

SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief William R. Jessup





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City Of South Milwaukee Officials

Mayor	Erik Brooks
City Administrator	Tami Mayzik
Police and Fire Commission	Carla Uphill
	Heather Frederick
	Joe Bukowski
	Tobie Weberg
	Donald O'Kray
	Ramon Navarro
Police Chief	William Jessup
Common Council	Brett Briesmeister
	Craig Maass
	Ramon Navarro
	R. Patrick Stoner
	Lisa Pieper
	Joe Bukowski
	David Bartoshevich
	Peggy Clark
Municipal Judge	William Fenger
City Attorney	Christopher Smith
City Clerk	James Shelenske/Karen Kastenson
City Treasurer	Karen Skowronski

Mission Statement:

We, the members of the South Milwaukee Police Department, are dedicated to providing a proactive, full service department that enhances the quality of life in our community by reducing crime through the protection of life and property.

Goals:

- Develop an effective, efficient and responsive management system**
- Increase agency-community partnerships**
- Provide a more effective allocation of resources**
- Increase job satisfaction for all employees**
- Treat all persons with respect, courtesy and fairness**
- Identify, control and reduce crime**
- Protect Constitutional Guarantees**
- Facilitate the safe Movement of people and vehicles**
- Resolve Conflict**
- Create and maintain a feeling of security in the community**
- Deliver police services uniformly, consistently and expeditiously**

Values:

Central to our mission is a set of values that will guide our work and decisions and allow us to make significant contributions to the quality of life in South Milwaukee

We Value:

- . Human Life**
- . Integrity**
- . Ourselves**
- . Excellence**
- . Cooperation**
- . Accountability**
- . Laws**
- . The Constitution**

A Letter from Chief Jessup

To the citizens of South Milwaukee, Mayor Erik Brooks, City Administrator Tami Mayzik, the South Milwaukee Common Council, the South Milwaukee Police & Fire Commission, and members of the South Milwaukee Police Department:

In 2019 I completed my second year as Chief of Police for the South Milwaukee Police Department. Each and every day I am proud to serve this City and this Department, and I am grateful for your support, confidence and enthusiasm as our officers diligently work to keep our community safe. I am pleased to present to you the 2019 South Milwaukee Police Department Annual Report and I believe you will find that it provides an accurate overview of the challenges and accomplishments, as well as the activities undertaken by our staff to enhance public safety in our community.

The past year brought some notable changes to our staff, with the retirements of Officer Dave Kozlowski and Officer Carol Olson. We thank them for their lengthy and impactful service to the City of South Milwaukee, and wish them a long and healthy retirement. In 2019 we were joined by two new police officers, Adam Harnen and Gerrit Verhagen. They are great additions to our force and are looking forward to serving this community for many years. We were also joined by a new dispatcher, Sarah Vosberg, and a new police clerk, Jenna Czerwinski. They are proving to be excellent additions to our staff.

The police profession comes with many challenges. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of our nation spoke of it in this way. He said *“the duties which a police officer owes to the state are of a most exacting nature. No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer, but having chosen it, everyone is obliged to live up to the standard of its requirements. To join in that high enterprise means the surrender of much individual freedom.”* These are important concepts to consider as we continue to advance the department's mission and vision. Our members are committed to their profession and will work tirelessly on behalf of our citizens while laying the groundwork for future generations.

Nevertheless, our relationship with the citizens we serve is the cornerstone of our profession, and the work we do must be based on a mutual respect. We strive to make our city safer through a community-based policing strategy that is responsive to the needs of individuals and businesses while following a set of principles that fosters mutual respect.

There is one truism in public safety; our work is never done. As we move forward, we will surely encounter new challenges but I am confident in our members and grateful for the support of our community. In partnership, we will overcome those difficulties to make South Milwaukee healthier and stronger.

Sincerely,

Chief William Jessup



Letter from the Operations Commander

For 2019 we continued to have some changes to personnel. Officers David Kozlowski and Carol Olson retired from the department after long and successful careers. Officer Adam Harnen and Officer Gerrit Verhagen joined the department this year. It continued to be a busy year for our Field Training Officers.

A number of Officers continued to work overtime assignments to fill shift shortages as well as to staff our specialized traffic grant enforcement programs. Traffic grant enforcement is a very important assignment as the goal is to create safer travel for our citizens throughout the City.

South Milwaukee continues to be a venue for several special events and celebrations that require additional police staffing throughout the year. The Police Department once again had operations plans in effect and managed the following events (just to name a few) Crusher Fest, Heritage Days, July 4th festivities, Ride for the Arts, Safety Days and the Homecoming Parade. All of these events require planning, scheduling and a number of officers to successfully staff them and keep them running smoothly and safely. Our officers work very hard to keep activities safe for all those that attend. Thank you to all the officers that work these events!

Officers continued to attend various specialized training and in-service programs throughout the year. We again held three in-house training days to cover various law enforcement topics including but not limited to firearms, CPR recertification, and Room Clearing. New this year was specialized training for all of our Officers in Trauma Informed Care.

