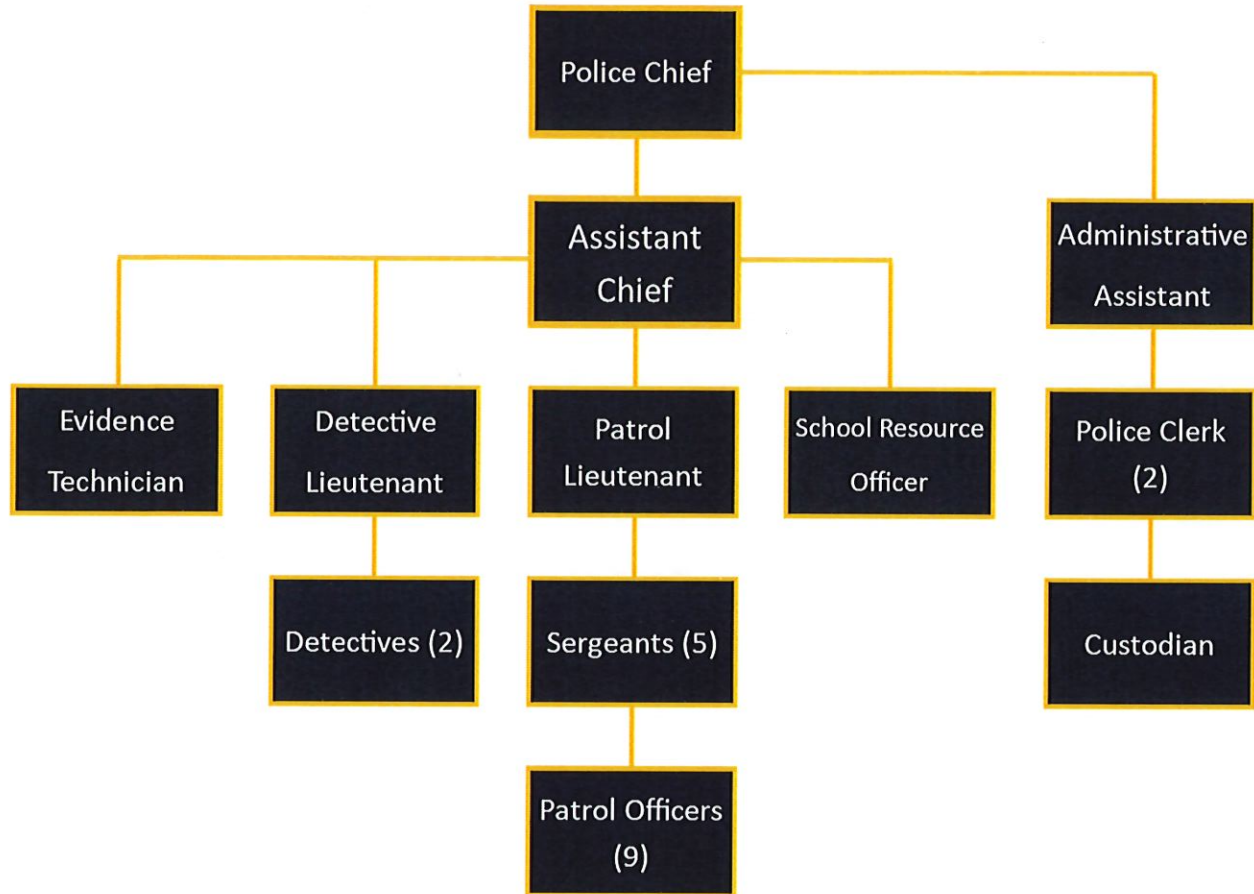
Mark Nicholson—Evidence Custodian

DeAnn Batten—Clerk

Earl Evans-Custodian



PERSONNEL





NEW MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Officer Kaden Kaufman was hired by the department on January 6, 2025. Officer Kaufman completed the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Officer Kaufman is currently on Step V of the FTO program, solo patrol and is assigned to the Blue Team Day Shift.

Officer Kaufman is currently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.



