

TOWN OF LINN POLICE DEPARTMENT FY2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Protect, Serve, and Lead our Community to a Safer Tomorrow



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Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... law enforcement.

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Mission Statement

The Town of Linn Police Department is a progressive and professional organization dedicated to maintaining community partnerships which promote a high quality of life for the Town's diverse population. The department is committed to treating all people with dignity, fairness, and respect, protecting their rights, and providing equal protection under the law.

Our Mission...

- To promote public safety.
- To prevent, suppress, and investigate crimes.
- To provide emergency and non-emergency services.
- To create and maintain strong community partnerships.
- To adapt a multidisciplinary approach to solving community problems.
- To develop and promote a diverse, professional workforce.

Values

To accomplish our mission, we are committed to the following values that guide our decisions and help us provide the highest quality of service to citizens.

Integrity – We believe that honesty and integrity are the basis for personal and public trust. We believe in and live by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Courage – We stand firm in the face of danger and will confront all threats to the safety of our community.

Service – We are servants to the community and dedicated to protecting life and property.

Innovation – We will continually strive to introduce new processes and establish successful ideas to create new value and improve our service.

Respect – We will treat everyone fairly and will always value their feelings and views.

Excellence – We will always be consistent in good behavior, manners and attitude towards people and responsibilities.

Honor – We will adhere to our guiding principles of esteem and dignity in our public office and always hold the rights of everyone in the highest regard.

Welcome from the Chief of Police

On behalf of the members of the Town of Linn Police Department, I thank you for taking the time to read our 2023 Annual Report. The Town of Linn Police Department is comprised of eight (8) sworn officers who provide 24-hour a day service to residents and visitors of the Town of Linn. Department members work cooperatively with other government agencies as well as police departments and state and federal law enforcement agencies in the region.



This report will provide information on department organization, leadership, operations, programs, and statistics. I hope that the report provides insight into the daily activities of department personnel and the positive impacts which the department members make within the community.

During 2023 we hired three new officers to fill vacancies created by retirements and lateral movement amongst other agencies. I am a firm believer in building a positive internal culture where team members become family and can grow both personally and professionally. I am happy to say that we are fully staffed and have a fantastic group of officers and team members serving our community. I continually work to develop leaders in the agency. The team has adopted the leader-leader mindset and is continually striving to experience new challenges and learn from others.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town of Linn Town Board, the Town of Linn Protective Services Committee, the citizens of the Town of Linn, and the team of professional Police Officers of the Town of Linn Police Department. These people provide the support and safety necessary to ensure the Town of Linn remains a great place to live, raise a family, or enjoy a vacation.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Albrecht, CPM

Chief of Police

Town of Linn Police Department

Town of Linn, Walworth County, WI

The Town of Linn is situated on the north and south shores of beautiful Lake Geneva, which is a popular destination for boating, fishing, and swimming. The lake is surrounded by scenic views and hiking trails, making it a great place for outdoor enthusiasts. The Town of Linn is a great place to live, work, and play.

Town Government
Board Members Jim Weiss – Chairman Kathy Leith – Supervisor Maureen Zimmerman – Supervisor Alex Palmer – Supervisor Jim Livingston – Supervisor
Town Administrator Jim Hurley
Protective Services Committee Jim Weiss – Chair John Palmer Connor Pilman Maureen Zimmerman Pat Maloney

Statistics	
Population	2,690
Households	1,114
Town Area	33.8 sq. mi.
Paved Roads	66 mi.
Public Schools	
Traver Elementary (4K-8)	
Reek Elementary (PK, K-8)	
Per Capita Income	\$58,303.00
Median Household Income	\$82,353.00

The Town of Linn was established January 23, 1844 (four years before Wisconsin became a state). It is named for Dr. Lewis Field Linn of Missouri, a Federal Senator, who died in 1843. John Powers, a native of Maine, built the first house in Linn in 1837. His log cabin was located at the East end of the lake. The 1880 Federal census records the Town population as 823. The 2005 resident population was 2,318. The population was 2,687 at the 2020 census.

The first residents of this area were the Potawatomi, who named the lake "Kish-wau-kee-to" which means "clear water". Big Foot High School in Walworth is named in honor of their Chief. Potawatomi names are still seen on many road signs.

In 1836, John Brink, a U. S. Government surveyor, was sent here. He named Geneva Lake in honor of his hometown, Geneva, New York. The Town of Linn lies on both the North and South Shores of Geneva Lake. Geneva Lake is about 9 miles long and from 3 miles to ½ mile wide. The greatest depth is 142 feet. About 1/6 of the Town is covered by the lake itself. 14 miles of approximately 26 miles of shoreline lie within the Town of Linn.

In 1901 the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company built its Chicago to Janesville line across the southern edge of the Town, resulting in the station stop, Zenda. According to local

legend, Zenda was named by the daughter of the railroad's president. She was reading the book, *The Prisoner of Zenda*, as she was passing through on the train and thought it would be the perfect name for this settlement. While there is no longer a stop for rail passengers in Zenda, the track is active with freight traffic. The Town offices and Police Department are in Zenda, just behind the Town Hall. Monthly Town Board and other committee meetings are held in the Town Hall, which was built in 1914. This is also where South Shore residents vote.

The Linn 4-H Club meets monthly in the Town Hall. This was the first 4-H Club in Wisconsin and began October 30, 1914. There is a Historical Marker on South Lakeshore Drive at the sight of the Hatch Farm where the first meetings were held.

The Town, at various times, had a sawmill, a grist mill, several cheese plants, two general stores, a lumber yard, a ski hill, Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, and a blacksmith shop. The Post Office, in Zenda, has relocated many times. Linn is still home to The Lake Geneva Country Club, the first golf club in Wisconsin.



Traver School Class of 1940

Department Overview and Structure

The Town of Linn Police Department was started in the 1930's particularly at the request of residents around the lake. Those residents requested a police force, primarily for the protection of property. The Police Department at this time was said to be one officer, who operated out of his home. This would go on for about 25 years.