Please be proactive and join us in our crime fighting efforts. Block watches are a great way to enhance neighborhood safety and we can help you get started. Secure your property, lock your house, car and garage doors, and report suspicious activity. Our community is safer when law enforcement and the community work together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Jill Kallay



Letter from the Administration and Services Commander

The Administration & Services Division is comprised of the

Communications Center

Investigations Section (investigators and school liaison officers)

Records Department

Internal Affairs

Accreditation

The Communication Center handled nearly 34,000 events in 2019. Four full-time, two part-time, and several substitute dispatchers are responsible for all incoming calls to the police department, all radio transmissions for police and fire, and all 911 emergency calls. In 2019, the SMPD moved over to a digital radio system, which had been in the planning stage for several years.

The Investigations Section is comprised of a lieutenant who supervises three investigators, including one member who is assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. There are also two school liaison officers. One assigned to the South Milwaukee High School and the other to the South Milwaukee Middle School.

The Records Department is comprised of two full-time clerks and one part-time clerk. The records section is open Monday through Friday from 7am-6pm and is closed on the weekends and holidays. The records section handles hundreds of records requests, as well as winter parking permits and the collection of fines and payments.

The Internal Affairs section investigates citizen complaints and I am pleased to report that there were very few incidents in 2019, which is a credit to the members of the SMPD.

As members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) , Capt. Jill Kallay, Lt. Chad Milow and I, assisted other agencies in 2019 to help them achieve their accreditation standing while continuing to work hard on maintaining our own WILEAG status. In 2020, the SMPD is seeking to achieve accreditation for the 8th time.

The hard work and dedication of the sworn and non-sworn members of the aforementioned groups is appreciated and admired.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Peter Jaske