Officer Nick Nething was hired by the department on June 8, 2025. Officer Nething completed the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Officer Nething is currently on Step V of the FTO program, solo patrol and is assigned to the Swing Shift.

Officer Nething is a U.S. Army veteran and completed several combat tours during his enlistment.



2025 DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Acquired grant funding for the start up of D.A.R.E.
- Funded and acquired a second dual-purpose K9 team.

2026 DEPARTMENT GOALS

- Maintain full staffing levels throughout the department.
- Continue fostering positive working relationships with city management and elected officials.
- Retire K9 Viktor and acquire a dual-purpose K9 as a replacement.
- Utilize technology to enhance operational efficiency.
- Pursue and Secure grant funding to support operational needs.



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 Winnebago 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. Approximately 200 children

participated in the Bike Rodeo and received prizes purchased by donations from community businesses and civic organizations.

This event would not be possible without support and donations from the public.



School District Events

At the middle school, Officer Marshall teaches G.R.E.A.T. 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.



School District Events



In October of 2025, Sgt. Gomez and Ofc. Olson attended and completed the D.A.R.E. Instructor course in Maple Grove, MN. This training was funded through grants that were awarded to the department. D.A.R.E classes were started soon after in the community, beginning with La Grange Elementary.

D.A.R.E has evolved into not only a course about the effects of drugs and alcohol, but also real-world examples that 5th grade students may encounter. The course also discusses ways to identify and handle stress, resistance strategies to pressure/peer

pressure situations, how to communicate and listen effectively, and ways to report bullying.

The overall message D.A.R.E encourages is for students to make safe and responsible decisions. They learn that the decisions they make not only affect them, but also the environment around them.

D.A.R.E is being implemented within all elementary schools within the school district. By next year, every elementary school will have D.A.R.E. classes.





COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Community Events



In 2025, the Tomah Police Department had a busy summer assisting with community events. In June, the police department hosted the annual K9 Golf Outing fundraiser, provided traffic control for Kindness Community Walk/Run, and provided security for the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales.

Tomah Police Department continues to support the Budweiser Dairyland Super National Truck and Tractor Pull, who celebrated their 50th anniversary.



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.

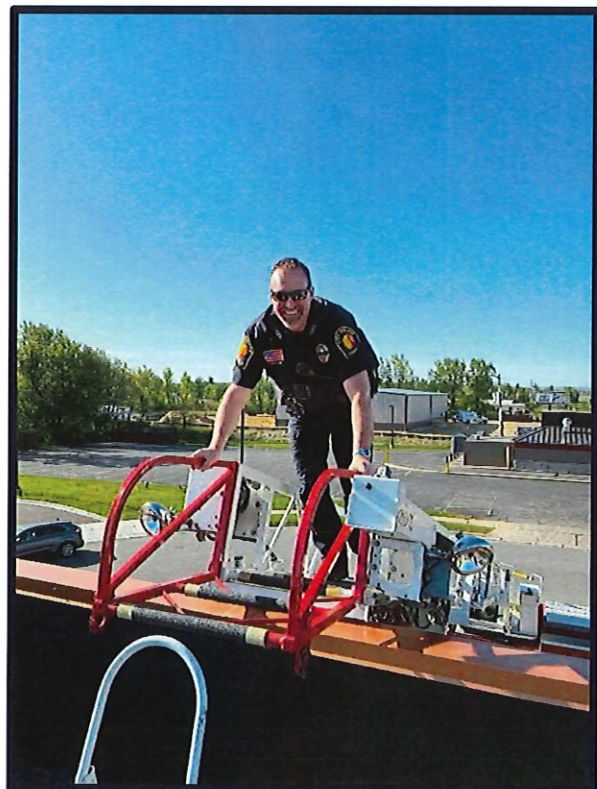


COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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 2025, the Tomah Police Department raised over \$2,500.00 for the Special Olympics. Since 2014 we have assisted in raising over \$38,000 in donations to support the Special Olympics.





