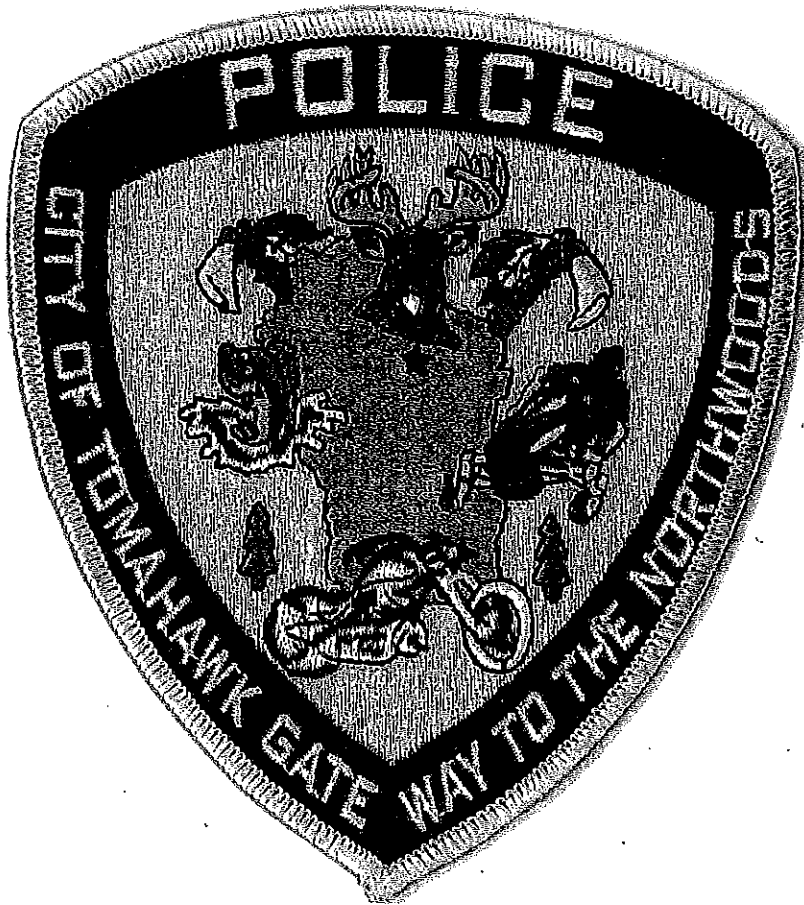


TOMAHAWK
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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Tomahawk Police Department

2020 Organizational Chart

Chief of Police Al Elvins, III

Sergeant Steve Buckwalter

Secretary Abbey Sherman

Patrol Staff

Dispatch Staff

Officer Tom Tollefson

Dispatcher Chyannye Krosschell

Officer Ryan Piel

Dispatcher Nicole Augustine

Officer Alysia Watruba

Dispatcher Jade Lear

Officer Michael Krich

Dispatcher Sharon Larson

Officer Dan Andrews

Dispatcher Raen Pleau

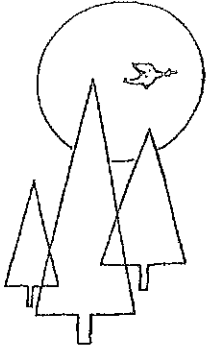
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TOMAHAWK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Mayor Steve Taskay, Members of the Common Council, Members of the Health and Safety Committee, Members of the Police and Fire Commission, Members of the Tomahawk Police Department, Citizens and Visitors of the City of Tomahawk.

The Tomahawk Police Department consists of nine full-time sworn officers (Chief, Sergeant, SRO, K9, and Detective are included), one full-time secretary, four part-time dispatchers, one part-time drug investigator and one part-time maintenance person. The department services a resident population of 3,397 persons as well as the influx of persons from the surrounding areas who work, shop and seek entertainment at our various city events throughout the year.

The Tomahawk Police Department's 2020 annual budget was set at \$1,272,733.56. We expended 97.78% of that budget. We were able to return \$28214.38 to the general fund. It should also be noted that we spent \$5,174.60 on providing the members of the police department with valuable training opportunities. Our revenue also exceeded the budgeted amount. We budgeted projected revenues at \$69,783.63.06. We were able to generate \$81,183.94. This means that we returned an additional \$11,400.30 to the general fund.

The total amount of funds returned to the City of Tomahawk General Fund in 2020 was \$39,614.69. The total amount of funds returned to the City of Tomahawk General Fund in 2019 was \$31,489.16. The total amount of funds returned to the City of Tomahawk in 2018 was \$1,017.43. The total amount of funds returned to the City of Tomahawk by the Tomahawk Police Department in 2017 was \$19,361.76. Although this is not a large sum of money, it should be noted that the Tomahawk Police Department is fiscally responsible with the money that is provided by the taxpayers of Tomahawk. In the prior four years the Tomahawk Police Department has returned a total of \$91,483.04.

- We were able to supplement the budget by obtaining several grants. The Tomahawk Police Department consistently monitors the availability of grants and applies for the grants that we are qualified for. Since 2012 The Tomahawk Police Department has been able to obtain \$456,373.52 in donations and grants. This includes monetary assistance as well as in kind donations. The grants we received in 2020 include the following:

- State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation- we obtained a grant in the amount of \$3995. This was received for the Traffic Safety Enforcement grant.
- State of Wisconsin Department of Justice - We obtained a training reimbursement grant of \$160.00 per officer. We obtained a check in the amount of \$1,600.00.
- Randy Hoegger Memorial Fund- We obtained a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to assist us with purchasing the new K9. This is the second time that the Randy Hoegger Memorial Fund has provided Tomahawk Police with a \$10,000 Grant.
- Local Businesses and Residents- We were presented with \$3998.43 from local businesses and residents to supplement the K9 replacement fund.
- Kwik Trip- We received a donation of \$1,000.00 for the K9 unit.

This was another difficult year to provide the necessary services within the budgetary allotment provided. We are unable to predict crime but we are able to establish analytical basis for crime trends. We are able to strategically plan for crime by interpreting crime trends and patterns. This is a proactive approach and one that works well. We also utilize computer driven statistics to assist us in proactively attacking crime.

The department handled 1956 total incidents in 2020, which is a 26.5% decrease from the 2659 incidents handled in 2019. We had a clearance rate of 48% for the Group A Crime calls of service in 2020. In the 2015 Annual Report I advised you that we were not utilizing the UCR reporting method and have switched to the Incident Based Reporting System (IBR). The officers take great pride in working the case from inception to completion. All officers strive towards providing the highest quality of police service to the citizens we serve. The clearance rates will increase as officers become more educated in criminal investigations and drug-related investigations. These cases can be cleared by arrest, warning, non-criminal investigation, or unfounded. According to the FBI the National Clearance rate for offenses varies by offense. The latest information published by the FBI is from 2014. I will list a comparison below.

OFFENSE	FBI (2014)	TPD (2020)
Homicide	64.5%	100%
Rape	38.9%	100%
Robbery	29.6%	100%
Aggravated Assault	56.3%	33.3%
Simple Assault		100%
Burglary	13.6%	0%
Larceny Theft	23.0%	38%
Motor Vehicle Theft	12.8%	100%

It is clear to see that the Tomahawk Police Department is above the National Average in 6 of the 8 Offense categories. Burglaries and Aggravated Assaults are always an area of contention. Most burglaries occur while the home/business owner is away from the location. These are very difficult cases to solve. We had 2 reported burglaries in 2020. Cooperation of victims is a key factor in solving any case.

This is an area that I will address with training and crime scene processing techniques. If you will recall, we have made significant improvements in this area in 2019. We discovered a burglary ring that was responsible for over 20 burglaries in and around the City of Tomahawk. In many of these cases we were able to notify the victim of the offense before they discovered it. This allowed us to recover over \$50,000 in stolen merchandise. Many of the victims were in awe that we were able to recover merchandise and later return the same to them. Although we arrested several individuals for the aforementioned burglary ring, IBR (Incident Based Reporting) only counts this as one case. Burglary has a very low clearance rate nationwide.

The FBI does not provide clearance rates for simple assault cases. Many times, these cases are cited as disorderly conduct and referred to the Tomahawk Merrill Municipal Court. The utilization of the joint municipal court has afforded the police department the opportunity to reduce overtime and create a convenience for the community as well as the officers.