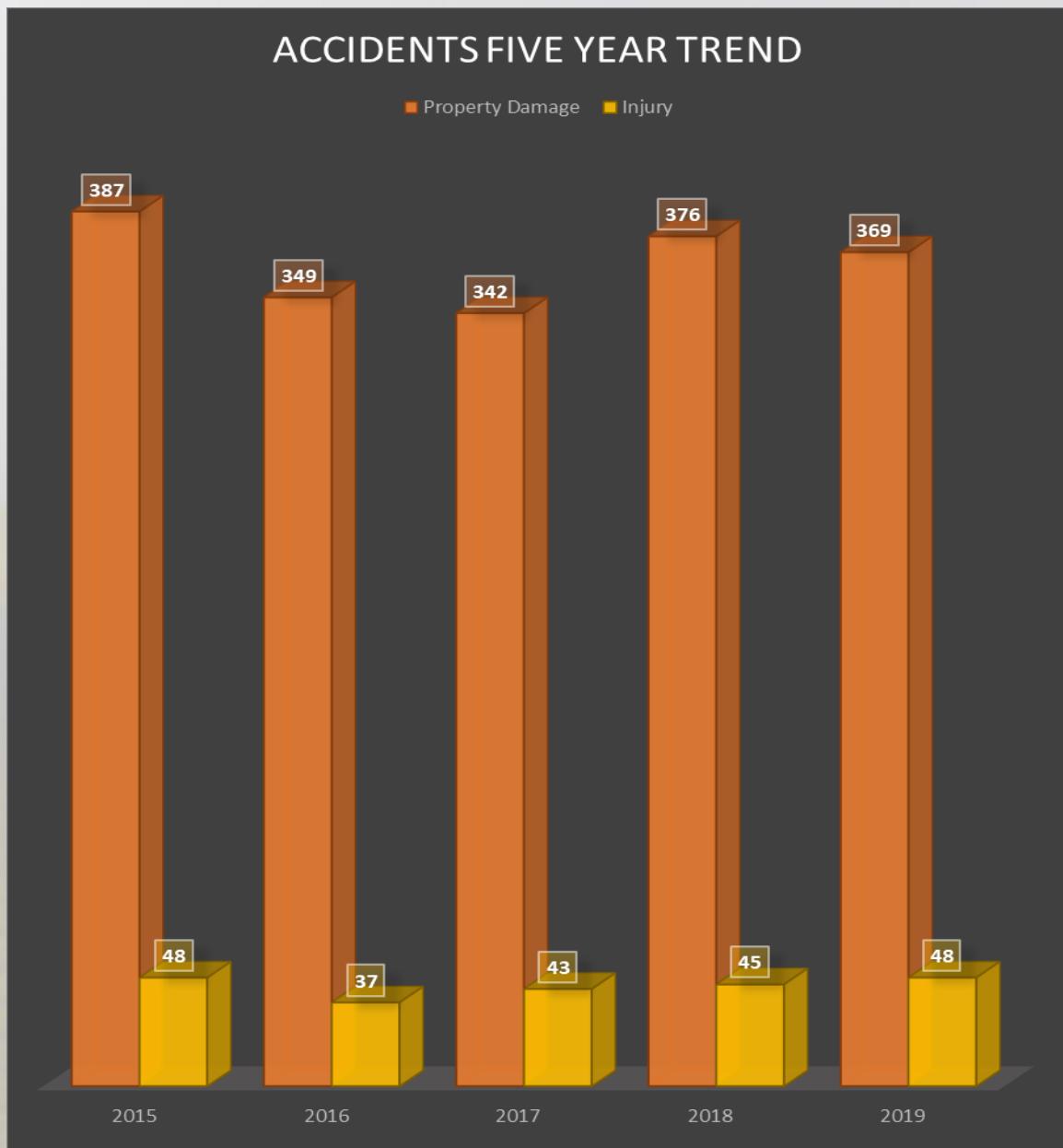
Our Team



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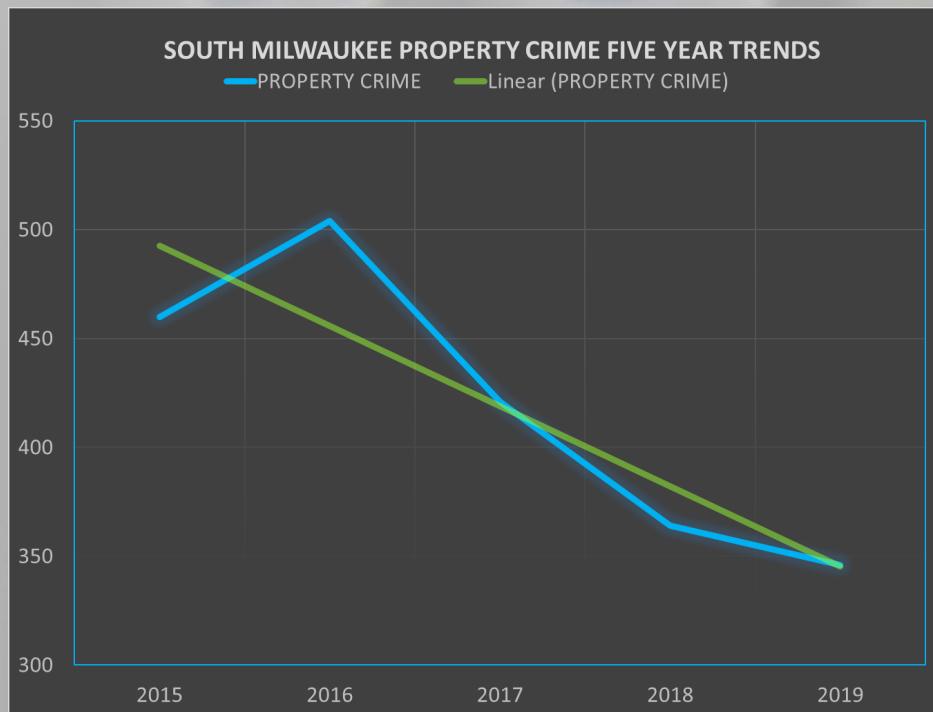
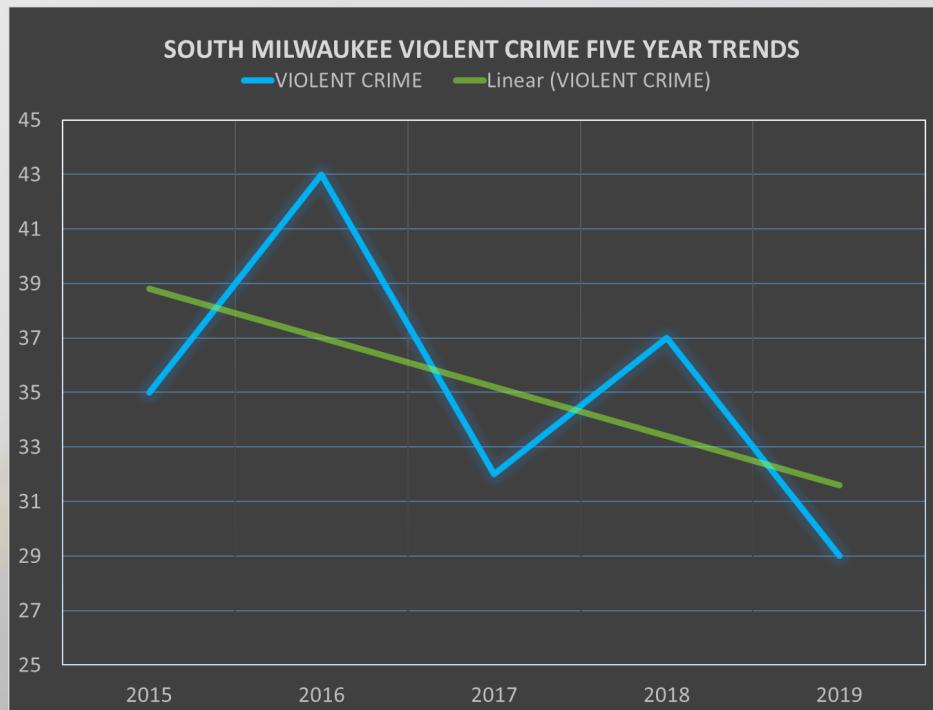