2025

YEAR IN REVIEW



13,796

Calls for Service



35

Use of Force Incidents



2,442

Traffic Stops



771

Traffic Citations



1,316

Traffic Warnings



337

Traffic Crashes



319

Criminal Referrals



477

Municipal Citations

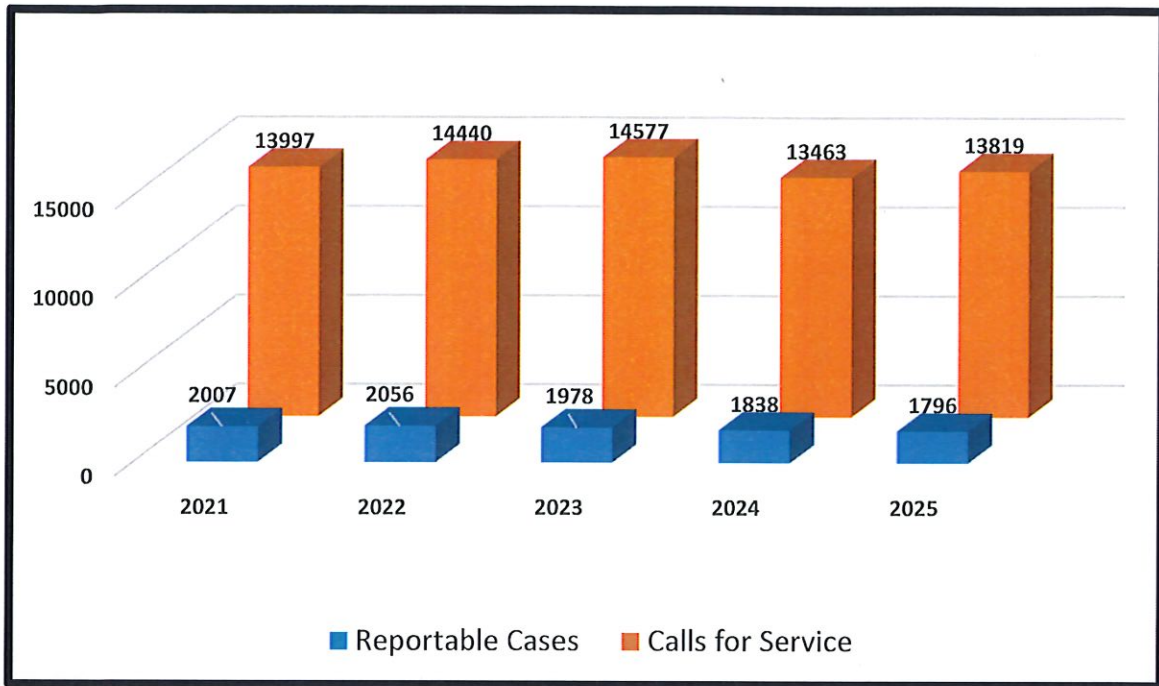


1,300

Parking Tickets

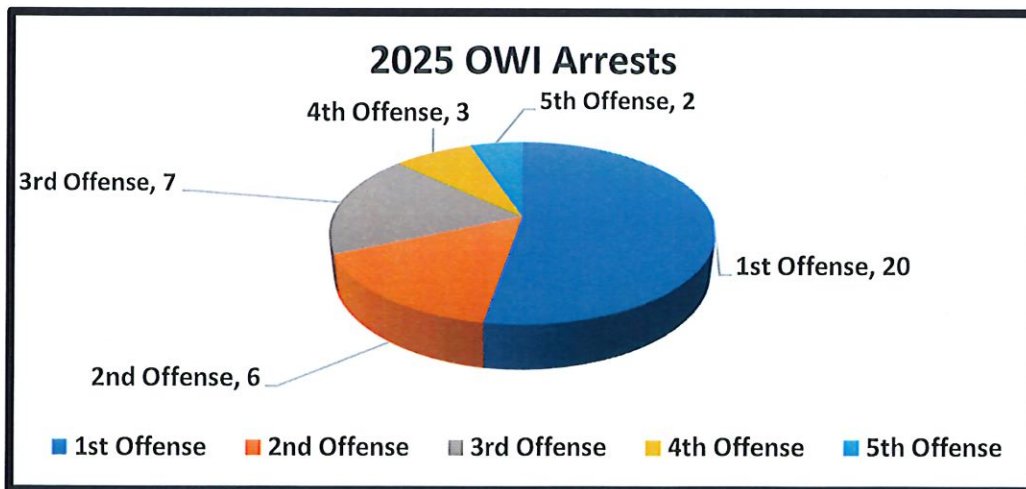


PATROL STATISTICS



The Tomah Police Department responds to approximately 14,000 calls for service per year. These calls vary significantly in the severity, scope of investigation, and resources needed to properly handle them.

In 2025, Tomah Police Department Officers made 38 OWI arrests with an average blood alcohol concentration of 0.164.





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 one (1) partial team call out in 2025.



- **Full Team**—1/21/2025 - The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) was deployed to a residence in Tomah, Wisconsin. CTU was tasked with conducting a high-risk search warrant for a subject wanted for Attempted Homicide. After a several hour standoff the subject was taken into custody.