We continue to see mental health related calls as one of the largest areas of response that we are tasked with. We have committed training hours to completing mental health related training. It is difficult to quantify the amount of calls that we respond to that have some underlying or even present link to mental illness.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) issued a challenge to all police departments. The IACP challenged all departments to have 100% of the staff trained in mental health first aid and 20% of the sworn staff trained in CIT. 499 Agencies have accepted the challenge worldwide. The

Tomahawk Police department joined the Campaign and was one of 7 police agencies in Wisconsin. I am glad to report that we were the first agency in Wisconsin to complete the campaign. At the time of this report only two other agencies in Wisconsin have completed the campaign.

I am often asked how much time is spent on a call. I have tried to quantify the amount of man hours spent on each call. This is a daunting task as establishing a baseline to do qualitative or even quantitative research is nearly impossible. A routine theft call can be completed in less than ½ hour or as lengthy as several days. As with any call the solvability of the case increases with information that is obtained in the initial call. The more information that is obtained often leads to more leads. These leads can lead to arrests or dead ends. I have been unable to find any information that provides analytical analysis of calls for service and investigative time frame. Unlike the mechanics profession, we do not have a book that informs us of how many hours it takes to complete the various calls.

Covid-19 was a challenge for the world in 2020. This pandemic also affected the local community. We had several staff members infected with the illness. The CDC changed guidelines several times to attempt to defeat the pandemic. We made the decision to secure the lobby and the administrative offices from the public. I instructed the officers to utilize personal protective equipment when responding to calls. I also instructed the officers to limit self-initiated activity during the quarantine period. We still responded to calls when there was a need to. However, we handled a lot of calls by call backs instead of personal response. Any violent call or immediate life saving need was dispatched and addressed.

The CoVid-19 crisis caused a large decrease in the number of calls handled by the Tomahawk Police Department. The Tomahawk Police Department handled 1956 calls for service. These calls for service generated 370 offense reports, 507 traffic-related cases, 13 city ordinance violations, and 1066 were service type calls. We assigned case numbers to selected calls for service. A case number being issued indicates that the case requires a detailed report and/or further investigations. A breakdown of the disposition of these 1956 calls for service is as follows:

CASE DISPOSITIONS

1212	Cleared
280	Warning
85	Unable to locate
62	Inactive, no suspects developed
101	Cleared by Citation
26	Cleared by Arrest
59	Non-Criminal Investigations Completed
22	Unfounded
56	Referred to Social Services/ District Attorney
31	Cleared Exceptionally
11	Active, still under investigation
6	Detained

YEARLY COMPARISON

Year	# Calls	<u>Total Arrests</u>	Warnings
2001	4020	80	
2002	4300	992	425
2003	4559	949	721
2004	4259	1124	733
2005	4013	1017	769
2006	3933	937	680
2007	3799	898	694
2008	3394	932	609
2009	3640	807	655
2010	3493	625	466
2011	3079	494	518
2012	2756	356	285
2013	2748	373	349
2014	2705	309	423
2015	2810	589	621
2016	2478	445	401
2017	2838	534	585
2018	2614	547	342
2019	2659	464	407
2020	1956	189	280

CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAKDOWN

The most prevalent calls for service in 2020 were:

1. Suspicious Activity (191)
2. Citizen Assist (171)
3. Medical Assistance (185)
4. Welfare Check (90)
5. Driving Complaint (86)
6. Animal Complaint (85)
7. Disorderly Conduct (80)
8. Alarm related calls (69)
9. Larceny/ Theft (62)
10. Accident Property Damage (50)
11. Assist Other Agency (50)
12. Lost or Found Item (49)
13. Traffic Related (37)
14. 911 Hang up (34)
15. Harassment/ Intimidation (34)
16. Civil Matter (30)
17. All Other Offenses (30)
18. Noise Complaint (29)
19. Motorist Assist (28)
20. Parking Complaint (27)

Officers initiated 261 Traffic Stops.

The 2020 violent crime index decreased by 38.5%. The total number of violent crimes reported to the Tomahawk Police Department in 2020 was 8. The total number of violent crimes in 2019 were reported at 13. The violent crime index decreased in 2018 by 37.5% from that of 2017. There were 7 violent crimes reported in 2018. The violent crime index decreased in 2017 by 33.3% from 2016. There were 16 violent crimes that were reported to the Tomahawk Police Department in 2017. There were 24 violent crimes that were reported to the Tomahawk Police Department in 2016. These numbers are more in line with the numbers from 2014. In 2015 there were 15 offenses reported to the Tomahawk Police Department. This equated to a decrease by 25% from the 20 offenses reported in 2014. In 2014 violent crime increased 60% with 20 offenses being reported. In 2013 violent crimes increased 33% with 12 offenses. In 2012 there were 9 offenses. There were 9 offenses in 2011 compared to 12 offenses in 2010 and 19 offenses in 2009. Included in this violent crime total for 2020 are 3 aggravated assault, 5 other assaults, 0 reported robberies, 0 reported Rapes, and 0 Homicides.

The Tomahawk Police department made 12 arrests for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (O.W.I.) during the 2020 calendar year. The 2019 Calendar year reported 16 arrests for Operating While Intoxicated. The 2018 calendar year reported 14 arrests for O.W.I. offenses. The department made 13 arrests for operating while intoxicated in 2017. There were 15 arrests for O.W.I. in 2016. There were 7 arrests for operating while intoxicated in 2015, 11 arrests for operating while intoxicated in 2014, 16 arrests in 2013 for operating while intoxicated 20 arrests in 2012, 11 arrests in 2011, 4 arrests in 2010, and 9 arrests in 2009.

As prior reports reflect, the Fall Ride is the most significant event handled by the department on an annual basis. The CoVid-19 Pandemic created increased challenges for the event. The event sponsor decided to withdraw the application for the event. We were informed that there would still be a large amount of traffic coming to the area. Although there were no City sanctioned events, we still increased staffing levels for the weekend. There were no major incidents reported during the Fall Ride Weekend. We were able to complete the Fall Ride Weekend with minimal reported traffic collisions.

We had an influx of visitors over the September 18th and 19th weekend. We decided to decrease the number of mutual aid officers for the event. This is based on Main Street canceling the Downtown activities and the parade. We were aware that several businesses are still moving forward with events and several others are closing for the weekend.

We took proactive steps to manage these gatherings. We limited the number of vehicles that were parked downtown during the motorcycle event. There were no streets

closed and no detour routes posted. There was no parking in the middle of the streets as in years past. We placed temporary 4 way stop signs at Wisconsin at Tomahawk, Wisconsin at 2nd, Wisconsin at 3rd, and Wisconsin at 4th. This decreased the traffic speeds in the area where businesses, vendors, and visitors were present.

The Lincoln County Health Department remained concerned with mass gatherings over 50 people. We encouraged all business to take the necessary steps to maintain a safe and healthy environment. We provided masks and hand sanitizers to all officers that worked the event. As with any large gathering there is increased risks that need to be mitigated. We evaluated these risks and took the necessary steps to alleviate potential or perceived issues.

Tomahawk PD registered 11 vendors for the September 18th and 19th event with revenue of \$2,560. TPD officers discovered several vendors that had not registered for vendor permits. The unregistered vendors were informed and they became compliant. We also located several individuals that decided to offer items for sale in parking lots. They were advised of the procedure for obtaining a license or to cease selling. They decide to cease the sales and vacated the area.

The Police Department implemented a requirement that all officers working the Fall Ride weekend wear a similar style uniform. We authorized BDU style pants and an Orange and Black POLICE polo style shirt. Harley Davidson Company no longer provides the "Police" polo shirts for the officers working the event. This is another expense that is incurred by the Police Department. We required that the mutual aid officers return the shirts upon the completion of the work shift. We were fortunate enough to have Dairy Land Cycle Insurance provide shirts for all officers at no cost to the city in 2016. There will be a need for replacement in the foreseeable future.

The greatest challenge faced by the department in 2020 was related to the CoVid-19 Pandemic. The calls for service decreased significantly. The pandemic caused us to initiate a comprehensive policy to deal with providing law enforcement services in a pandemic. We were not alone in the pandemic and took great pride in providing the same level of services to the community that we did before the pandemic

The efforts of the department in enforcing the drug laws have resulted in the drug cash seizure fund being at a high balance of **\$13,347.60**. This account is used to purchase narcotics from street and higher-level sellers. The Drug enforcement actions of the department are reflected in the reduction in property related crimes. We also were able to connect the burglary ring to a significant presence in the drug trade.

