

# South Milwaukee Police Department 2020 Annual Report

Chief William R. Jessup







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## **South Milwaukee City Officials**

Mayor	Erik Brooks
City Administrator	Tami Mayzik
Police and Fire Commission	Heather Frederick Carla Uphill 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	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

# 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:

2020 marked the end of my third year as Chief of Police. As I look back on the work of our officers during very trying times, I couldn't be more proud of their commitment and professionalism. I am grateful for their dedication and I am also thankful for the support of our elected and appointed officials as we diligently work to keep our community safe. I am pleased to present to you the 2020 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.

This last year was a difficult one for our profession, both nationally and locally, as protesters took to the streets to express their views. Policing is a vocation that will always come under scrutiny, and for understandable reasons. On a daily basis our officers respond to ambiguous and dangerous situations. They must make critical decisions, often while under pressure and with limited information. Our profession is not infallible and there will always be room for improvement, but I am proud of the actions of our officers in South Milwaukee. They follow our guiding principles, display integrity and act with restraint. I ask that you keep these facts in mind when the national narrative paints a different picture.

2020 will also be remembered for the pandemic that affected every aspect of life. Thank you to our members for adapting and thank you to the community for your patience as we worked through the many changes that were designed to protect everyone's health. The past year brought some notable changes to our staff, with the retirements of Captain Pete Jaske, Captain Jill Kallay and Officer Steve Streicher. We thank them for their many years of service to the City of South Milwaukee and wish them a long and healthy retirement. In 2020 we were joined by a new police officer, Joshua Wheeler, dispatchers, Kelly Champeau and Jill Schoenecker, and clerk, Amanda Look. They are great additions to our staff and are looking forward to serving this community for many years.

Despite the challenges over the past year, one thing remains constant; our members are committed to their profession and remain focused on reducing crime and enhancing public safety. For this reason, I am confident that, in partnership with the community, we will overcome future challenges to make our community safer and stronger. Thank you to all who support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Chief William Jessup



## A Letter from the Operations Commander

The year 2020 was one of the most challenging years I've seen during my career in law enforcement. Between social issues surrounding police tactics and the fear brought on by COVID-19, this year proved to be one that will not soon be forgotten. For these reasons, I would like to first and foremost give my heartfelt thanks to the citizens of South Milwaukee for the outpouring of support that has been shown during these adverse times. I can't begin to thank you all enough. It is this support that keeps our staff motivated to continue to work hard and do everything we can to keep our community safe, healthy and happy. Thank you!!!!

A number of staffing changes took place this year. Officers Jordan Schwehr and Jon Rivamonte left the department to seek other career paths. Officer Steve Streicher retired after 35 years of distinguished service. He will be missed. We wish them all the best of luck with the next chapter of their lives! Unfortunately, during 2020 the South Milwaukee Police Department investigated a tragic incident involving a young girl who died as a result of familial abuse. Two people have been convicted in this case, but the picture of this beautiful little girl will stay with us forever. I keep her photo on my computer and I hug my four daughters more than ever.

While COVID-19 forced us to scale back our community engagement efforts, we were able to hold our Shop with a Cop event in December. Walmart was again a huge help in making this a tremendous success. We hope to get back into the swing of doing the fun part of policing – coffee and ice cream with a cop, bicycle patrols, Safety Days, Community Night Out and many others by the Spring of 2021!

As I wrote in several of my past letters as a Lieutenant, I encourage you to become involved in South Milwaukee's policing efforts. If you see something that looks suspicious, call the police department and report it. You can also have an impact by starting a block watch program, locking your windows and doors, and being vigilant in your neighborhood. We can do this, together!

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Chad Milow





## ***A 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 Communications Center handled nearly 30,000 events in 2020. 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 2020, our dispatchers adapted well to the COVID procedures put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens and first responders.

The Investigations Section is comprised of a lieutenant, two school liaison officers and three investigators, including one member who is assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. The liaison officers are assigned to the South Milwaukee High School and the South Milwaukee Middle School but they also spend time in the elementary schools, teaching the DARE program.

The Records Department is comprised of two full-time clerks and one part-time clerk. The records section is open Monday through Friday 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 zero incidents in 2020, which is a credit to the members of the South Milwaukee Police Department.

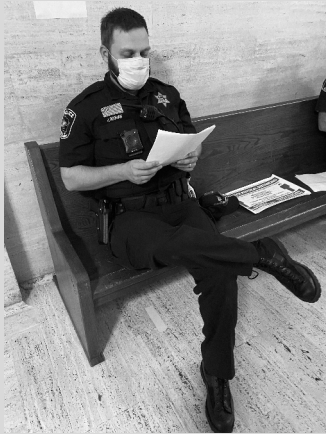
As members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), we go through a full accreditation process every three years. I am proud to announce that the South Milwaukee Police Department was once again fully accredited by WILEAG on November 9, 2020. This is the 8th time that the South Milwaukee Police Department has achieved this status.