- **Partial Team**—8/24/2025 – The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) was deployed to a residence outside of Tomah, Wisconsin. CTU was tasked with serving a high-risk search warrant and arrest warrant at a residence in Monroe County. CTU completed the search warrant and the subject was arrested.





SCHOOL SAFETY

The Tomah Police Department takes a proactive approach regarding school safety. School Resource Officer Melanie Marshall and Lieutenant Perkins 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 began dedicating resources specifically to school zones in 2005.



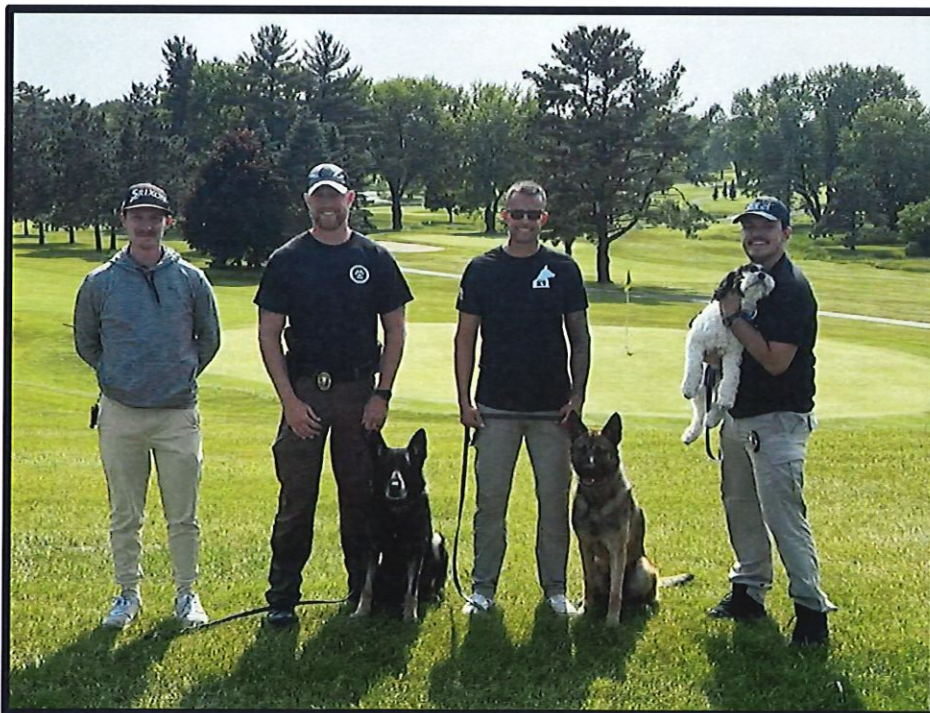


K9 UNIT

The Tomah Police K-9 Unit consists of Lieutenant Adam Perkins with K-9 Viktor and Sergeant Paulson with K-9 Ranger. Lieutenant Perkins has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since September 2011 and was selected to be a K-9 handler in 2016. Sergeant Cody Paulson has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since September of 2018 and was selected to be a K-9 Handler in 2024. Officer Olson has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since July 2021. Tomah Police Department selected Officer Jayden Olson to be the new therapy dog handler. Roscoe, the therapy dog in training, was acquired in 2025 and has begun his training.