We also utilized different shifts to decrease the overtime that the department had to expend. Sgt. Buckwalter and Officer Tollefson work from 1100-2300 or 1400-0200. This augments the coverage that is provided by the day shift officer (0700-1900) and night shift officer (1900-0700).

The K9 unit remained a successful component of the TPD. Tomahawk Police Department anticipated that we would receive \$1,500.00 in donations to the K9 account. We were able to obtain \$14,407.43 in donations. We currently have an account balance of \$38,459.85. We budgeted expenses of \$1,000.00. We spent \$11,189.80 with was \$10,189.80 more than we had anticipated. This increase can be associated with training, travel, and the purchase of a new K9.

Other significant events for 2020 included:

We continued the Project Lifesaver program. We currently have four individuals that utilize this valuable service. It should be noted that there is no cost to the city or the community for this program except for the small amount of time it takes the officer to change the battery monthly. The individuals are responsible for the \$10 monthly fee to pay for the cost of the batteries. The client makes a check out to Project Lifesaver and we mail that to the company. They in turn place a credit on our account. We use this to purchase batteries, transmitters and bands. We are fortunate in that Sgt. Buckwalter, Officer Tollefson, and Officer Susa are all Project Lifesaver Instructors.

- We have temporarily discontinued the Coffee with a Cop Program in 2020. We modeled our curriculum after a program that was established in Hawthorne, California in 2011. We meet with the citizens and we discuss issues and concerns. We explain criminal procedures as well as local ordinance violations. We have been fortunate to have the local businesses cover most of the cost of the event. It has been highly successful. I feel that this program is well received and it is something that I am committed to continuing once the pandemic subsides.

- Training all staff in Leadership in Police Organizations as well as Crisis Intervention Team training. We are consistently trying to get all officers into these very competitive training programs. This is a huge commitment since the class is 120 hours of training over the course of 90 days. This training was not offered as frequent as in past years. In 2020 I initiated a ban on travel for training based on recommendations from the IACP.

- The Drug Take Back program was a continued success. We obtain a great deal of prescriptions that may otherwise be released into the water system or

placed in street level drug trafficker's hands. We have taken over 153.75 pounds of prescription medication. Last year, there were over 64,780 dose units of medication and 4,885 syringes turned in for disposal.

As Chief of Police, I attend several monthly and quarterly meetings as part of my regular duties with the department. These meetings include: City Council and Committee meetings, Nicolet College Criminal Justice Advisory Council, Chamber of Commerce, Tomahawk Main Street, Kinship of Tomahawk, Crisis Intervention Training Committee, North Central Drug Enforcement Group (NORDEG), and the North Central Chiefs of Police Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Al Elvins

Chief of Police
Tomahawk Police Department



**2020 Tomahawk Police Department
Annual Financial Report**

Reserve/Investment Account Balances

	2020 Year End Balance	2019 Year End Balance	Change in Value
Police (Drug) Account	13,347.60	11,594.27	1,753.33
Police K-9 Account	38,459.85	35,226.37	3,233.48
Police Equipment Reserve Account	68,831.61	53,655.72	15,175.89
Funds Restricted to Police Department Use	120,639.06	100,476.36	20,162.70

2020 Police Department Budget Summary				
	2020 Actual	2020 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Revenues				
Police Department Revenues	81,183.94	69,783.63	11,400.31	116.34%
Expenses				
Personnel Expenses	1,112,140.80	1,138,383.56	26,242.76	97.69%
Operating Expenses	75,280.89	79,100.00	3,819.11	95.17%
Capital Expenses	57,097.49	55,250.00	(1,847.49)	103.34%
Total Expenses	1,244,519.18	1,272,733.56	28,214.38	97.78%
Net Totals	(1,163,335.24)	(1,202,949.93)	(16,814.07)	96.71%

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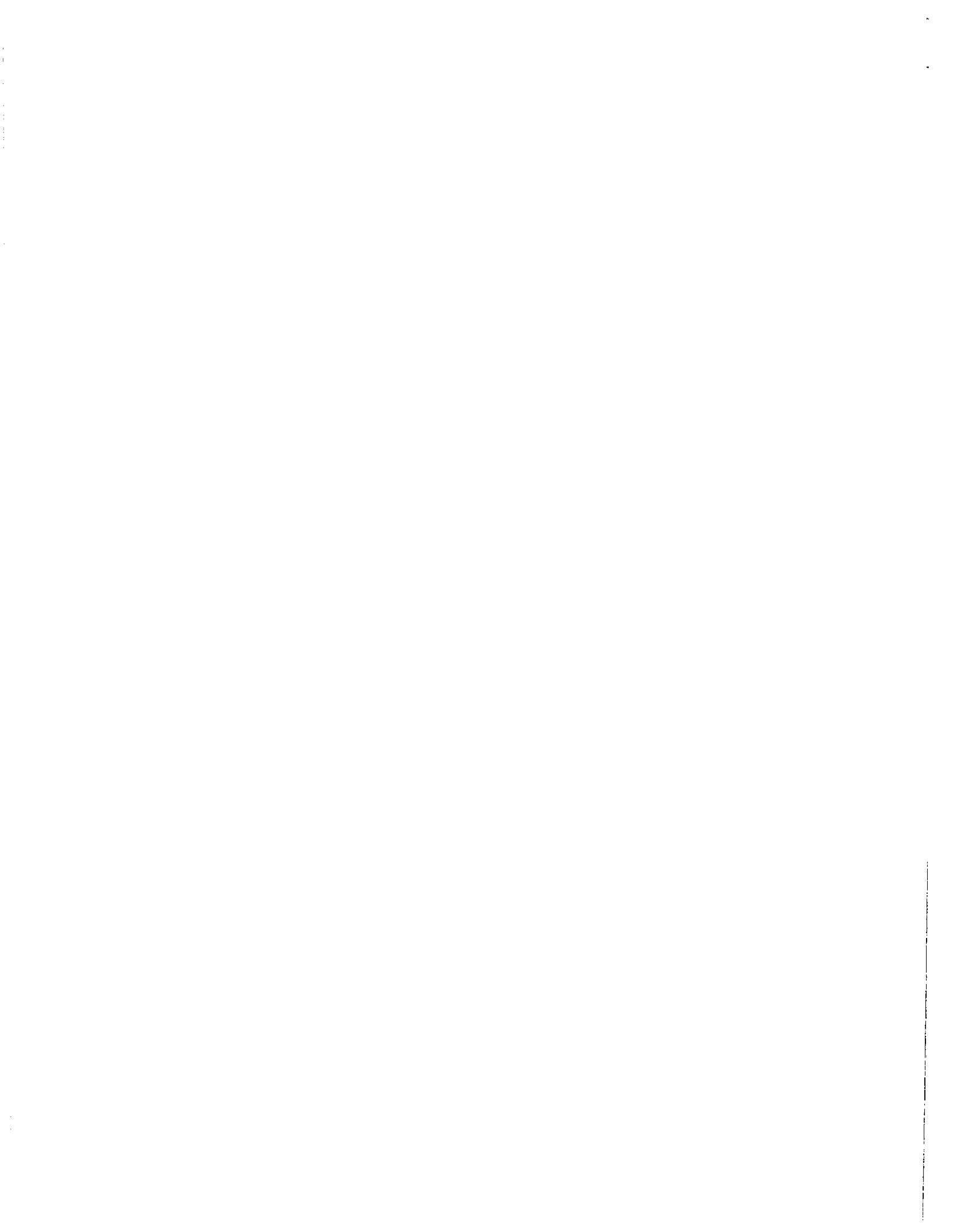
2020 Police Department Budget Detail