In the 1940's, the City of Lake Geneva had a light which hung in the middle of the intersection of Main St and Broad St. If the light was lit, the officer went to the Police Department office, which was located next to the Fire Department at the time. Within the lobby area was a sign which read, "If you need the police, turn this switch ON". Eventually this led to the City of Lake Geneva providing its own dispatch service, which the Town of Linn also utilized.

The Town of Linn Police Department provides 24-hour protective services to the 2,690 residents of the Town of Linn while patrolling 27.4 square miles. The department consists of 8 full-time officers including a Chief of Police, a Sergeant, and a Detective. The department is committed to treating all people with dignity, fairness, and respect, protecting their rights, and providing equal protection under the law.

The Chief of Police and Sergeant generally work regular business hours and on an as-needed basis, while the Detective and Patrol Officers work one of three – 10 ½ hour shifts, 5:45AM to 4:15PM (day shift), 3:45PM to 2:15AM (afternoon shift), and 7:45PM to 6:15AM (night shift). Officers work four days on, followed by four days off, then four days on, followed by three days off. The 10 1/2-hour shift schedule is new this year and provides for an increased number of regular days off while working the required number of hours each year (2,080) to maintain full-time employment status. This schedule also decreases the amount of overtime needed to cover open shifts by having built-in overlapping working hours.

The department deploys four squad cars, a 2019 Ford Interceptor Utility SUV, two 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility SUVs, and a 2022 Ford Interceptor Utility SUV. Each squad is equipped and outfitted with the Axon Fleet 3 camera system, which provides real-time speed and GPS tracking video overlay. Each squad is also equipped with a ballistic shield and a less than lethal 40mm launcher. The fleet is managed by Officer Nathen Roe and maintained by O'Neillz Automotive in Walworth.

Each officer is issued a Microsoft Surface Pro tablet which is used as the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). Law enforcement has become very technology dependent. The individual MDT is used to provide an real-time electronic conduit to the Walworth County Dispatch center where the officer and dispatcher are constantly in electronic communication providing updates to squad location, incident details, person data, and driver and vehicle data. Each officer is also issued an Axon Body 3 body worn camera, patrol rifle, duty handgun and Axon Taser 7 electrical muscular disfunction device (EMD).

In 2023, Town of Linn officers completed the mandatory 24 hours of State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board required training, as well as Firearms and Emergency Vehicle Operations training.

Our Team

Successful teams depend on the personalities and commitment of the members, as well as the leadership style of the managers. However, the ingredients for what makes a successful team are similar across the board. Having mutual respect, common and aligned goals, open communication, and patience can all help make for a successful team.

Our team has adopted the “leader-leader” mindset. Everyone is a leader, there are no followers. We all must be able to lead ourselves before we lead others. Every team member is encouraged to seek continuing education which promotes personal growth.

My most important role as Chief of Police is to foster personal growth and build leaders. This team of police professionals is among the best I have had the opportunity to work with in my law enforcement career:



Sergeant Graham Gunyon graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater with a bachelor's degree in biology – Pre-Biological Medicine while minoring in Psychology and Physical Science. After graduation, he chose to pursue a career in law enforcement and put himself through the Police Academy at Gateway Technical College where he graduated with President's Honors.

He joined the Town of Linn Police Department in 2018 where he has served in various roles including Patrolman, Field Training Officer, and Sergeant. Additionally, Sgt. Gunyon is tasked with being the department's Traffic Safety and Training Coordinator.



Detective Jon Strohm attended Gateway Technical College before attending Blackhawk Technical College, where he graduated from the Police Academy. He has been a police officer for 11 years, 8 with the Town of Linn. He is currently assigned to the Walworth County Drug Unit, is the department's Drone Coordinator as well as a drone operator and training officer. Detective Strohm is the police department records custodian and property room manager. Detective Strohm is also a Field Training Officer. He has previously served as the EMS Liaison, Municipal Court Officer, Police Fleet Coordinator, and Traffic Safety Coordinator. He also served as a

member of the Walworth County Gang Unit. Detective Strohm is a board member for National Night Out - Walworth County.

In his free time, Officer Strohm loves to play golf. He is a huge Wisconsin Badgers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Green Bay Packers fan.



Officer Scott Annen has served with the Town of Linn Police Department for 11 years. He is the department's Firearms Instructor, Firearms Maintenance Coordinator and Armorer.

He enjoys watching classic movies, playing cards, meat lovers pizzas, and taking care of his chickens.



Officer Chris Brunning started with the Town of Linn Police Department in 2022 and has over 10 years of law enforcement experience. Chris attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where he obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is currently a certified instructor in the State of Wisconsin for both Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control and Vehicle Contacts. He has also served in several different investigative rolls in his previous department and is excited to start his new adventure with the Town of Linn Police Department. After completion of his field training Chris will be assigned to the night shift.



Officer Nick Knorr was sworn in with the Town of Linn Police Department on April 21, 2023. Nick graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville in 2006, with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a minor in History. Nick graduated from the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy, through Southwest Technical College – in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin – Platteville in 2006.

Nick comes to us with over 17 years of law enforcement experience, where he previously worked for the Village of Sharon Police Department (2006-2017), the Village of Fontana Police Department (2017-2021), and the Village of Genoa City Police Department (2021-2023).

Nick has attended countless trainings during his tenure in law enforcement, some of which include, Personal and Professional Transformational Leadership, Active Shooter Response, Property/Evidence Control and Evidence Technician, Active Assailant Training, Investigating Child Death Scenes, and Patrol Response to Drug Overdoses.

During his time off, Nick enjoys spending time with his two children, who are involved in football, volleyball, and wrestling. Nick enjoys attending sporting events, of his favorite teams, the Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and Milwaukee Bucks.

Nick is currently assigned to 3rd shift patrol.



Officer Nathen Roe was sworn in with the Town of Linn Police Department on June 13, 2023. Nathen came to us with five years of law enforcement experience. Nathen graduated in 2016 from the College of Lake County, with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Furthermore, he continued his education, graduating from the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy, through Gateway Technical College, in 2018, where he served as his class president.