Both Lieutenant Perkins and Sergeant Paulson primarily work Day Shift but are available off duty in an on-call capacity. Both K-9 Viktor and K-9 Ranger are “dual purpose” patrol K-9’s meaning patrol work and narcotics detection. “Patrol work” encompasses handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, building searches, and area searches.

Our K-9 Teams train on a frequent basis to stay proficient in the numerous tasks they are trained in. The training is usually conducted two days a month with other area K-9 teams from the City of Sparta, Monroe County, Village of Holmen, City of Onalaska, Town of Campbell, City of Prairie du Chien and Trempealeau County.



Officer Pedersen and Officer Blackhawk served as trained Decoys for the K-9 Unit in 2025.



Lieutenant Adam Perkins and Viktor

In March 2017, Sergeant Perkins traveled to the Jessiffany Canine Services LLC Kennel in Iron Ridge, WI to select a K-9 partner. Sergeant Perkins met with the head trainer and looked at numerous dogs, ultimately selecting K-9 Viktor. K-9 Viktor is a Czech Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Sergeant Perkins and K-9 Viktor trained for 5 weeks at Jessiffany Canine Services and certified through Jessiffany and the American Police Canine Association (APCA) in early April 2017.

K-9 Viktor is a “dual purpose” patrol K-9 meaning patrol work and narcotics detection. “Patrol work” encompasses handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, building searches, and area searches. For narcotics detection, Viktor is trained to alert on the odors of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, and Heroin.





Sergeant Cody Paulson and Ranger

K9 Ranger was born on September 13th, 2023, in Beeton, Ontario, Canada. K9 Ranger is a German Shepard/Belgian Malinois. Sgt. Paulson traveled to Working K9 in Beeton, Ontario, Canada in April of 2025 to train with K9 Ranger. Sgt. Paulson and K9 Ranger completed a week of training with Working K9 to certify for patrol work.

K9 Ranger is a “dual purpose” patrol K-9 meaning patrol work and narcotics detection. “Patrol work” encompasses handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, building searches, and area searches. For narcotics detection, K9 Ranger is trained to alert on the odors of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroin.