Traffic Crash Statistics



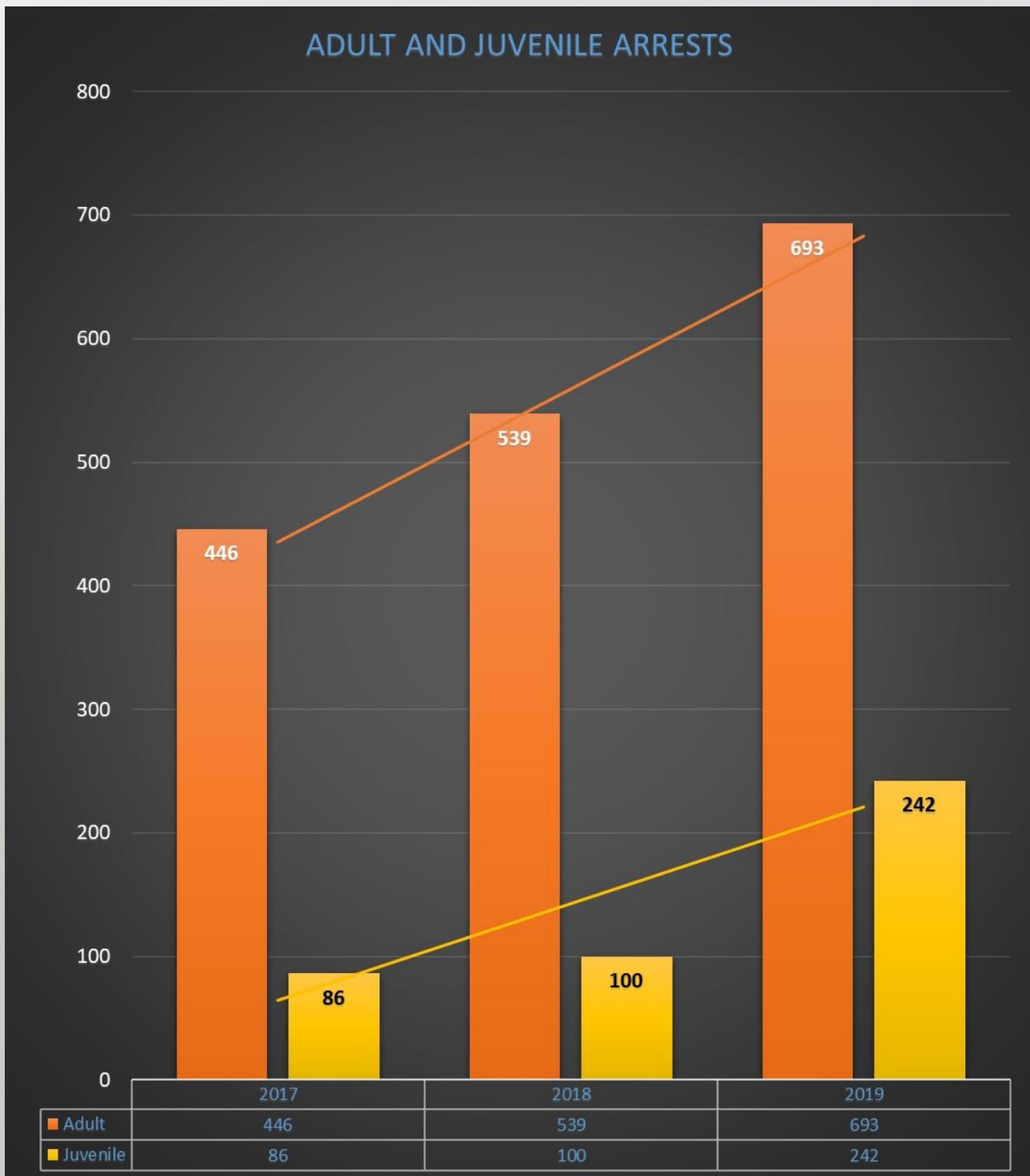
Traffic crashes stayed relatively stable, with a small increase in personal injury crashes and a small decrease in property damage crashes.