During his tenure in law enforcement, Nathen has attended many hours of training, related to Behavioral and Statement Analysis, Breath Examiner's/Intoximeter Certification, Motor Carrier Enforcement Certification, as well as Human Trafficking, Strangulation, and Sexual Assault Investigations. Nathen's career goals include education and leadership.

Nathen has received several lifesaving awards and was the 2021 recipient of the American Police Hall of Fame Merit Award for Excellent Arrest. This is awarded to law enforcement officers who make a notable arrest of a dangerous felon.

Nathen's favorite part of the job is providing compassion, knowledge, and strength for people; while making a positive difference in someone's life, during difficult times.



Officer Greg Ryan was sworn in with the Town of Linn Police Department on July 27, 2023. Greg graduated from the College of DuPage with an Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Criminal Justice. Greg went on to graduate from the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy, through Gateway Technical College, in 2013. Greg came to us with seven years of law enforcement experience, where he previously worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (2016-2018) and the Village of Fontana Police Department (2017-2023).

Greg comes from a family of service, ranging from his father John, who was a police officer with the City of Elmhurst (Illinois) for 16 years, to his Uncle Jim, who was a police officer for over 30 years, before retiring as a Sergeant, and his cousin Curtis, who recently started his career in law enforcement with the Village of Elburn (Illinois).

Greg has attended many hours of training during his time in law enforcement, which include, evidence technician, Glock Armorer, Emergency Vehicles Operations (EVOC), HAZMAT Awareness for first responders, railroad investigation and safety, and Operation Rush, a drug interdiction course for patrol. Greg is a State Certified Instructor and is certified to teach EVOC.

During his off-duty time, Greg enjoys spending time with his wife Melissa, watching the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Blackhawks, and Chicago Bears, along with classic movies. Greg also enjoys model railroading.

Greg is currently assigned to 3rd shift patrol.



Chief Jon Albrecht started his career in law enforcement in 2005 working part-time for the Town of Linn. From 2006 to 2017 Jon worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Walworth County Sheriff's Office. He came back to the Town of Linn in 2017 and was promoted to Chief in 2022. Jon holds an associate degree in criminal justice and is a Certified Public Manager.

Jon has completed nearly 500 hours of professional development as a Traffic Crash Reconstructionist and is an accomplished Public Safety Diver. At this point in Jon's career, he focuses on organizational leadership and growing future law enforcement leaders. He has attended the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Command College and is currently completing the FBI-LEEDA Leadership Trilogy program.

During his off-duty time, Jon enjoys travelling with his family. He and his wife are avid scuba divers and enjoy exploring the warm, clear water of the Caribbean. The Albrecht family are also devoted

Wisconsin Badger fans and attend as many football and hockey games as possible. ON WISCONSIN!

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Director is responsible for coordinating the emergency preparedness for the Town of Linn; a process that consists of mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies. The position and responsibilities for the Emergency Management Director are assigned to the Chief of Police through Town ordinance. As part of those duties and responsibilities, the emergency management director seeks to prepare the community for coordinated and planned special events as well as disasters and emergencies.

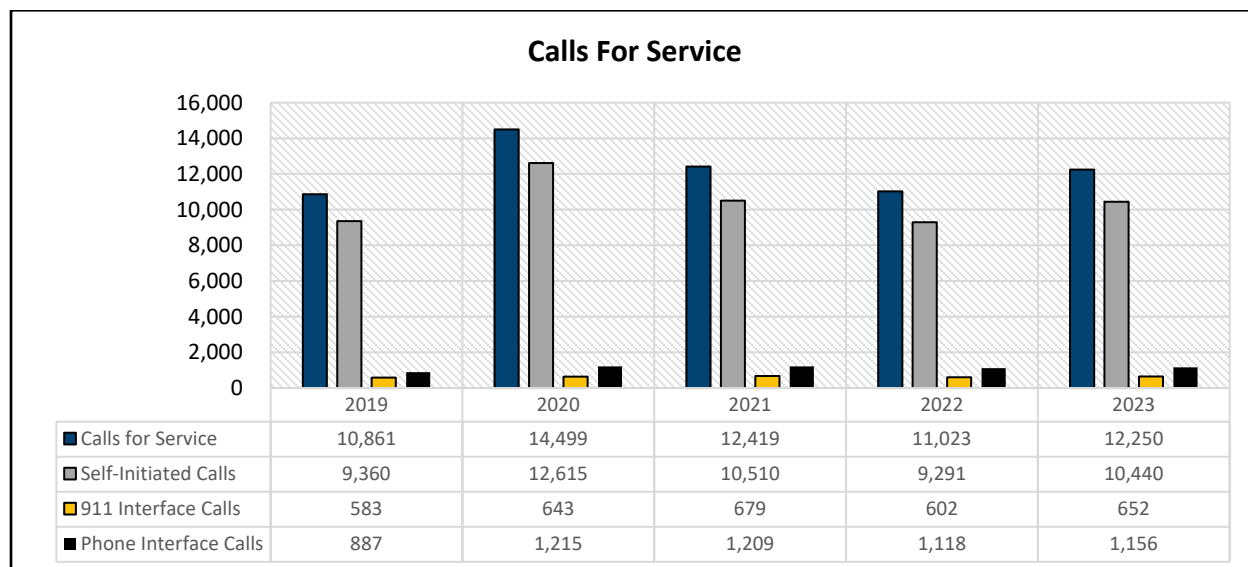
Preparation for both planned and emergency events take place through:

- Planning, training, and tabletop/functional exercises.
- Coordinating emergency response with local, state, and federal public safety partners.
- Working with all stakeholders to minimize hazards and threats impacting life and property.
- Ensuring that we have equipment, assets, and resources to recover from significant emergencies and disasters.

Given the scope of responsibility necessary to be properly prepared to respond in the event of an emergency, the Emergency Management Director routinely works with peers and community stakeholders to develop the proper response plans.

Activity Measures

All activity measures were generated utilizing the ProPhoenix Records Management System database.



Calls for Service – any call that has been recorded into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

Self-Initiated Calls – any call that has been initiated by the officer.