The hard work and dedication of the sworn and non-sworn members of the Administration and Services Division is admired and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Dan Fournier











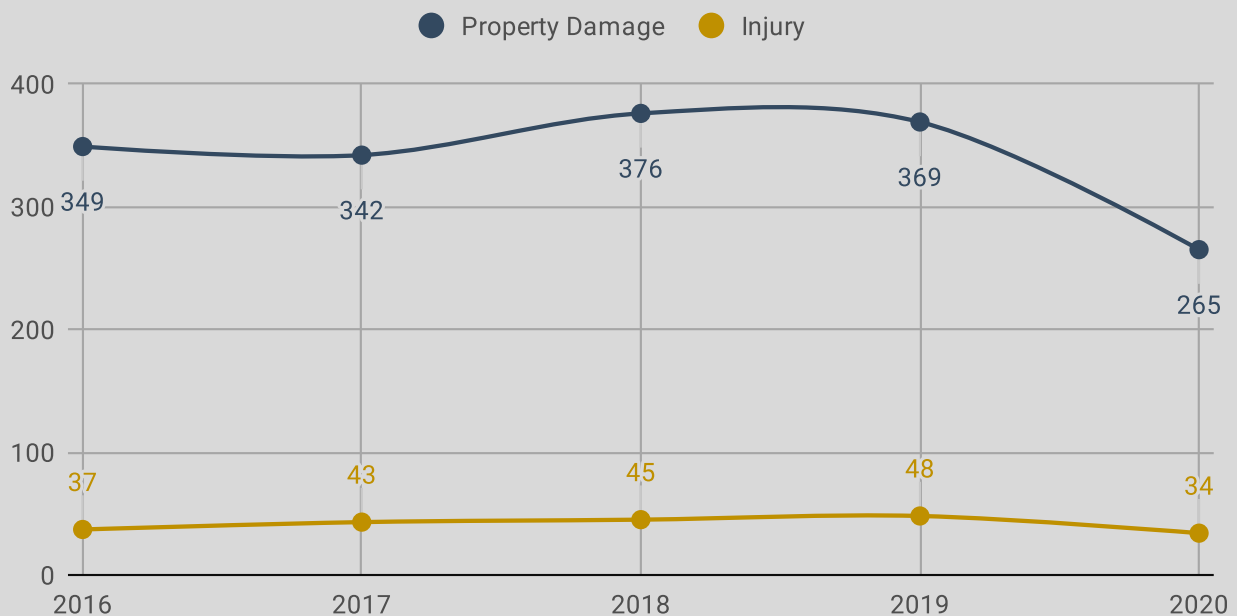




# Traffic Crash Statistics



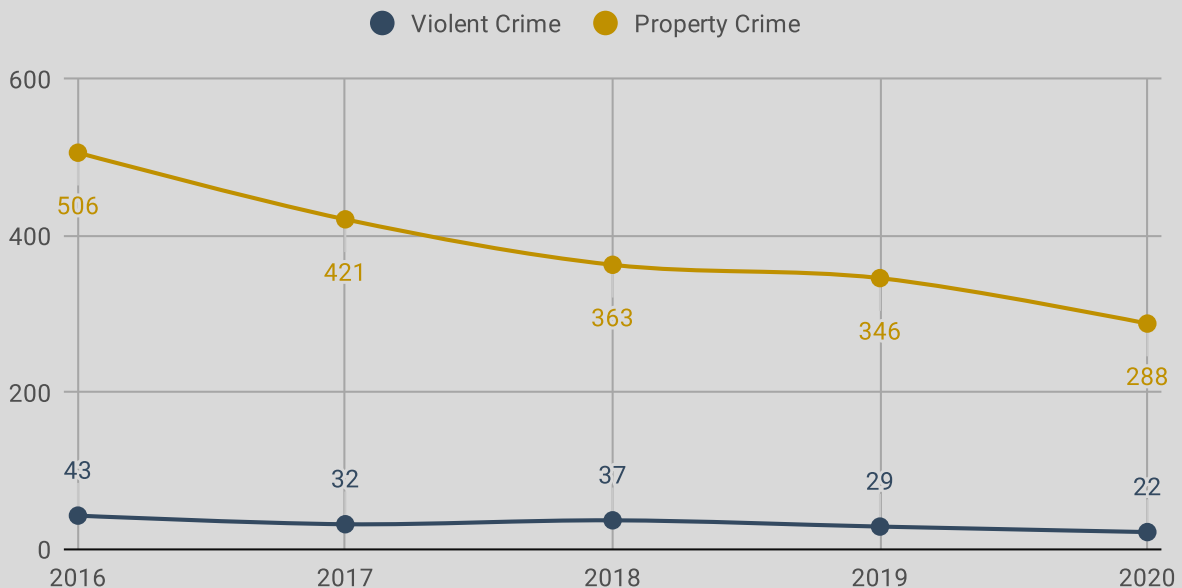
## Accidents Five Year Trend



Traffic crashes were down this year. “Safer at Home” protocols limited travel and may have contributed to the decrease.