South Milwaukee 5-Year Crime Trends



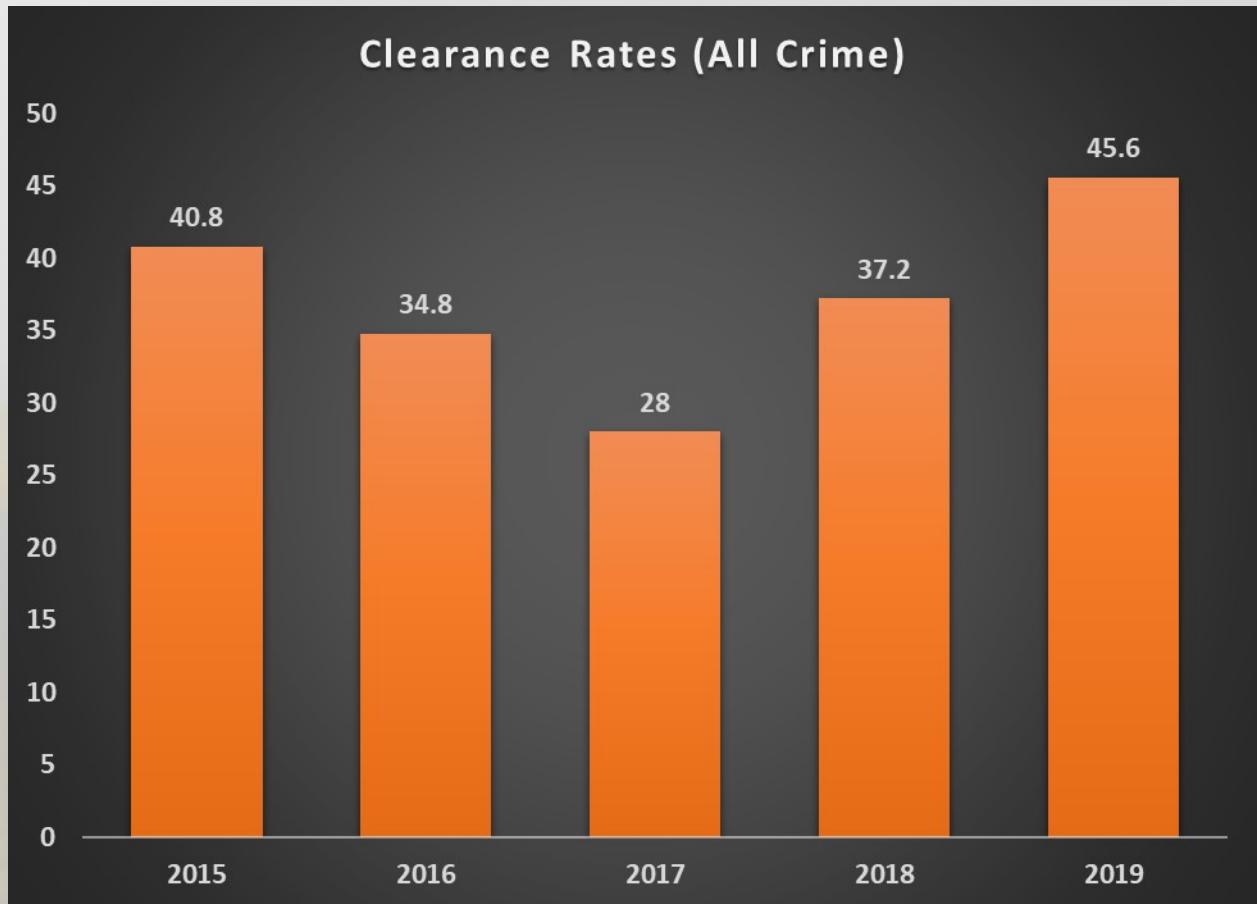
In 2019, South Milwaukee experienced a decrease in both violent and property crimes. Both categories are at 5 year lows.