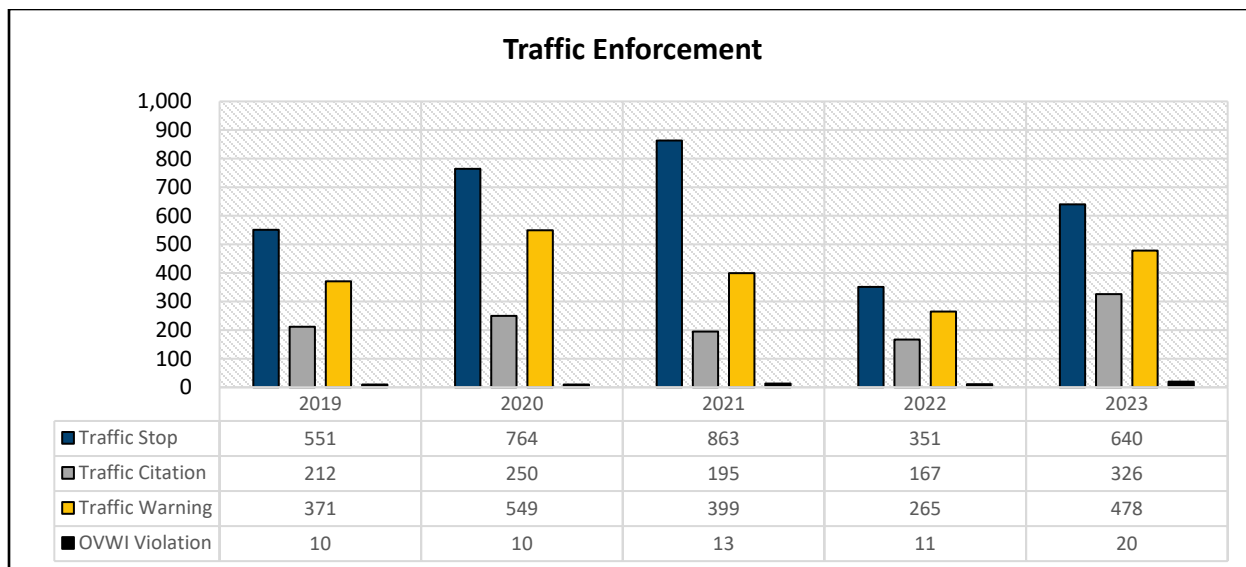
911 Interface Calls – any call that has been received on the 911 interface and assigned by a dispatcher.

Phone Interface Calls – any call that has been received on the telephone interface and assigned by a dispatcher or officer.

Calls for Service Response Times

There are no national standards for collecting and reporting response times, but many police departments publish Calls for Service data which makes up a record of every incident a police department responded to each year. Calls for Service includes both 911 calls as well as officer-initiated incidents (like traffic stops, business checks, extra patrols, etc.). For the sake of this metric, we are going to focus on the citizen generated Calls for Service coming to the Walworth County Dispatch Center via the 911 interface.

In 2023, the Town of Linn Police Department responded to 633 calls for service received via the 911 interface. The incidents originated on both the North and South shores of Geneva Lake and within the 27.4 square mile area of the Town of Linn jurisdiction. ***The total average response time for all 911 reported incidents in 2023 was 7 minutes and 40 seconds.***

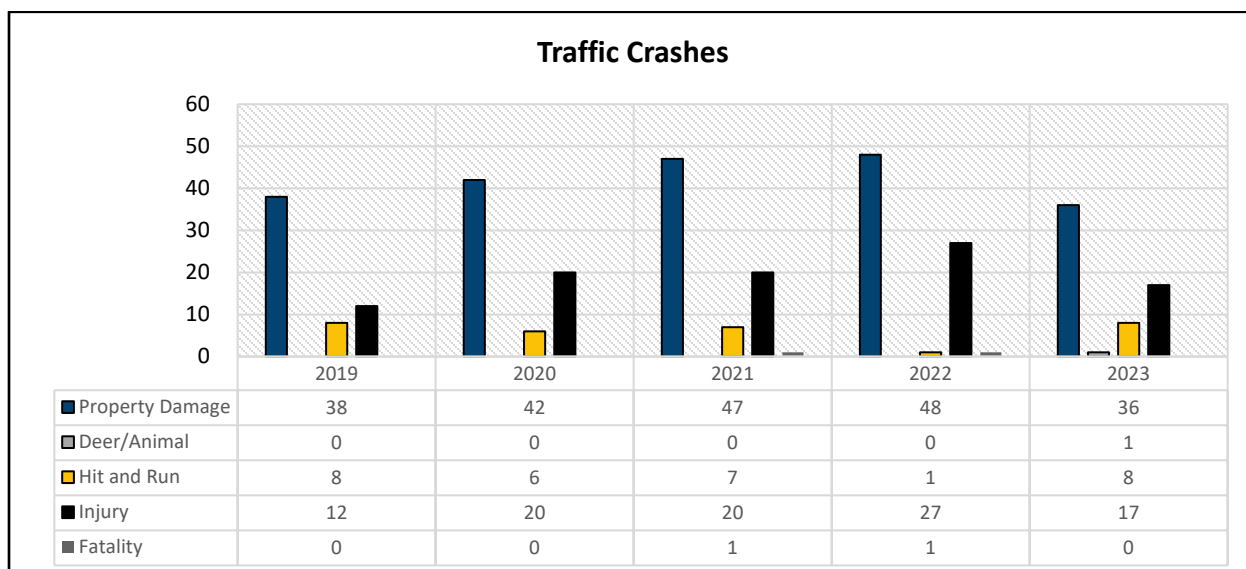


Traffic Stop – officer-initiated traffic contact.

Traffic Citation – citation issued by officer for a Wisconsin State Traffic Code violation adopted by the Town of Linn.

Traffic Warning – a written or verbal warning for violating the Wisconsin State Traffic Code adopted by the Town of Linn.

Incident Reports – a call that has been completed with an Incident Report (IR) disposition and requires the officer to complete a written incident report.