	2020 Actual	2020 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Revenues				
Law Enforcement - State Aid	-	-	-	0.00%
Other Law Enforcement Grants	-	1,260.00	(1,260.00)	0.00%
Law Enforcement State Aid	5,595.00	-	5,595.00	0.00%
School Resource Officer Reim	56,308.54	54,343.63	1,964.91	103.62%
Transient Merchant Fees	2,680.00	8,000.00	(5,320.00)	33.50%
Parking Fines	1,860.00	2,000.00	(140.00)	93.00%
Police Copy/Service Fees	157.97	300.00	(142.03)	52.66%
Police Department Revenue	160.00	350.00	(190.00)	45.71%
Dog Pound	15.00	30.00	(15.00)	50.00%
Donation to K-9 Fund	14,407.43	1,500.00	12,907.43	960.50%
Sale of Police Equipment	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
Total Revenue	81,183.94	69,783.63	11,400.31	116.34%

	2020 Actual	2020 Budgeted	Over / (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Expenses				
Personnel Expenses				
Police Officer Wages	461,580.05	496,799.81	35,219.76	92.91%
Police Officer Call Time	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
Police Officer Overtime	11,090.43	14,679.05	3,588.62	75.55%
Police Officer - NORDEG	-	5,871.62	5,871.62	0.00%
Police Officer Sunday Pay	1,606.00	3,432.00	1,826.00	46.79%
Police Officer Sick Pay	26,152.16	-	(26,152.16)	-
Police Officer Vacation Pay	35,219.07	39,127.95	3,908.88	90.01%
Police Officer Holiday Pay	25,876.55	20,890.82	(4,985.73)	123.87%
Police Officer Longevity Pay	1,336.50	1,336.50	-	100.00%
Police Clerk Wages	43,039.59	45,234.24	2,194.65	95.15%
Police Clerk Overtime	524.91	184.38	(340.53)	284.69%
Police Clerk Sick Pay	2,046.27	-	(2,046.27)	-
Police Clerk Vacation Pay	3,773.03	3,933.41	160.38	95.92%
Police Clerk Holiday Pay	1,757.44	1,966.71	209.27	89.36%
Police Clerk Longevity Pay	339.00	339.00	-	100.00%
Dispatch Wages	85,939.98	82,414.15	(3,525.83)	104.28%
Dispatch Overtime	3,904.43	2,377.33	(1,527.10)	164.24%
Dispatch Holiday Pay	469.04	1,100.00	630.96	42.64%
Funeral Pay	671.04	-	(671.04)	0.00%
Maintenance Wages	257.60	2,943.72	2,686.12	8.75%
Social Security	53,594.32	55,510.75	1,916.43	96.55%
Retirement	78,384.53	77,651.82	(732.71)	100.94%
Health Insurance	273,051.78	277,958.30	4,906.52	98.23%
Life Insurance	1,527.08	1,632.00	104.92	93.57%
Personnel Expenses Subtotal	1,112,140.80	1,138,383.56	26,242.76	97.69%

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Operating Expenses				
Professional Services	409.27	2,600.00	2,190.73	15.74%
Utilities	9,591.89	8,000.00	(1,591.89)	119.90%
Repair/Maintenance Services	8,340.85	8,000.00	(340.85)	104.26%
Other Contracted Services	13,546.73	14,800.00	1,253.27	91.53%
Office Supplies	2,050.46	2,500.00	449.54	82.02%
Dues and Subscriptions	240.00	700.00	460.00	34.29%
Travel Expenses	5,174.60	7,500.00	2,325.40	68.99%
Operating Supplies	16,521.02	23,000.00	6,478.98	71.83%
Clothing & Uniforms	4,769.23	6,500.00	1,730.77	73.37%
Repair/Maintenance Supplies	2,357.78	2,500.00	142.22	94.31%
Other Supplies and Expenses	1,089.26	2,000.00	910.74	54.46%
K-9 Fund Expenses	11,189.80	1,000.00	(10,189.80)	1118.98%
Operating Expenses Subtotal	75,280.89	79,100.00	3,819.11	95.17%
Capital Outlay				
Police Capital Equipment	57,097.49	55,250.00	(1,847.49)	103.34%
Police Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-
Capital Subtotal	57,097.49	55,250.00	(1,847.49)	103.34%
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*Tomahawk Police Department
Calls for Service 2020*

<u>Incidents</u> # of	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Incidents</u> # of	<u>Classification</u>
261	Traffic Stop	8	City Ordinance Violation
191	Suspicious Activity	8	Utility Related Call
171	Citizen Assist	6	Open Door/Window Found
126	Medical Assistance	6	Accident Car/Deer
90	Welfare Check	6	Missing/Overdue Person
86	Driving Complaint	6	Vagrancy
85	Animal Complaint	5	Truancy
80	Disorderly Conduct	5	Burglary
69	Alarm Related Calls	5	DNR Related Complaint
62	Larceny Theft	4	Probation Hold
50	Assist Other Agency	4	Sudden Death
50	Accident Property Damage	4	Liquor Law Violation
49	Lost or Found Item	3	Property Damage Complaint
37	Traffic Related	3	Pedestrian Complaint
34	911 Hang Up/Nuisance Call	3	Phone Related Complaint
34	Harassment/Intimidation	3	Littering
30	Civil Matter	3	Accident Car/Other Animal
30	All Other Offenses	3	Runaway (under 18)
29	Noise Complaint	3	Weapons
28	Motorist Assist	2	Forgery & Counterfeiting
27	Parking Complaint	2	Curfew/Loitering Law
24	Vandalism	2	Escort
23	Accident Hit & Run	2	Stolen Property
22	Fire Related Call	2	Assault, Simple
20	Garbage Dumping Complaint	1	Civil Process/Paper Service
20	ATV/Snowmobile Complaint	1	Motor Vehicle Theft (UCR)
14	Warrant Arrest	1	Weather Related Complaint
13	Mutual Aid	1	Road Sign Complaint
13	Off. Against Family/Child	1	Aggravated Assault (UCR)
12	Driving Under the Influence	0	Forcible Rape
11	Drug Abuse Violations	0	Accident Snowmobile
11	Debris/Spill on Roadway	0	Alcohol Detention (51.42)
11	Sex Offenses	0	Bicycle/Play Vehicle Violation
11	Fraud	0	Robbery
10	Emergency Detention	0	Homicide
10	Accident Injury	0	Hitchhiker
9	Drunkenness	0	Prostitution/Commercial Vice
		0	Accident Fatality

Total Calls for Service	1956
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Vehicles

Unit 31 – A 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is currently assigned to the S.R.O. Susa.

Unit 32 – A 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is currently assigned to the Officer Picl.

Unit 33 – A 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is a marked patrol unit and is currently assigned to Officer Watruba

Unit 34 – A 2013 Chevy Silverado 2500. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is currently assigned to Officer Andrews.

Unit 35 – A 2012 Chevy Tahoe. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is currently assigned to Officer Tollefson.

Unit 36 – A 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is assigned to Sgt Buckwalter.

Unit 38 – A 2012 Chrysler Town and Country. This vehicle is currently assigned to Detective Gorell.

Unit 39 – A 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility. This vehicle is a marked Patrol unit and is currently assigned to the Officer Krich and K-9 Pipo.

Unit 40 – A 2016 Ford F150. This is an unmarked vehicle and is assigned to Chief Elvins.

Unit ST – A mobile speed trailer

Evidentiary Vehicles pending seizures

Seizure 1 – A 2014 Mercedes.

Bicycles

We have a Police Mountain Bike that is used to increase presence in the downtown area or during special events.

We also have a requirement of securing bicycles that were abandoned or obtained as evidence. Currently these bicycles are being housed in the storage garage.

Lockers:

The garage has a small area that has gear lockers. The lockers are utilized by the officers to store equipment and personal items.

Maintenance/Cleaning Closet:

We have a small area that is used to house all cleaning related supplies and equipment.

Intoxilizer Area.

This is a small area where the officers can administer the State administered Chemical Breath Test for OWI offenders. This area is unsecured and requires that the officer and suspect become engaged in a small confined space.

Supply Closet/ Armory:

Departmental equipment and supplies are located in a small area that was formerly a cell. There is a small locker set that contains the ammunition and weapon supplies. This area is not secured, as it should be.

Records Room:

All case files are currently stored in a former cell or placed in the attic. Record retention is in accordance with state statute. This area contains sensitive information and should be secured. There should be limited access to this area.

Additional Areas of Storage:

The garage also has a set of shelves that store maintenance equipment for the squad cars. There is also a small tool box with contents as well as a traffic counter and its components located in same area.

We are also responsible for placing no parking signs out during certain special events. These wooden stakes and signs are located within the garage.

We also have equipment that is no longer used in the garage area.