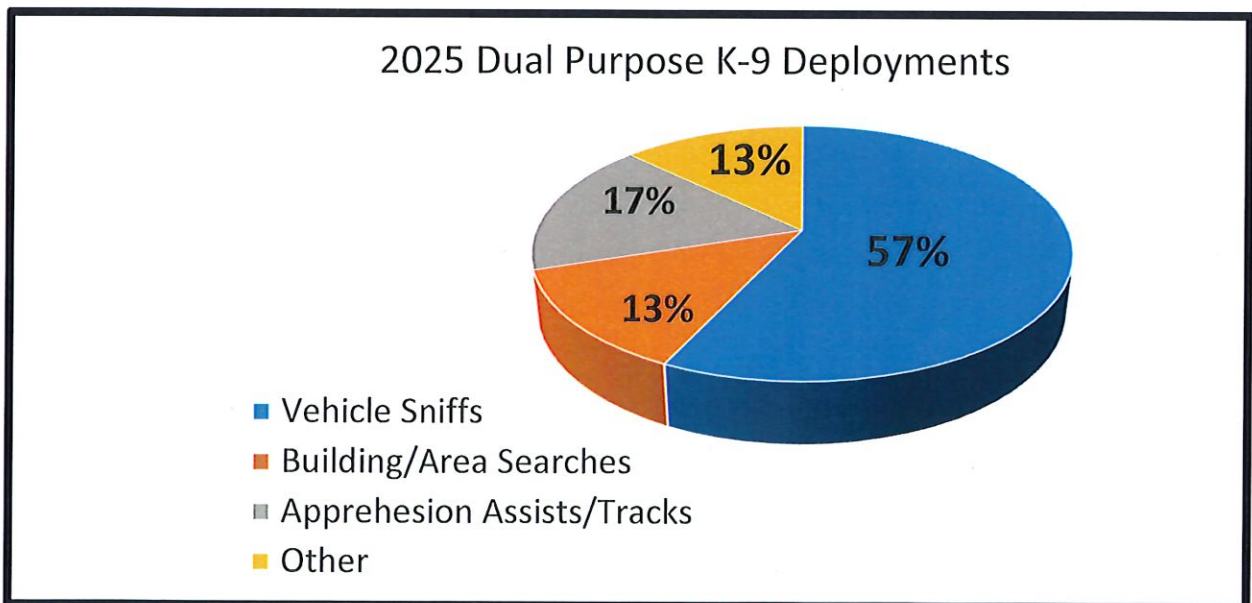
Certifications

Sgt. Perkins and K9 Viktor certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) on May 23rd, 2024. Sgt. Paulson and K9 Ranger completed training at Working K9 in Beaton, Ontario, Canada in April on 2025. Sgt. Paulson and K9 Range will certify in May of 2026 through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). K9 Viktor and K9 Ranger attend a training conference annual hosted by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association (WLECHA).

Deployments of Interest

Agency Assist/Track/Apprehension – While working on shift, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance in locating a wanted subject who had fled from Deputies on a moped. The subject crashed the moped into a field and fled from Deputies into a wooded area. Lieutenant Perkins and K9 Viktor arrived on scene, and a track was started where the Deputy had lost sight of the subject. Viktor located the track and he worked through hundreds of yards of thick woods and marshes. The subject was located in the woods and he ultimately exited the woods to an awaiting Deputy. The subject however, would not abide by further commands to be placed into handcuffs. Viktor apprehended the subject and the subject then complied and was taken into custody. The subject was later seen by EMS and was transported to a local hospital.

K9 UNIT STATISTICS





Officer Jayden Olson and Roscoe

Roscoe is the Tomah Police Department's therapy dog in training. Roscoe was donated to the Police Department by Blueberry Cottage Labradoodle's owner Heather Clark. Roscoe was born the day after Christmas in 2024. He was picked up as an 8-week-old pup, and his breed is an Australian Labradoodle.



Roscoe is working hard towards his therapy certification. He attended Doggie Business and worked with trainer Abbi Gates. In February of 2026, Roscoe completed his Good Citizen Testing through Doggie Business. This test is a requirement and is the level below becoming a therapy certified dog. Roscoe is continuing to train and work toward that goal within the next few months.

Roscoe is a very outgoing and energetic dog. He enjoys playing fetch, going for walks, and over this winter running around in the fresh snow. Roscoe recently attended the D.A.R.E graduation for the 5th grade classes at La Grange Elementary to show his support for the student's hard work. He plans on attending many celebrations around the City of Tomah in the future.