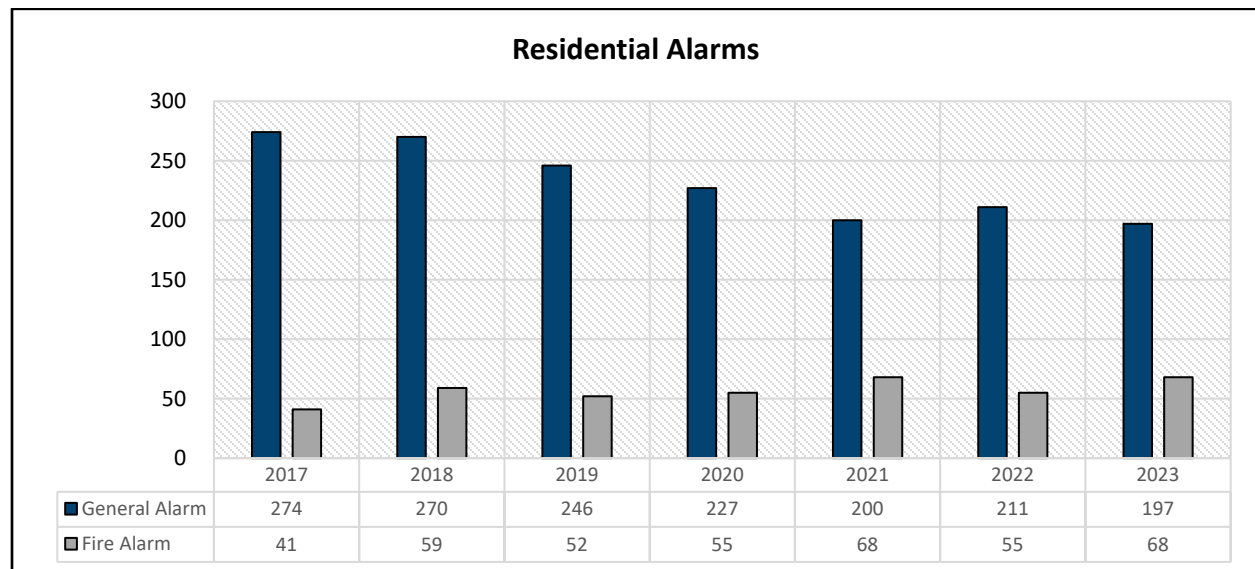
Property Damage – a traffic crash that results in damage to property only.

Deer/Animal – a traffic crash that involves striking a deer or other animal.

Hit and Run – a traffic crash that involves a striking vehicle that leaves the scene of the crash.

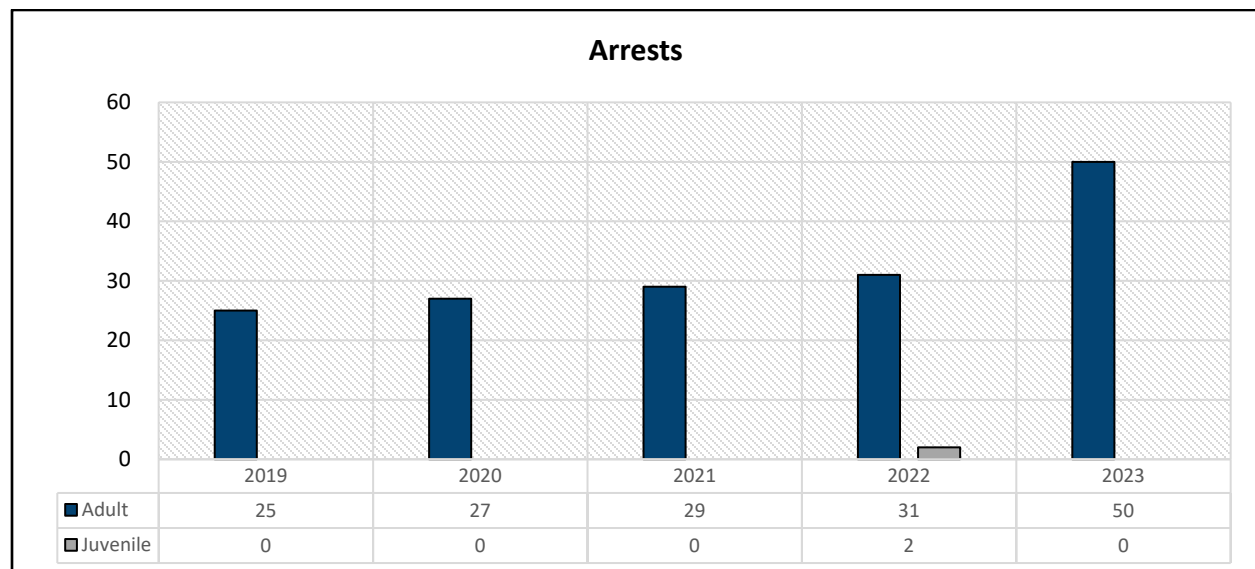
Injury – a traffic crash that involves injury to a vehicle driver or occupant.

Fatality – a traffic crash that involves a death of a vehicle driver or occupant.



General Alarm – a call that is received and dispatched for a residential or business burglar alarm, a general premises alarm or a panic alarm.

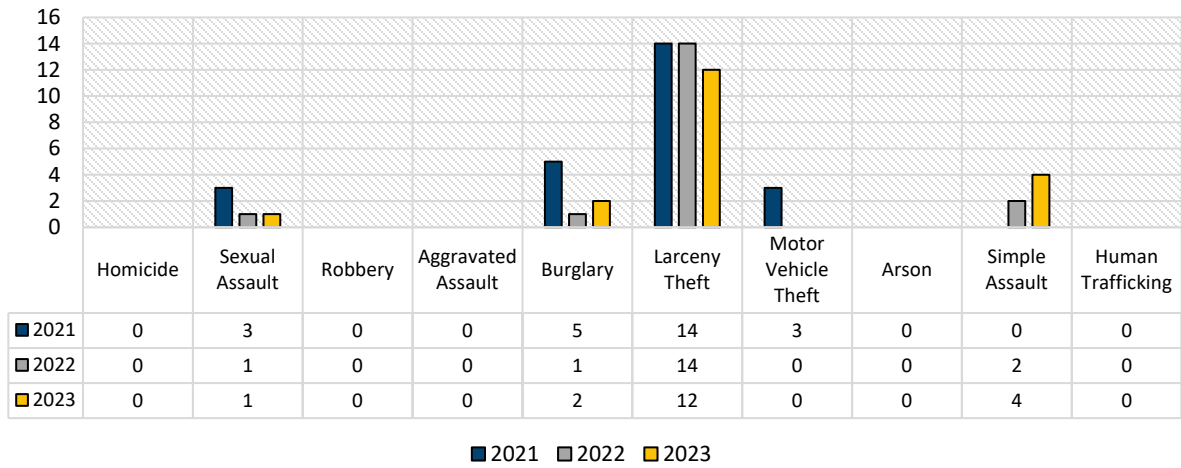
Fire Alarm – a call that is received and dispatched for a residential or business fire alarm.