All breaching equipment is placed in the garage.

We maintain a storage garage at the corner of 4th St. and Somo Ave. This is where we house squad cars and items that can't be stored at the Police Department.

Evidence Lockers:

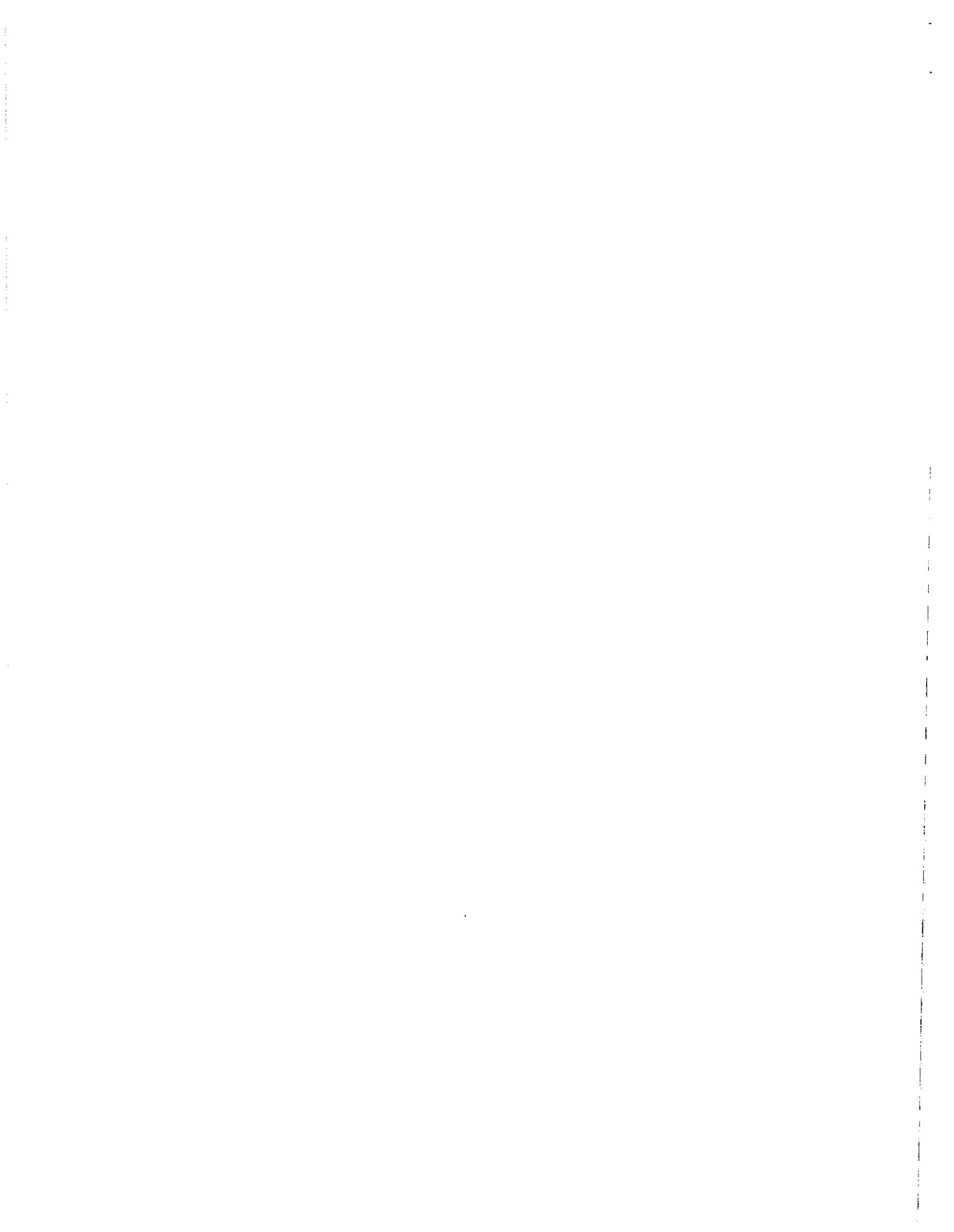
Currently these lockers are located in the garage area. They are secured with a padlock. These lockers should be integrated to the evidence area and secured to the wall and floor.

Needs/ Changes:

1. Additional office space to allow privacy and security. The secretary and drug investigator should have their own office area.
2. The records should be stored in a secured area.
3. All ammunition should be secured in a fire safe room.
4. The evidence room needs to be expanded to allow for proper storage. The area should be ventilated. There should be an area outside of the evidence room that allows forensic testing as well as drug identification.
5. There is a need for a shower area to aid in decontamination of officers after certain calls as well as additional restroom facilities.
6. A large training/ conference room. This would allow us to meet in a secured area. We could also host training events. This area would also serve a command center during a major incident.
7. The cleaning maintenance area should also be ventilated and secured.
8. Currently the safety and security of the building is horrific. The front of the facility must be protected against vehicular impact. The entrances should be secured and dispatchers should be located behind closed bulletproof glass.
9. There is a need to have a larger public area to include a restroom facility.
10. A room or office that would serve as an area that would be home to the radio equipment, computer servers, telephone equipment and specialized computers. This level of security would assure that the radios are operable during an emergency.
11. Increase the amount of computers and space for the officers in the patrol squad room.
12. Installation of a kennel in a garage area for the police K9.
13. A barn/garage on the rear of the property to house items that are inventoried by the Police department. These items would include seized vehicles, traffic equipment, and additional squads.
14. The facility should be gated and fenced to minimize access.
15. Supplies should be moved and located in one area.
16. The use of video security devices on all Police Department owned property should be employed and monitored by the dispatch staff.
17. Cash register and credit card machine should be located next to each other.
18. Copying machine should be integrated so that a separate scanner and fax machine can be eliminated. This would increase efficiency by allowing employees to fax, email and print from their computer.
19. There should be an additional interview room with equipment.

Other Considerations:

1. We are aggressively enforcing the drug laws. We anticipate obtaining additional vehicle in seizures. We are required to store these vehicles for at least a 60-day period.
2. I believe that if the building is properly designed many features requested by the police and fire department can be shared.



Sergeant's Annual Report

The Sergeant's Annual Report consists of a summary of incidents in 2020 in the categories of Emergency Detentions, Offenses Against Family and Children, Forcible Rapes, Sex Offenses, Runaways, Sudden Deaths, and Domestic Abuse Incidents.

Emergency Detentions

Emergency Detentions are investigations in which there is a belief that an individual is mentally ill, is drug dependent, or is developmentally disabled, and that the person shows a substantial probability of physical harm to themselves or others. Evidence in these cases includes recent threats of or attempts at suicide or serious bodily harm. Recent homicidal behavior or other violent actions by the individual that places others in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm are factors used as evidence in these investigations.

Subjects who meet the criteria for an emergency detention are detained by officers, medically cleared at a hospital, and then transported by an officer to a health care facility for further treatment. The frequency of emergency detention incidents that occurred from 2018 to 2020 is summarized as follows.

Emergency Detention Chart

	Total	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Females	Males	Age 0-12	Age 13-18	Age 19-30	Age 31-45	Age 46-60	Age 60 +
2018	22	0	2	2	2	4	1	2	0	1	3	4	1	11	11	0	3	6	4	2	7
2019	18	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	1	2	10	8	0	2	5	6	3	2
2020	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	7	3	0	3	1	4	2	0

There were a total of 10 Emergency Detention investigations in 2020. In comparison there were 18 investigations conducted in 2019 and 22 investigations conducted in 2018. Of the cases in 2020 8 involved transport to a mental health care facility. Two of the cases resulted in no transport with follow-up counseling provided by North Central Health Care staff.

Offenses Against Family and Children

These incidents are categorized as possible child abuse or neglect cases. In most instances these cases are first reported to Lincoln County Social Services who then notify the Tomahawk Police Department of the incident for follow-up investigation. Incidents that do not involve direct care givers are screened out by social services and forwarded to law enforcement for investigation. In some instances, Lincoln County Social Workers will assist officers in conducting child interviews and conducting home visits depending on the specific facts of the case.

In 2020 there were a total of 13 Offenses Against Family and Children complaints. In comparison there were 14 complaints reported in 2019.

Of the incidents reported in 2020 one 33-year-old female had a charge of physical abuse of a child referred to the Lincoln County District Attorney.