Arrest Statistics



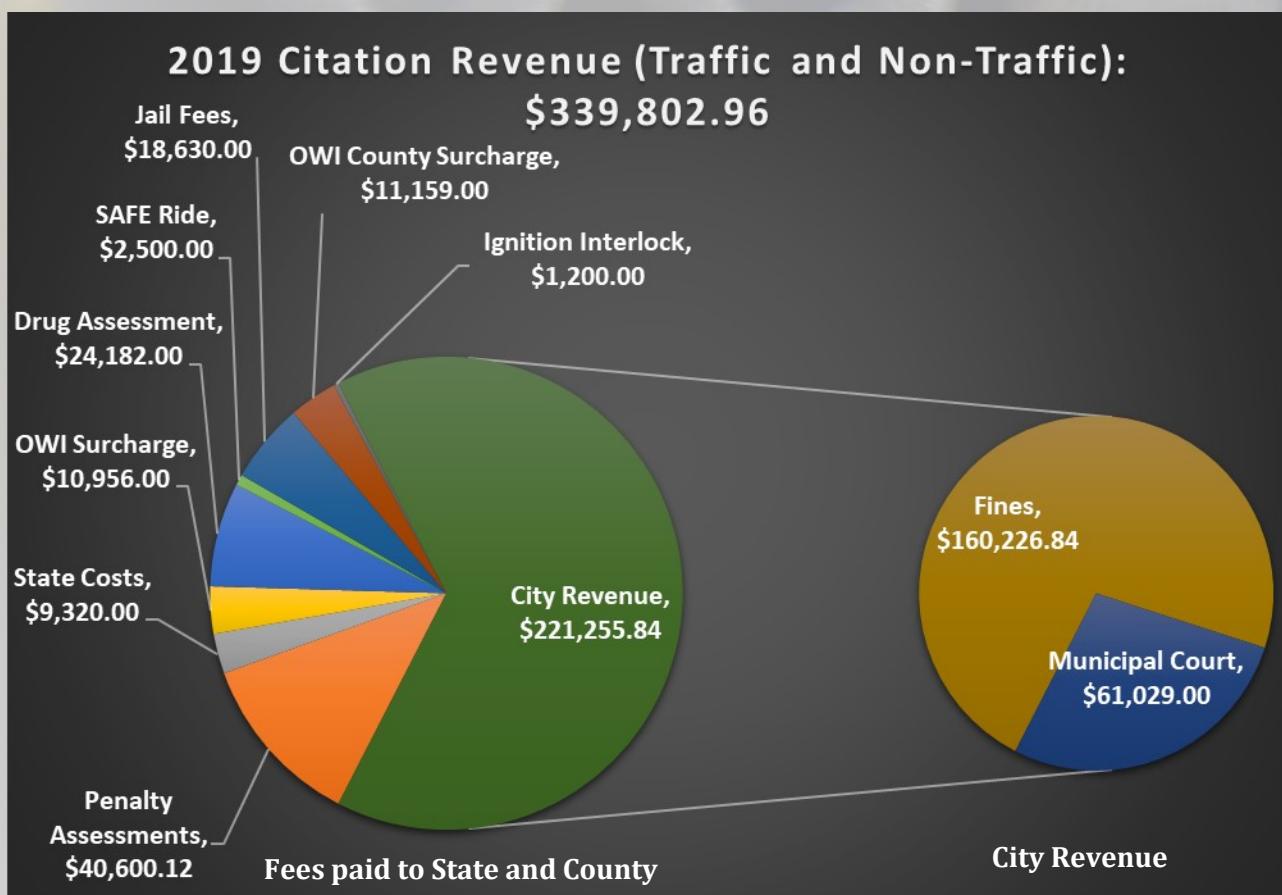
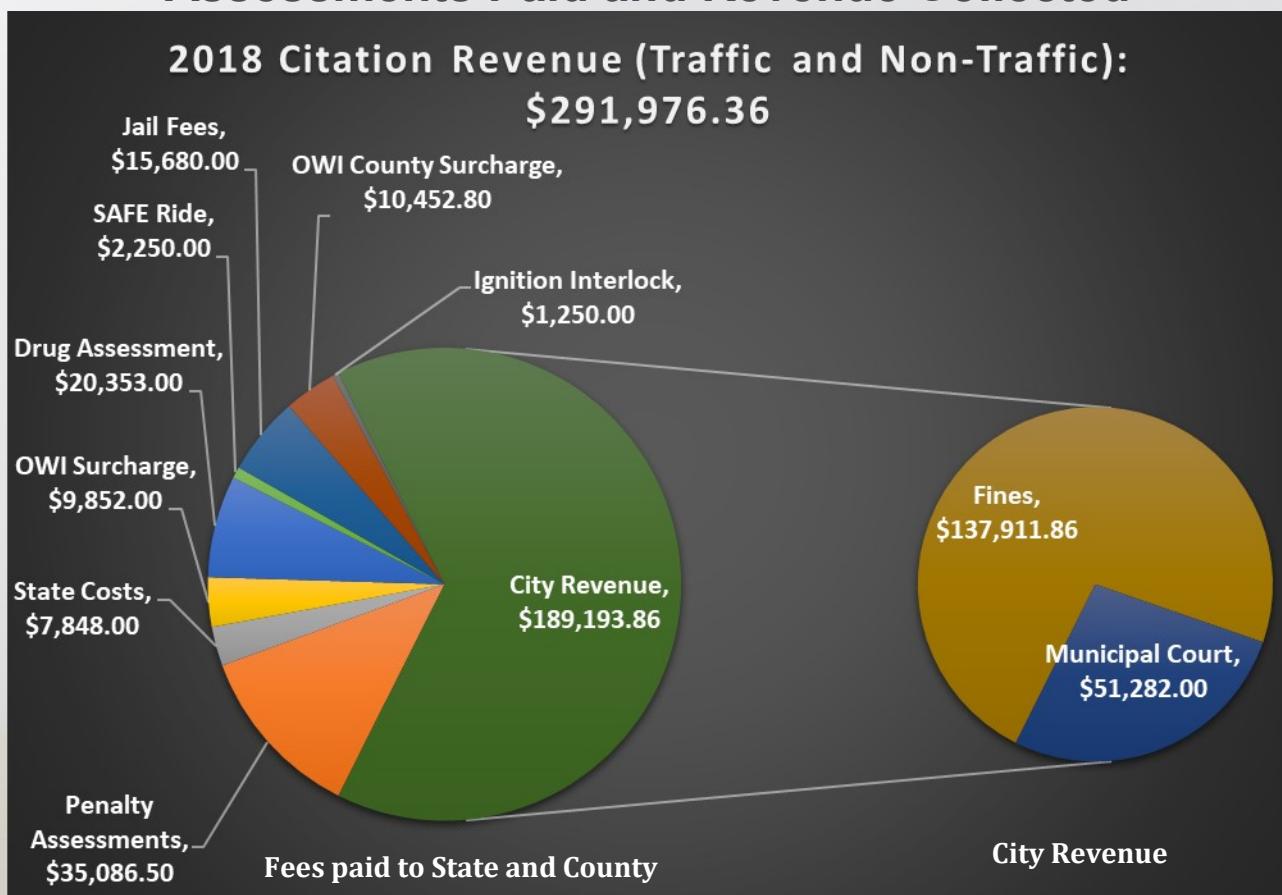
In 2019 the South Milwaukee Police Department saw a 28% increase in arrests of adults and a 142% increase in juvenile arrests. The majority of those increases involved municipal arrests for Disorderly Conduct.