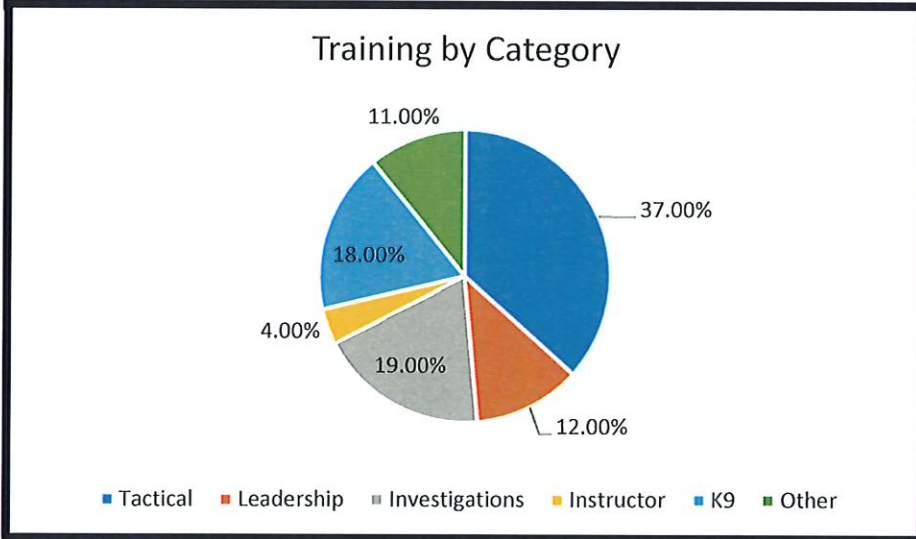
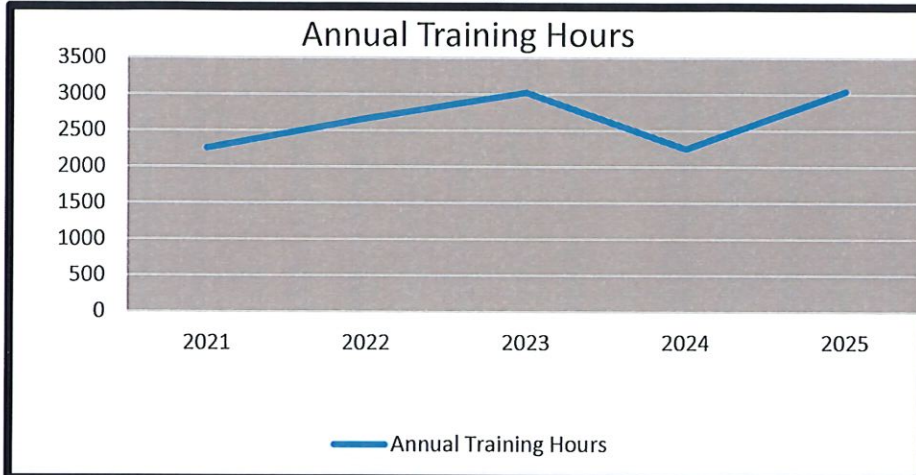
Roscoe was a part of his first K9 outing at the Hiawatha Golf Club in the summer of 2025.

We graciously appreciate the support from all of those involved to keep Roscoe happy, healthy, and focused on reaching these goals. Roscoe looks forward to meeting the great citizens of Tomah and will be there to support when needed.



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.



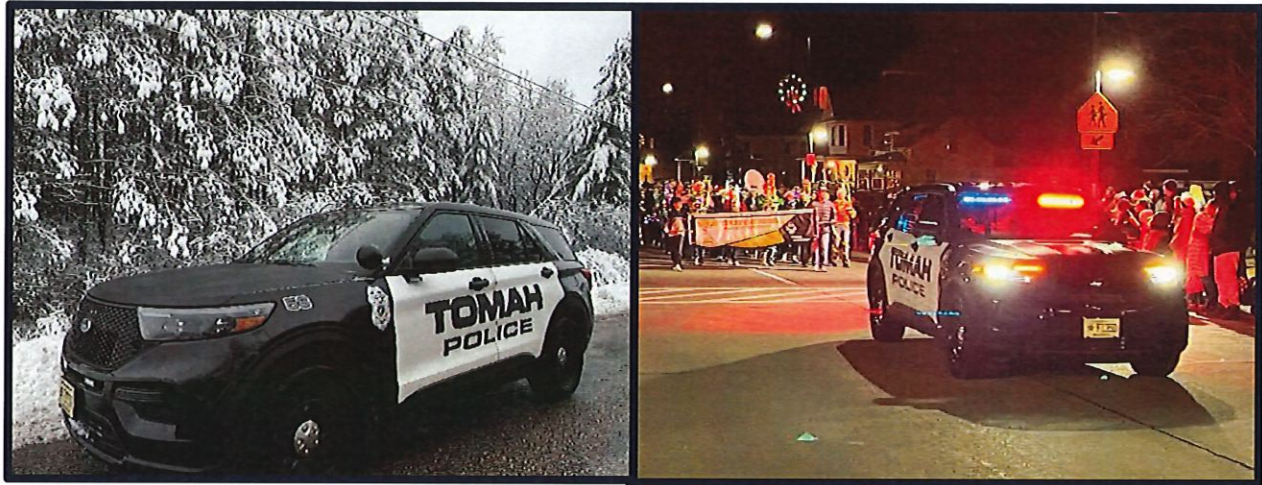
Breakdown of 2025 Training Hours

Training Category	Training Hours	Percentage
Tactical	1084	37%
Leadership	376	12%
Investigations	569	19%
Instructor	112	4%
K9	545	18%
Other	357	11%