One 38-year-old male had a charge of physical abuse of a child referred to the Lincoln County District Attorney.

The remaining cases were investigated and determined to be unfounded, referred to other law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction, or lacking sufficient evidence to charge.

Forcible Rape

Forcible rape incidents involve the use of physical force to perpetuate the crime. All other sexual assault incidents are covered in the Sex Offenses category.

The Tomahawk Police Department conducted one forcible rape investigations in 2020. That case remains an open investigation.

In comparison the Tomahawk Police Department investigated two forcible rape cases in 2019.

Sex Offenses

Sexual assault incidents are covered in this category. In 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department investigated 11 Sex Offenses complaints. In 2019 there were 8 Sex Offenses investigations and in 2018 there were 10 Sex Offenses investigations.

A summary of the cases investigated in 2020 is as follows. In four cases there was insufficient evidence to support a criminal charge. One case was exceptionally cleared with victim declining prosecution. One case was referred to a law enforcement agency in another jurisdiction.

In the remaining five cases the results of the investigations are as follows:

In one case a 19-year-old male and another 19-year-old male had a charge of sexual assault of a child 16 years old or older forwarded to the Lincoln County District Attorney.

In one case a 40-year-old male had a charge of 4th degree sexual assault forwarded to the Lincoln County District Attorney.

In one case a 47-year-old male was arrested on charges of child enticement, and exposing a child to harmful materials.

In one case a 22-year-old male had a charge of 2nd degree sexual assault forwarded to the Lincoln County District Attorney.

In one case a 32-year-old male was referred to the Lincoln County District Attorney for a charge of 4th degree sexual assault.

Runaways

These cases involve youths under the age of 18 being reported as missing by the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodial of said juvenile. Upon receiving a report of a runaway, officers meet with the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian and have them complete a Missing Person Certification form. This form documents the circumstances relating to the juvenile running away. It also lists the name, physical description, and clothing description of the runaway and authorizes law enforcement to temporarily detain the runaway if located. The information is entered into National Crime Information Center (NCIC), which will indicate to other law enforcement agencies who have contact with the juvenile that they are listed as a runaway.

In 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department investigated three runaway complaints. In two cases the juvenile was located and returned home. In one case the juvenile turned 18 years old and was located and cancelled as a runaway.

In 2019 the Tomahawk Police Department did not conduct any runaway investigations.

In 2018 the Tomahawk Police Department investigated one runaway complaint.

Sudden Deaths

In 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department investigated four sudden death investigations. Three of these cases were determined to be death by natural causes. One case was determined to be a suicide. In comparison in 2019 there were nine sudden death investigations.

The Tomahawk Police Department investigates each of these incidents to examine the circumstances surrounding the death. Investigating officers complete a Sudden Death Report, which thoroughly details information relating to the scene. Officers also notify the Lincoln County Coroner to respond to the scene and assist the coroner as necessary. Officers are at times required to make death notifications to the next of kin, which requires a great deal of compassion and professionalism.

Domestic Abuse Incidents

In 2020 there were seven domestic abuse incidents that were investigated by the Tomahawk Police Department. In comparison there were fifteen domestic abuse incidents investigated in 2019.

These investigations involve incidents between adult spouses, adult former spouses, adults residing together, adults who formerly resided together, or adults who have a child in common. An officer investigating these cases typically requests backup from other officers due to the sometimes violent nature of these calls and for officer safety. Once on scene, officers assess the safety and welfare of all parties involved and separate and interview the suspect and victim.

Of the seven domestic abuse incidents investigated by the Tomahawk Police Department the demographic information is as follows.

One investigation involved a female suspect and six involved male suspects. The 34-year-old female was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Of the six investigations involving male suspects involved in domestic abuse incidents the demographics are as follows.

One 38-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and two counts of bail jumping.

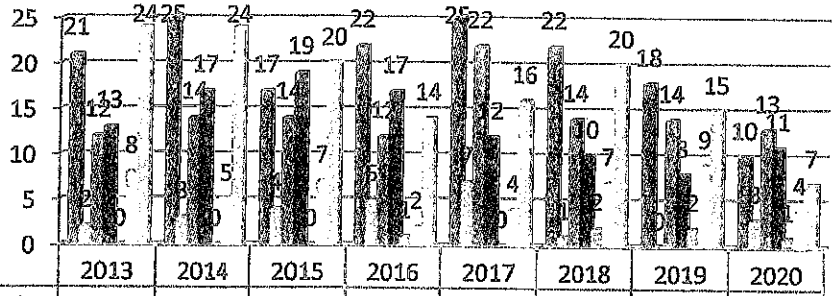
One 40-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and bail jumping. One 40-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct.

One 47-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct, battery, suffocation/strangulation, and false imprisonment.

One 62-year-old male was arrested for disorderly conduct.

One 32-year-old male was investigated for a domestic-related incident in which there was insufficient evidence for an arrest.

Sensitive Investigation Data



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Emergency Detention	21	25	17	22	25	22	18	10
Runaway (Under 18)	2	3	4	5	7	1	0	3
Family & Child Off.	12	14	14	12	22	14	14	13
Sex Offenses	13	17	19	17	12	10	8	11
Rape	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Sudden Death	8	5	7	2	4	7	9	4
Domestic Abuse	24	24	20	14	16	20	15	7

Conclusion

There was a total of 49 Sensitive Crimes investigations conducted by the Tomahawk Police Department in 2020. This compares with a total of 66 Sensitive Crimes investigations in 2019 and a total of 74 Sensitive Crime investigations in 2018. The chart above represents the comparison of sensitive crime investigations from 2013 to 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven W. Buckwalter, Sgt.

Tomahawk Police Department

Citation and Arrest Report

2020

Traffic Citations	110
City Ordinance Citations	68
Parking Citations	140
Verbal/Written Warnings	324
Criminal Charges Referred	55
Warrant/Probation Holds	30



Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

January 2020 - December 2020

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	111	113	53	26	3	29
Crimes Against Persons	15	15	9	5	0	5
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	5	5	2	1	0	1
• Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sodomy	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	4	4	2	1	0	1
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	1	0	0	0
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	9	9	6	4	0	4
• Aggravated Assault	3	3	1	1	0	1
• Simple Assault	5	5	5	3	0	3
• Intimidation	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	62	64	20	11	3	14
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	2	0	0	0	0
Theft/Larceny	39	41	15	7	3	10
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	9	9	5	3	1	4
• Theft From Building	5	5	3	2	0	2
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	5	7	2	1	2	3



Crime Counts - Tomahawk PD
January 2020 - December 2020

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	1	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	20	20	4	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	2	1	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	2	2	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - False Pretenses	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Impersonation	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	17	17	3	3	0	3
Crimes Against Society	34	34	24	10	0	10
Weapon Law Violations	3	3	2	1	0	1
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	31	31	22	9	0	9
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	17	17	13	4	0	4
• Drug Equipment Violations	14	14	9	5	0	5
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date
January 2020 - December 2020

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	58	7	65
Bad Checks	3	0	3
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	14	2	16
Driving Under the influence	4	0	4
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	0	1
Liquor Law Violation	0	1	1
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	1	0	1
All Other Offenses	35	4	39

Counting Rules

Counts on this page are based on the month of the incident or arrest, rather than the month the incident was submitted. If the incident date is unknown, the report date is used. Counts are subject to change as data are updated.

Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively.

Victim counts are calculated based on the number of victims connected to each unique offense type in an incident. For Crimes Against Persons, the number of victims will be equal to the number of offenses. Victims will be counted more than once if they are connected to multiple offenses.

Arrest counts are calculated based on the number of arrestees listed on a Group A or Group B incident. Each arrestee is counted only once per incident. Arrests are categorized based on the specific Group A or Group B arrest code submitted by the agency, rather than the incident offense code. Since agencies only submit the most serious arrest charge for each arrestee on an incident, arrest counts are not indicative of the number of charges.

Incidents are cleared in one of two ways: by arrest or by exceptional means. Clearance counts are based on the number of offenses cleared in a given month regardless of when the offense occurred, and can therefore be greater than the number of offenses in a given month. In incident-based reporting, the first arrest on an incident, or an exceptional clearance, will clear all offenses associated with the incident.