Clearance Rates



The South Milwaukee Police Department experienced a 45.6% clearance rate in 2019. This is 8% increase from 2018 and is a 5 year high.

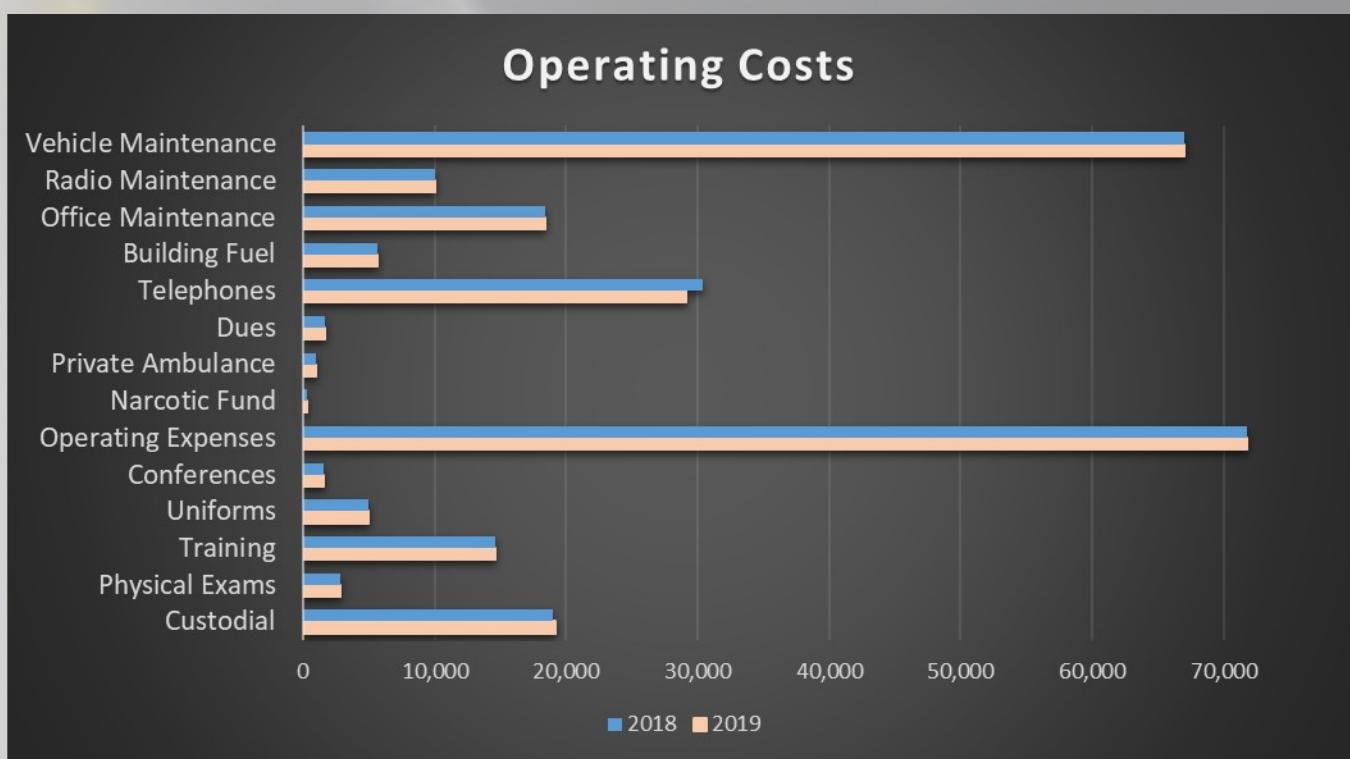
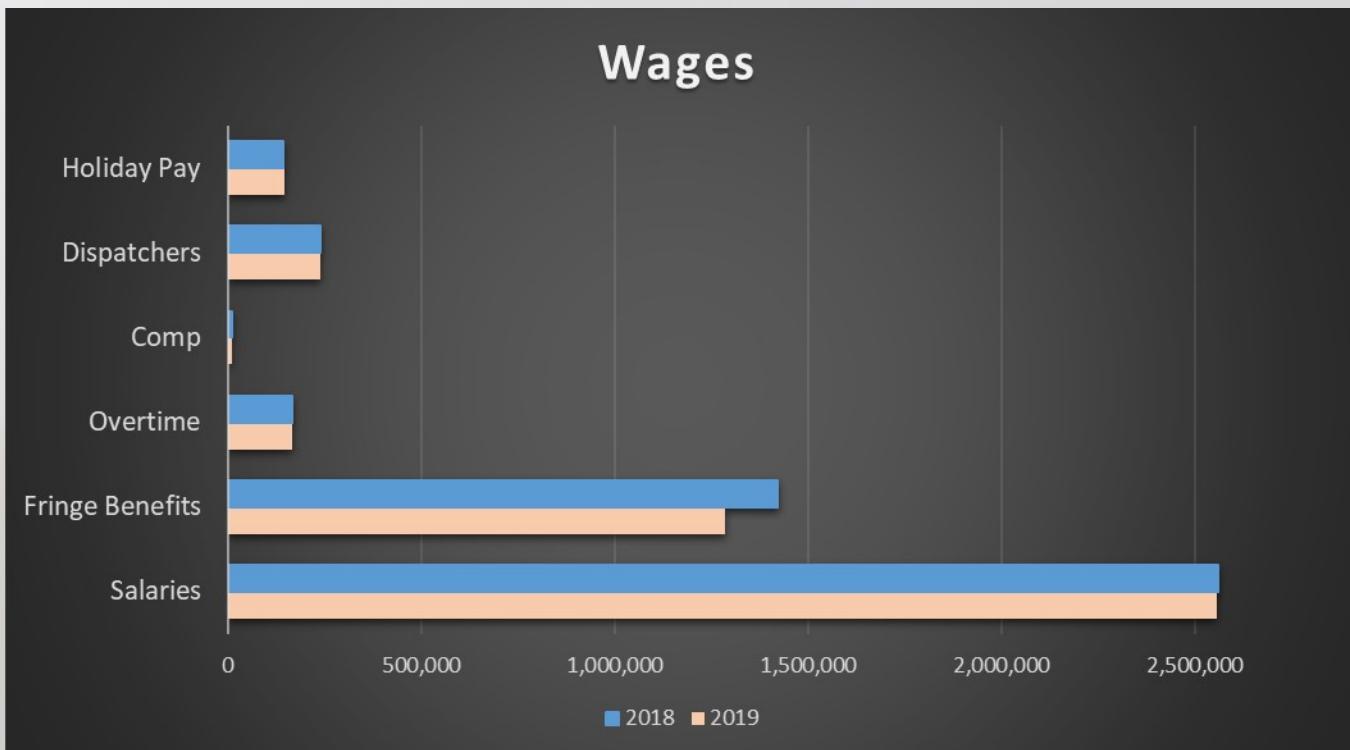
Assessments Paid and Revenue Collected