FLEET MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Tomah Police Department has eighteen (18) vehicles in our fleet that are used by Administrative Staff, Supervisory Personnel, Investigators, Patrol Officers, and Combined Tactical Unit Officers. Patrol Officers drive marked Police vehicles with the traditional black and white pattern. Vehicles assigned to the Police Chief, Supervisors and Investigators are unmarked Police vehicles of various make and models.



All of our marked Patrol vehicles are equipped with specialized equipment. This includes a RADAR unit for speed enforcement, semi-rugged laptop computers for conducting in-car records checks and for issuing electronic paperwork, semi-automatic M4 rifles, ballistic plate carriers, 12-gauge shotguns which are dedicated to less-than-lethal munitions, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), first aid bags, emergency medical kits, in-car Axon audio/video recorders, Stinger Spike systems to safely deflate vehicle tires, fire extinguishers, traffic vests, road flares, vehicle lockout kits, breaching equipment and Preliminary Breath Tests (PBTs). In addition to these items, the Supervisor vehicle is equipped with other specialty equipment including a shield and manual breaching tools. This equipment helps our Officers conduct their work in a safe manner and provides life-saving tools for the community when needed.



The MRAP armored rescue vehicle is a shared vehicle that is primarily used by the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit call outs and rescue operations on an "as needed" basis. While kept in Tomah's fleet, costs are shared between the three Monroe County Law Enforcement Agencies (Tomah Police Department, Sparta Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Department).

2024 Department Vehicle Departures:

2020 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol Personnel – Marked – Squad 54 – Sold at auction.

2021 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol Personnel – Marked – Squad 56 – Sold at auction.

2025 Acquired Department Vehicles:

2025 Ford F150 Responder Package – Supervision – Unmarked - Squad 65

2025 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 66

Vehicles in our fleet as of December 31, 2025:

2025 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 66

2025 Ford F150 Responder Package – Supervision – Unmarked - Squad 65

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 64

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 63

2023 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Unmarked - Squad 62

2023 Ford Sport Utility AWD – K9 Patrol – Marked – Squad 61

2023 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Crew – Special Detail UTV – Marked – Squad 60

2022 Ford Escape – Detective Bureau – Unmarked – Squad 59

2022 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked – Squad 58

2012 Chevrolet Ambulance – CTU – Marked - Squad 57

2021 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Assistant Chief – Unmarked – Squad 55

2020 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Chief – Unmarked – Squad 53

2019 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD – K9 Patrol – Marked – Squad 52



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2018 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 – Detective Lieutenant – Unmarked - Squad 51
2018 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Training – Unmarked – Squad 50
2017 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 – Detective Bureau – Unmarked - Squad 47
2012 Chevrolet Impala – Training – Unmarked - Squad 42
Caiman MRAP 6x6 - Combined Tactical Unit / Rescue Operations - Squad MRAP

SQUAD #	2025 Miles Driven	2024 Miles Driven
52 – K9 (Chevrolet Tahoe)	19,752	11,780
58 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	35,126	30,214
61 – K9 (Ford SUV)	14,488	2,002
62 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	10,851	15,653
63 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	16,828	10,573
64 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	27,895	14,215
65 – Patrol (Ford F150)	16,343	--
66 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	8,116	--

Approximately 149,399 miles were put on Patrol vehicles in 2025. This is an increase of 23,400 miles from 2024. There was one reportable accident and zero non-reportable fleet accidents in 2025.