2020 Narcotics Report

Throughout the year of 2020, the opioid threat which includes controlled prescriptions such as hydrocodone/Vicodin, oxycodone/oxycontin, fentanyl and other synthetic opioids including heroin have reached epidemic levels and have significantly impacted our area, as well as all portions of the United States. In 2018 (2019 and 2020 numbers are not yet available) there were 846 overdose deaths involving opioids in Wisconsin a rate of 15.3 deaths per 100,000 persons, which was higher than the national rate of 14.6 deaths per 100,000 persons. The greatest increase in opioid deaths was seen in cases involving synthetic opioids (Mainly Fentanyl) a rise from 466 deaths in 2017 to 506 deaths in 2018. Deaths involving heroin or prescription opioids declined from 327 (a rate of 6.0) to 301 (a rate of 5.3) cases in 2018.

In 2017, Wisconsin providers wrote 52.6 opioid prescriptions for every 100 persons. In 2018, Wisconsin providers wrote 45.8 opioid prescriptions for every 100 persons. Wisconsin's opioid prescriptions were lower than the national average of 51.4 per 100 persons. Though some numbers have decreased from last year, the abuse of opioids remains an issue for the state of Wisconsin.

Now as I have stated above opioids have dominated the conversation around drug use in recent years, however, methamphetamine use is still a continued growing concern across Wisconsin and our small city.

We, Wisconsin as a whole is well positioned for the illicit drug pipeline receiving shipments from both Chicago and Minneapolis that leaves virtually no part of the state untouched. The common trend is showing heroin is being transported up from Chicago to the urban areas of Wisconsin. Methamphetamine can be either coming down from the Minneapolis area to the rural areas of Wisconsin or it can be produced in our area with supplies from your local hardware store.

Based on my experiences I would say that meth is the largest and most problematic drug that we see. There's multiple variety of drugs that we deal with and we deal with all of them frequently, but methamphetamine has simply skyrocketed over the past few years.

In my opinion methamphetamine is a unforgiving drug. It offers an intense temporary high that gives the user a jolt of energy, while slowly shutting down the body. It's visible marks can leave users with severe tooth decay and skin sores. The biggest/most severe effect is the psychological effects it leaves the user with.

Dr. Chris Eberlein, an emergency physician at Gundersen Lutheran Health System stated that the biggest psychological effect of meth usage is that users can become psychotic, hallucinate and it causes long term cognitive problems, and those are extremely difficult to treat. "It's a massive rewiring of the brain that causes the addiction and drives the need for meth."

One of the reasons meth is re-surgin is that it's now comparatively cheap to other drugs. In the 1990's manufacturing meth was more localized, we had a lot of "Mom and Pop" garage type labs. Today, the majority of the meth is coming out of the super labs in Mexico where it's manufactured at a much cheaper rate and in much larger quantities. In addition it can be in the form of powder, crystal or pills and can be snorted, smoked or injected.

Another reason meth is on the rise is also due to the opioid epidemic. Opiates are a depressant, while meth is a very strong stimulant. Users will try and negate one another chemically. When using opiates they get tired, so they then use meth/a stimulant in an attempt to get their bodies back to neutral/normal and that keeps the vicious cycle going.

There's no doubt that both opiates and methamphetamine will continue to be a growing concern for the safety of all who come in contact with it. And continued efforts will be needed to address these issues.

2020 DRUG ACTIVITY IN TOMAHAWK

In 2020, the drug activity from the Tomahawk Police Department had decreased substantially due to no longer having a full-time drug detective as that officer retired in 2019. The major reason was due to the spread of the coronavirus as the state has been placed on multiple shutdowns. Officers around the nation were advised to limit as much face-to-face contact as possible. The Tomahawk Police Department utilized proper PPE throughout the year to avoid the spread of the virus. We hope COVID-19 will disappear and we can go back to our ways of conducting drug investigations.

HIGHLIGHT CASES FOR 2020

Officer observed three vehicles parked closely together in the parking lot of Sara Park and noticed two vehicles had no occupants inside. Officer then observed the third vehicle with multiple male parties inside. As the officer was exiting his squad to check on the occupants of the vehicle, the three occupants exited their vehicle as well. Officer could detect a strong odor coming from inside the vehicle and detained the male parties. Officer searched the vehicle and located \$2,786.00 worth of cash, 4.1lbs of edible prepackaged thc infused candies (70 packages), 67g of marijuana and 46.76g of psilocybin mushrooms.

In March, Myself and another officer were called to a garbage dumping complaint at a gas station in town. I checked a garbage can and located hundreds of used needles that was just loosely thrown away by a female party who has had a long history of methamphetamine use. With that information, I started a drug investigation of possible methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin use at a residence in the city. As the search warrant was being written, the spread and the seriousness of the coronavirus had made officers all over the state concerned. Due to officer safety, the search warrant was not executed but the drug problem was still monitored.

2020 DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM:

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

64,580 Dosage Units = 43.75 lbs.

OINMENTS/SALVES:

172g = 0.38 lbs

MEDICATED PATCHES:

28

LIQUIDS:

1,516ml = .400 gal.

POWDERS:

1045g = 2.30 lbs.

SYRINGES:

4,885

Respectfully Submitted;

Michael D. Krich # 188

Officer; Tomahawk Police Department.

2020 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

TOMAHAWK P.D. GENERAL INVESTIGATION MISSION:

The investigative division of the Tomahawk Police Department strives to serve and protect its citizens. It is the detective's primary goal to work closely with the chief of police, patrol division, school resource officer, and other law enforcement agencies to effectively investigate criminal incidents that have occurred or are actively occurring within City of Tomahawk. These investigations can be time consuming, and they very often contain many working parts and a variety of informative resources.

The detective also performs follow up investigative activities which include canvassing incident locations, extensive interviews, and developing reliable sources of information within the Tomahawk Community. It is the detective's mission to effectively investigate, document, and solve major crimes and significant incidents that occur within the city limits. The detective also works closely with other agencies and investigators to achieve success during these in-depth investigations which can involve multiple agencies and jurisdictions.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS OVERVIEW:

Matt Gorell was the detective at the Tomahawk Police Department during the 2020 calendar. Detective Gorell worked alongside several other agencies during the course of his duties which included: Vilas County, Oneida County, Lincoln County, Merrill, De Pere, River Falls, Eau Claire, and Jackson. The following incidents were reported and investigated:

- Crimes against bodily security
- Misappropriation and property crimes (thefts/burglaries)
- Drug offense(s)
- Death investigation(s)
- Fraud incident(s)
- Crimes against children/child abuse/child pornography
- Sexual assault(s)
- Domestic battery/assault
- Telephone threats

- Elder abuse
- Damage to property
- Internet crimes
- Juvenile runaway(s)
- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Recklessly endangering safety
- Going armed while intoxicated

2020 INVESTIGATIVE HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

2020 involved the follow up investigations of several 2019 incidents. This included a Reckless Homicide involving two suspects. Arrests were made as a result of that investigation. Detective Gorell and Tomahawk Patrol Officers investigated and solved numerous theft complaints that were reported within the city limits. Multiple child abuse complaints were reported and investigated. Detective Gorell worked closely with Lincoln County Child Protective Services while investigating those incidents.

Numerous telephone and internet crimes were reported. These incidents required the drafting of search warrants and affidavits. They also included multiple law enforcement jurisdictions and outside agency assistance. Chief Elvins and Detective Gorell also investigated a weapons complaint that involved an intoxicated and disorderly resident discharging a firearm inside a city residence. That incident was brought to a swift conclusion with no physical injury, and there has already been a criminal conviction in that case.

SUMMARY:

The investigative division of the Tomahawk Police Department has responded quickly and effectively to many felonious complaints during the calendar year of 2020. Chief Elvins, Tomahawk Patrol Division, and Detective Gorell worked together to solve dozens of complaints and investigate serious incidents that were reported within the City of Tomahawk. Several significant investigations are still ongoing at this time. Detective Gorell also assisted with patrol activities when necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective Matt Gorell #183
Tomahawk Police Department



2020 Evidence and Property Report

As the Evidence/Property Custodian of the Police Department's evidence room. One of the main responsibilities is to provide security and control of seized, recovered, and evidentiary property as well as abandoned, lost or found property that is in custody of the Tomahawk Police Department. This is very important in supporting investigations, in helping guarantee successful prosecution at trials and in facilitating the return of property to its rightful owners. The department has measures in place for the receipt, handling, security and disposition of such property.