The South Milwaukee Police Department Budget

2018 Budget
\$4,788,625

2019 Budget
\$4,627,161



Partnering with the Community

Shop With A Cop

Sponsored by
Walmart



Speed, Drunk Driving, and Seatbelt Enforcement Paid for by Grant Funds through the WI Dept of Transportation

Officer Stormoen teaching bicycle safety at our schools



Cone With A Cop with Lieutenant Fournier



DARE—Taught to every 5th Grade Class in South Milwaukee

Bike With a Cop with Officer Goratowski and Officer Sibley



SMPD Red Cross Blood Drive Officer Rogers doing his part



Officers and volunteers working in the kitchen for Community Night Out

Cop On a Rooftop with Officer Lewison



Community Policing

The SMPD Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) is led by Lt. Dan Fournier. In 2019, we hosted our first ever "Cone with a Cop" in conjunction with the South Milwaukee McDonald's. We held our first annual "Bike with a Cop" event in late summer, and hosted several "Coffee with a Cop" events, along with several "City Wide Block Watch" events. The CPU also played a major role our annual SMPD Community Night Out, our annual "Shop with a Cop" event and McDonald's Safety Days. Members of our unit spent countless hours conducting safety assessments at South Milwaukee schools and local business, and carried out our first ever active shooter drill at Caterpillar. We did expand our unit to include some new SMPD officers, investigators and dispatchers. As we move forward we will continue to develop our Block Watch program, partner with neighborhood leaders and find new ways to collaborate with the citizens of our city.



South Shore Joint Tactical Unit



The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 28 officers and firefighters from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy PDs and FDs. This unit includes five members who operate as Tactical Emergency Medical Support, six Crisis Negotiators, and two Snipers. By combining with the other two communities, we are able to pool our resources and training to develop an effective team.

The purpose of the unit is to serve search warrants and respond to critical incidents, such as barricaded subjects and hostage situations. During 2019, the SSJTU served 10 search warrants and responded to three critical incidents involving armed barricaded subjects. All incidents were resolved without injury.

Recognizing Exceptional Work in the Community



New Additions to SMPD

Officer Adam Harnen:

Adam has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Carroll University. Adam enjoys spending time with friends and family and his interests include music, tech, video games and playing football and basketball.

Welcome Adam!



Officer Gerrit Verhagen:

Gerrit studied Athletic Training and Kinesiology at UW-Milwaukee. Gerrit enjoys Martial Arts, playing darts, reading, motorcycles and spending time with his dog.

Welcome Gerrit!



SMPD Retirements

Officer Carol Olson retired from South Milwaukee Police Department after 28 years of service.

We wish Carol the best!



Officer Dave Kozlowski retired from South Milwaukee Police Department after nearly 26 years of service.

Enjoy your retirement Dave!