Arrests – Adult – a call that has been completed with an Arrested Adult (AAC) disposition.

Arrests – Juvenile – a call that has been completed with an Arrested Juvenile (AJC) disposition. Usually, a subject younger than 17 years old.

Part 1 Offenses



(Note: the above chart represents data based on Wisconsin UCR reporting standards. Previous years were compiled using different standards.)

Programs and Community Events

Officer Wellness and Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Law enforcement officers are human beings, like everyone else. The critical difference is that when law enforcement officers struggle with their mental health, the effects can be far more severe. Police officers spend much of their time in highly stressful situations and environments, often dealing with high-stress problems and disturbing incidences. Over time, exposure on the job takes its toll.

Mental health issues in law enforcement can significantly impact officers, their families, and those around them. Some of the most common challenges that police officers experience include depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and substance abuse. These issues can be challenging to navigate on your own. Still, by understanding these issues, we can better learn how to prioritize and allocate resources to support law enforcement officers.

An Officer Wellness program has been developed and will be deployed in Q1 of 2024. The program utilizes a tiered approach to providing support, starting with two in-house peer support officers trained by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Each officer will be required to meet yearly for a “wellness check” with a certified counselor from Ascent Consulting. Clergy is also available as part of this program. Finally, the Town of Linn has contracted Mercy Health Care for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services.

Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.)

Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) is a non-profit (501C3) organization, supported by dedicated police officers, committed to protecting our youth and communities from the proliferation of drugs, drug related crimes, peer to peer/cyber bullying and violence.

In 2022 the Town of Linn Police Department moved away from D.A.R.E. to the new curriculum of L.E.A.D. The vision of L.E.A.D. is to create safer, healthier communities free of drugs, bullying, and violence.

Officer Chris Brunning has brought the L.E.A.D. program to both Reek Elementary and Traver Schools.

Police Week Open House

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. During this week each year the Town of Linn Police Department holds an open house event where we invite the public to join our police officers for an afternoon of food, fun, and education. We open the doors to our offices and provide a behind-the-scenes tour of the day-to-day operations of the police department.

We also provide drone flight demonstrations, great food from local restaurants, and allow people to get a hands-on look at the tools we use in our daily roles to protect and serve the community.

The open house provides an opportunity for us to meet and interact with the community on a more personal level. We enjoy meeting people and providing a different perspective of law enforcement than most are accustomed to seeing.

Please join us in May of 2024 for our 3rd annual Police Week Open House. Please visit our Facebook page for details as the dates get closer.

Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop is a program which has been around for many years. The program assists economically less fortunate youth and their family during the holiday season, or families having suffered a tragic event. The program includes police officers accompanying children and their families to a local store, where each child is allowed to purchase items. These items can include anything the child or their family may need or something the child may want. The goal of Shop with a Cop is to allow the children the opportunity to build positive relationships with law enforcement officers, while allowing the children the opportunity to shop for their families and most importantly, buy gifts for themselves.



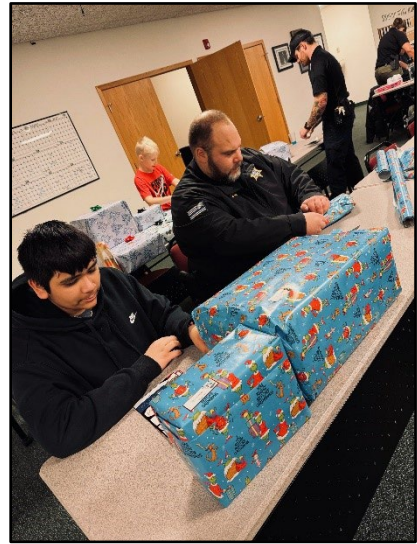
After shopping, everyone gathers and wraps the presents each child purchased, while enjoying refreshments and food purchased from a local business. The children then take their gifts home to share with their families and enjoy themselves.

Children and families are selected for this program by local law enforcement members, school staff, and social agencies. All children and families picked have a social or economic need or have experienced a tragic event.

Shop with a Cop is sponsored by local businesses and individuals from the community. Without each of these sponsors, we would not be able to have Shop with a Cop, each year. We would like to thank everyone who has helped and those who plan to help in the future!

The Town of Linn Police Department has participated in Shop with a Cop over the past few years, assisting the Village of Genoa City Police Department and the City of Lake Geneva Police Department. These experiences for officers from right here at our department have shown us the significance of this program and the positive effect it has on those who otherwise may not be able to experience the holiday season!

Recognizing the importance of this program and the needs of students, children, and families right here in the Town of Linn, we are excited to announce, we are partnering with the City of Lake Geneva Police Department to bring a joint Shop with a Cop program to the Town of Linn in 2024!



We look forward to working with sponsors and donors for this amazing event, and most importantly, we can't wait to bring holiday cheer to families who least expect it, but are seemingly, most deserving!

Walworth County National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of people each year take part in National Night out across thousands of communities in all fifty states. The event takes place on the first Tuesday in August, each year.



National Night Out started in 1970, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where a man working with a community watch program began writing a newsletter, outlining the work he was doing for his local law enforcement agency. As time went on, content for the newsletter became difficult to come by and he began reaching out to surrounding communities, only to find out they had similar neighborhood watch programs of their own.