When evidentiary property is collected by officers out in the field, they then secure it in our temporary evidence lockers. Prior to securing it in the temporary lockers the officers properly package, label, seal and enter the property into the department's property database. It is the job of the evidence custodian to then move the property from the temporary lockers and secure it in the evidence/property room.

As evidence custodians we make sure the property is safely stored in the property room; ensure that property remains in the same condition; make the property available for trial; transfer property for analysis to one of the State Crime Labs and dispose of or return the property to its rightful owner when appropriate.

Based on a query of the Tomahawk Police Department computerized property and evidence database during 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department took in approximately 209 items which is about a one third of the total number of items we took in in 2019. The actual number of items may be higher as multiple items are sometimes grouped together. It also does not include majority of the syringes collected or medications collected in the drug take back box.

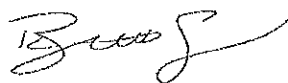
Almost half of the evidence and property taken in during 2020 was related to drug offenses, including but not limited to, controlled substances and related paraphernalia.

Evidence and property that is no longer needed continues to be purged from the evidence room, when time permits. This process is time consuming as each case needs to be researched before the evidence and/or property can be purged. Locating the owner of property that can be returned can sometimes be difficult or often the owner

does not respond to notices. The purging process needs to be done on a frequent basis throughout the year to make it easier in managing the property, to make room for new property and to help in locating specific items easier. Throughout 2020, approximately 275 items were purged from the evidence room. This number does not include items that were able to be returned to the rightful owner.

Not all evidence can be purged as some investigations are inactive and the evidence needs to be preserved for any pending changes in the status of the case. Wisconsin State Statutes also dictate when evidence in particular cases such as in Felony, Misdemeanor, Homicide, and Sexual Assault Cases can be disposed of.

Respectfully,



Officer Brett M. Susa #189
School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer
Evidence-Property Technician/Custodian





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2020 Squad Maintenance Report

The Tomahawk Police Department vehicle fleet consists of five marked patrol squads and two unmarked vehicles. The marked vehicle squads are rotated out of service as of now every 4 or 5 years depending on miles and repair costs.

The City of Tomahawk Department of Public Works assists the police department in minor vehicle repairs and the vehicles are taken to Northwoods Lube for oil changes.

Squad 31—2018 Ford Interceptor, marked squad: 10,700 miles

This vehicle is assigned to Officer Brett Susa. There were no major repairs to this vehicle.

Squad 32—2016 Ford Interceptor, marked squad: 67,100 miles

This vehicle is assigned to Officer Ryan Picl. There were no major repairs on this vehicle.

Squad 33—2014 Ford Interceptor, marked squad: 60,233 miles

This vehicle is assigned to the Officer Watruba and is primarily used by her. Repairs to this vehicle entail update on recalls and a replacement of the squad camera system.

Squad 34—2013 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado, marked squad: 110,828 miles

This vehicle is assigned to the night shift officers. This vehicle had its radiator replaced due to a crack in it.

Squad 35—2012 Chevrolet Tahoe, marked squad: 96,099 miles

This vehicle is assigned to Sgt. Steve Buckwalter. There were no major repairs to this vehicle.

Squad 38—2012 Chrysler Town & Country, unmarked squad: 120,100 miles

This vehicle is assigned to Det. Matthew Gorell. This vehicle was obtained through a seizure from a drug investigation that was performed by Det. DuPlayee and there was not a cost to the department for the vehicle. There were no major repairs to this vehicle.

Squad 39—2015 Ford Interceptor, marked squad: 89,163 miles

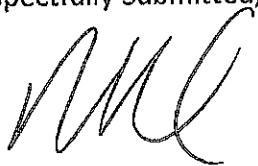
This squad is primarily used for the K-9 squad by Officer Tom Tollefson. This squad was purchased with donations and was at no cost to the city. There were no major repairs made to this vehicle.

2016 Ford F-150 33,200 miles

This squad is an unmarked pickup truck that is primarily used by Chief Elvins. There weren't any major repairs to this vehicle.

Total fuel used in 2020 was 7,273.57 gallons at a total cost of \$15,578.02.

Respectfully Submitted,



Officer Ryan Picl



2020 K9 Annual Report

In January of 2013 the Tomahawk Police Department started a donation campaign for the funds to support a K9 program. By April of 2013 the program reached the necessary goal to purchase the K9 and a used squad car at no cost to the city. K9 Vali was purchased from K9 Working Dogs International in Longford, Kansas and she was sworn in as a Tomahawk Police Officer in May of 2013. To this date, the Tomahawk Police Department continues to receive support for the K9 unit from private citizens and business donations in the Tomahawk area. The current amount in the K9 fund is in excess of \$38,000. The Animal Clinic of Tomahawk continues to provide medical expenses and Tomahawk Community Bank donates \$500 annually. A new K9 squad was purchased at the end of 2014 through a donation from the Bierman Foundation in Merrill, WI. Fundraising for the Tomahawk Police Department K9 program is continuing. In 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department K9 program received a donation from the Randy Hoegger Memorial Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Vali is a female Belgium Malinois and is now almost 10 yrs old. Vali is trained to passively alert to the odors of Marijuana, Heroine, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Ecstasy. Vali is also trained in article searches and ground disturbed tracking. Officer Tom Tollefson has been Vali's handler since 2014 and the two reside at Officer Tollefson's residence when they are not on duty. Vali and Officer Tollefson have traveled back to Longford, Kansas for about a week each year for recertification training. Vali and Officer Tollefson continued to also train whether on duty or not.

At the end of 2019 and throughout 2020 Vali suffered a few minor injuries which caused her to take some time off. The stress of jumping in and out of a vehicle several times a day along with Vali's age are risk factors. As a result of that, the kennel in the back of the squad was modified so Vali would not have to jump as high to get in. However, age finally caught up to Vali. In December of 2020 the Tomahawk Police Department decided to retire Vali, and a new K9 handler was trained and a new K9 was purchased from Little Rock K9 Academy in Little Rock,

Arkansas. Officer Michael Krich has taken over as the new K9 handler for the Tomahawk Police Department. After completing his training in Little Rock in December, he returned and introduced K9 Pipo to the Tomahawk Police Department. Pipo is a male Labrador Retriever (yellow) trained in narcotics detection and tracking. K9 Pipo has been deployed several times in his short career and the Tomahawk Police Department and Officer Krich will be excited to report on Pipo's progress in 2021. Vali will continue to reside with Officer Tollefson and his family at his residence throughout her retirement years.

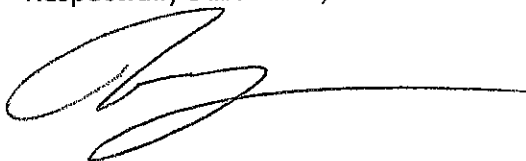
K9 Vali was a huge asset to the Tomahawk Police Department and surrounding jurisdictions. In 2020, Vali was deployed 104 times on traffic related issues. 9 of those deployments were to assist the Wisconsin State Patrol, 3 were to assist the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and 1 was to assist the Merrill Police Department. Out of the 104 deployments, 23 people were arrested for the possession of illegal drugs or possession of drug paraphernalia. Deployment numbers decreased slightly from 2018 and 2019, however the arrest numbers have remained consistent. Lower deployment numbers can be related to the COVID-19 pandemic that had officers conducting fewer traffic stops.

In August of 2020, Officer Tollefson and Vali were conducting patrol in the city of Tomahawk when a suspicious vehicle was observed at a local park. After making contact with the occupants and investigating a little more, Officer Tollefson with the assistance of Vali were able to make one of their largest drug arrests /seizures since being paired together. At least 2 oz of Marijuana, 2 oz of psilocybin mushrooms, and over 4 lbs of THC edibles were confiscated. A 2014 Mercedes Benz and approximately \$2800 in cash were also seized. It was later determined that the suspect in this case was selling his illegal drugs to local high school students.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vali's community appearances were very limited in 2020.

2020 brought many changes to the Tomahawk Police Department's K9 program. 2021 will bring changes as well. The purchase of a new K9 squad is anticipated through community donations. K9 Pipo and Officer Krich will also be continuing with their training together.

Respectfully Submitted,



Officer Tom Tollefson