In 1981, the National Association of Town Watch was founded. It was supported nationally by neighbors and local law enforcement.

In 1984, the National Association of Town Watch introduced the National Night Out campaign. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states.

National Night Out has grown beyond just front porch gatherings. The campaign went national and neighborhoods across the nation began to host block parties, festivals, parades, and cookouts. These events include safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events and visits from emergency personnel.

In 2015, National Night Out – Walworth County was launched and has been a yearly event ever since. Walworth County National Night Out is unique, as it is

held centrally at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Instead of having breakout events throughout the county; law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel, and local businesses; associated with creating safer neighborhoods and a better quality of life; get together and host one large event.

Detective Jon Strohm was an original organizer of the county wide event and still serves on the Board of Directors today. The event planning begins in March of each year and goes through the event in August. For his work with National Night Out, Detective Strohm received the 2022 Walworth County Sheriff's Office Public Service Unit Award at their annual awards ceremony in May.

National Night Out – Walworth County has grown since 2015, where the estimated attendance was approximately 1000 people. Each year, the event includes K9 demonstrations, Jaws of life demonstrations, bike raffles, free haircuts for kids, free food, police and fire vehicles and equipment, and a special visit from Flight for Life. The event focuses on family and child safety,



as well as the opportunity for everyone to meet their local public servants.

In 2023, more than 4000 people attended the four-hour event, which ended with the event's first ever firework display. The Town of Linn Police Department is proud of the event and had all but (1) one of its members present at the event, as they were in the township, serving the community. The event has become a large part of our Community Outreach!

This year, 41 years since its inception, more than 38 million people, in 17,000 communities, attended a National Night Out event throughout the world.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (DRONES)

The Town of Linn Police Department has seen a lot of changes to its Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Program, or more commonly referred to as the Drone Program, since its inception in late 2015. Our mission has been to provide aerial support to law enforcement, fire departments, and municipal operations for the Town and its partners. With the advanced technology, the Town of Linn Police Department, along with several other agencies in Walworth County, aim to enhance our capabilities, utilizing unmanned aerial systems, to improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors, while limiting the amount of manpower needed to effectively complete the mission.

The original drones purchased by the Town were DJI Inspire 1, with a flight range of nearly one mile, and a battery life of just 18 minutes.

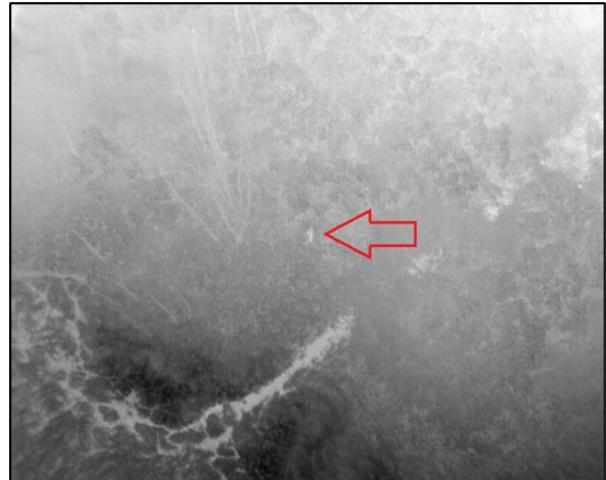
In 2021, the Town of Linn Police Department purchased three Autel Evo 2 Dual V1 drones, which drastically upgraded the drone fleet. The Evo 2 Dual's, allowed for about 35-40 minutes of flight time and a range of up to 1.5 miles.

However, in January of 2023, the latest drone was purchased. The DJI M30T, which allows for up to 45 minutes of flight time, a range of 4.3 miles, but most importantly, the M30T is IP55 rated, or weather resistant, making it the first UAS in the police department's Drone Program to have this feature. This rating protects the drone from dust and water. Up to this point, any inclement weather, such as rain or



snow, would not allow for UAS flights. The M30T also increased our operational temperature abilities by about 10 °F in each direction, allowing for us to operate between -14 °F and 122 °F.

Our Drone Program is utilized for law enforcement investigations, crime scene investigations, search and rescue missions, suspect searches, water rescues, ice rescues, fire investigations, and municipal code enforcement.



Each officer completes an extensive training program, to be certified as a “PIC” or Pilot in Command, giving the officer the ability to deploy the drone in any of these situations. The Town of Linn Police Department operates its Drone Program under a Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This Authorization is applied for on a bi-annual basis, through the FAA. Through the COA, with established training guidelines and programs, the Town of Linn Police Department can conduct in-house drone training and certify its own pilots.

Currently, the Town of Linn Drone Program consists of a Drone/Training Coordinator, Detective Jon Strohm, and two pilots, Officer’s Chris Brunning, and Nick Knorr. We are looking to train two more officers soon.

Throughout their use, our drones have been responsible for locating missing and endangered individuals, fleeing suspects, scene overwatch and security, and even locating individuals underwater. Since drones have been an asset to the Town of Linn, it has been requested over 100 times to assist officers in the performance of their duties. While not all but some of these deployments do end in tragic circumstances, the use of the drone to find the people can often bring closure to families. Several of the success stories are outlined below:

Early on, Town of Linn Officers received a call from a resident who could not locate her husband. Indications were that he was in a particular part of the lake. Given this information, a drone was deployed and located the man within 2 minutes of being airborne. While this event ended tragically on the waters of Geneva Lake, the amount of time and resources utilized to locate the subject, were minimal.

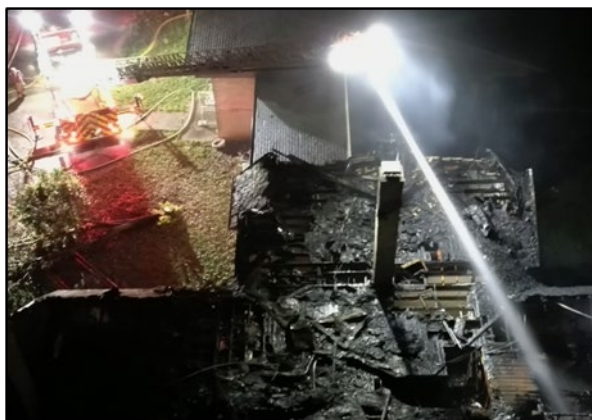
In another incident, the Town of Delavan Police Department was investigating a man who had attempted suicide by overdose and fled his residence, on foot. The Town of Linn Drone was requested and deployed to assist officers on foot with searching for the subject. This individual was located with the Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) thermal imaging camera and the drone operator was able to direct ground resources to render aid to the individual. The person was

found unconscious and likely would have died within a short period of time if they had not been located by the drone.

The Town of Linn deployed a drone to locate an individual who had drowned in an unknown portion of Geneva Lake. Utilizing the drone, the victim was located within 90 minutes and a recovery was completed by other authorities.

The Town of Linn Police Department was requested to assist the Village of Bloomfield Police Department in locating a subject with mental and psychiatric disabilities, who was medication dependent and had walked away from an assisted living facility. The Town of Linn deployed a drone and within minutes, located the elderly subject laying down in a cow pasture, in the middle of the night. The subject was provided medical attention and survived the incident.

The Town of Linn Police Department has also been requested to assist local fire departments and the Walworth County Arson Task Force on multiple occasions. During these assists, the Town of Linn Drone has been deployed to check for hot spots for fire command, which are areas of interest for fire suppression, that need cooling or water.



We have also assisted with photographing large fire scenes, like the one at the German Camp, located in the Village of Genoa City, for the purpose of arson investigation and prosecution of suspects.

The drone was also requested to assist multiple law enforcement agencies in searching for a suspect from a burglary and subsequent vehicle pursuit, which ended in the suspects crashing their vehicle on Highway 12 near Pell Lake Dr in the Village of Bloomfield. As a result of the crash, one of the suspects was taken into custody at the crash scene, while the other suspect fled on foot. After nearly 5 hours of tracking the suspect which had fled, an officer observed what was believed to be the suspect, running into a wooded area and cornfield, West of Highway 12, approximately one mile West of where the incident occurred.



The Town of Linn Police Department quickly relocated the drone asset and deployed the drone, locating the suspect laying down in a cornfield, using the FLIR. Ground units were coordinated to the suspect, which included the Walworth County Sheriff's Office K9 unit. The drone provided overwatch, until the subject was apprehended within minutes.

In recent years, our drone has been requested to assist the City of Whitewater with an event that occurs annually called Spring Splash. During this city-wide event, college aged individuals engage in activities across the city and can quickly deplete the resources of local law enforcement.

2023 Budget Overview ***Preliminary***

	12/31/2023 BUDGET	12/31/2023 ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND REVENUES		
Golf Cart Registration Fees	1,000	320
Grant Reimbursement	7,500	6,512
Police Services	2,000	2,275
Records Fees	200	146
Training Reimbursement	2,000	960
TOTALS	12,700	10,213

	12/31/2023 BUDGET	12/31/2023 ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES		
521010 Police Salaries	611,265	625,994
521012 Police Social Security and Medicare	46,761	47,675
521013 Police Retirement (WRS)	80,809	80,557
521018 Police Immunizations and Screening	500	2,307
521033 Police Youth Education and Outreach	3,000	2,865
521035 Police Mechanical Maintenance	15,000	13,084
521037 Police Mobile Broadband	3,000	2,944
521038 Police Uniform Allowance	6,000	5,389
521039 Police Training	14,000	12,703
521045 Police Technology	34,278	33,525
521047 Police Supplies	6,000	4,959
521049 Police Publications and Dues	650	571
521051 Police Copier Agreement	500	473
521052 Police Equipment and Body Armor	3,000	10,435
521072 Geneva Lake Law Enforcement	73,000	73,000
521073 Water Safety Patrol	13,875	13,875
521240 Police Health Insurance	100,560	81,760
TOTALS	1,012,198	1,012,116

	12/31/2023 BUDGET	12/31/2023 ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND NON-LAPSING APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES		
Police Communications	5,000	5,000
Police Vehicles	0	0
TOTALS	5,000	5,000

	12/31/2023 BUDGET	12/31/2023 ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES		
DJI Matrice M30T Drone	17,500	16,895
Computer Hardware	5,000	4,754
Cold Water Rescue	5,000	3,361
TOTALS	27,500	25,010

2023 Capital Outlay Expenditures

Cold Water Rescue Suits

In 2023, we equipped all our patrol cars with Mustang Ice Commander cold water rescue suits to help ensure the safety of Officers and expedite rescue efforts during potential ice incidents in winter months.

Geneva lake has approximately 26 miles of shoreline with 14 miles within the Town of Linn. Having lake frontage on the northern and southern shores of Geneva Lake, the Town of Linn is a destination for many looking to recreate. The lake is accessible from two public boat launches which welcome all who are looking to enjoy a day on the water. Winter months can be especially dangerous as thin ice can give way exposing a victim to the dangerously frigid water below.



In the event of an ice water rescue time is of the essence. Having a rescue suit available to the officers can often mean the difference between life and death.

Training is completed annually to ensure proper use and fitment of these suits as well as to ensure safety protocols are being followed. Additionally, we equipped each of our patrol cars with throw-bags and rope which can offer the rescuer an opportunity to

attempt to save the individual without traversing the ice or entering the water. When that option fails the rescuer can tether themselves to the shoreline using the rescue throw-rope and work their way out to the victim.

DJI Matrice 30T UAS (DRONE)

The town of Linn Drone Program has been on the cutting edge of use in law enforcement since its inception. Use of technology over personnel on the ground, limits risk to officers' safety allowing for real-time information relay back to officers from a safe distance. The DJI Matrice 30T drone increases capabilities allowing for utilization in adverse weather and climates which have previously been unachievable.



The town of Linn Police Department has played an integral role with the development and implementation of a county wide drone coordinator group. This group consists of any interested agency that is willing to designate their assets as available via a mutual aid request. These agencies designate a drone team coordinator who acts as the liaison when their department is requested to assist another agency with their Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) asset(s)