# South Milwaukee 5-Year Crime Trends

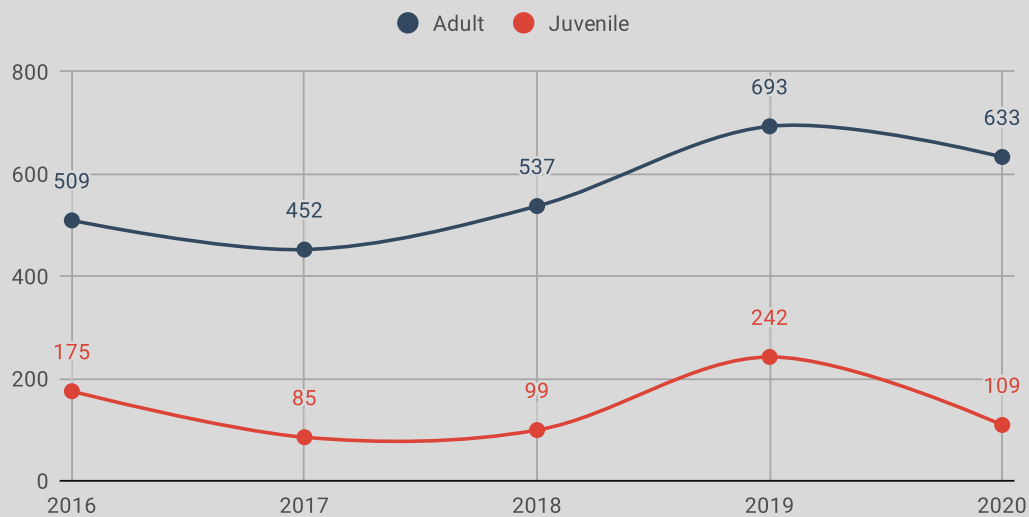
## Crime Trends



In 2020, South Milwaukee experienced a decrease in both violent and property crime. Property crime decreases were due to declines in burglaries and thefts. Violent crime decreases were due to declines in aggravated assaults and simple assaults.

# Arrest Statistics

## Adult and Juvenile Arrests

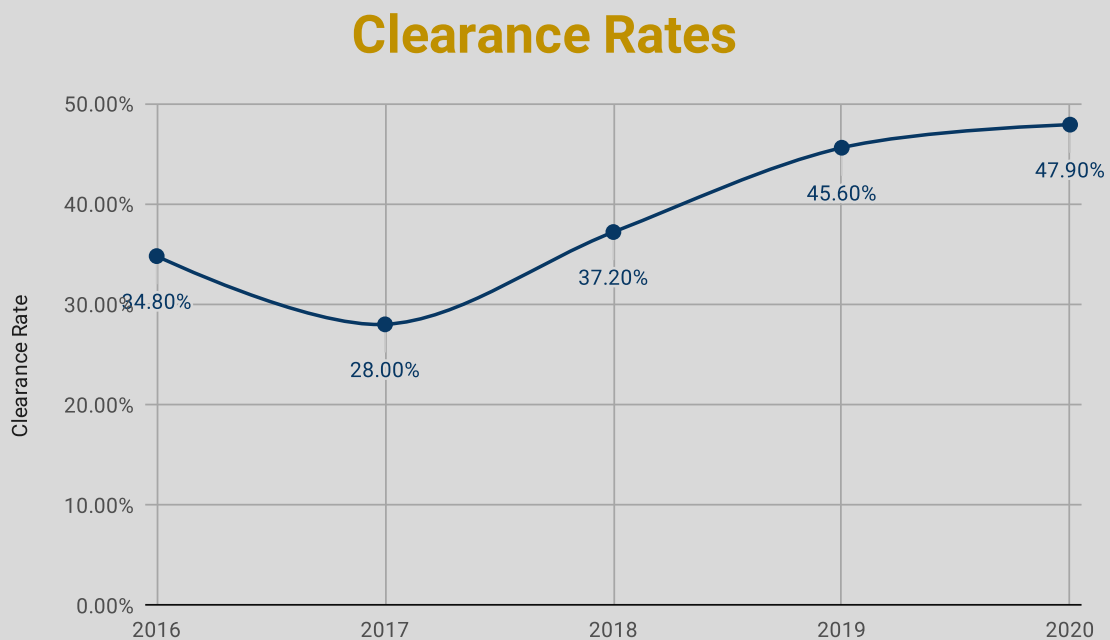


In 2020 there were decreases in both adult and juvenile arrests.





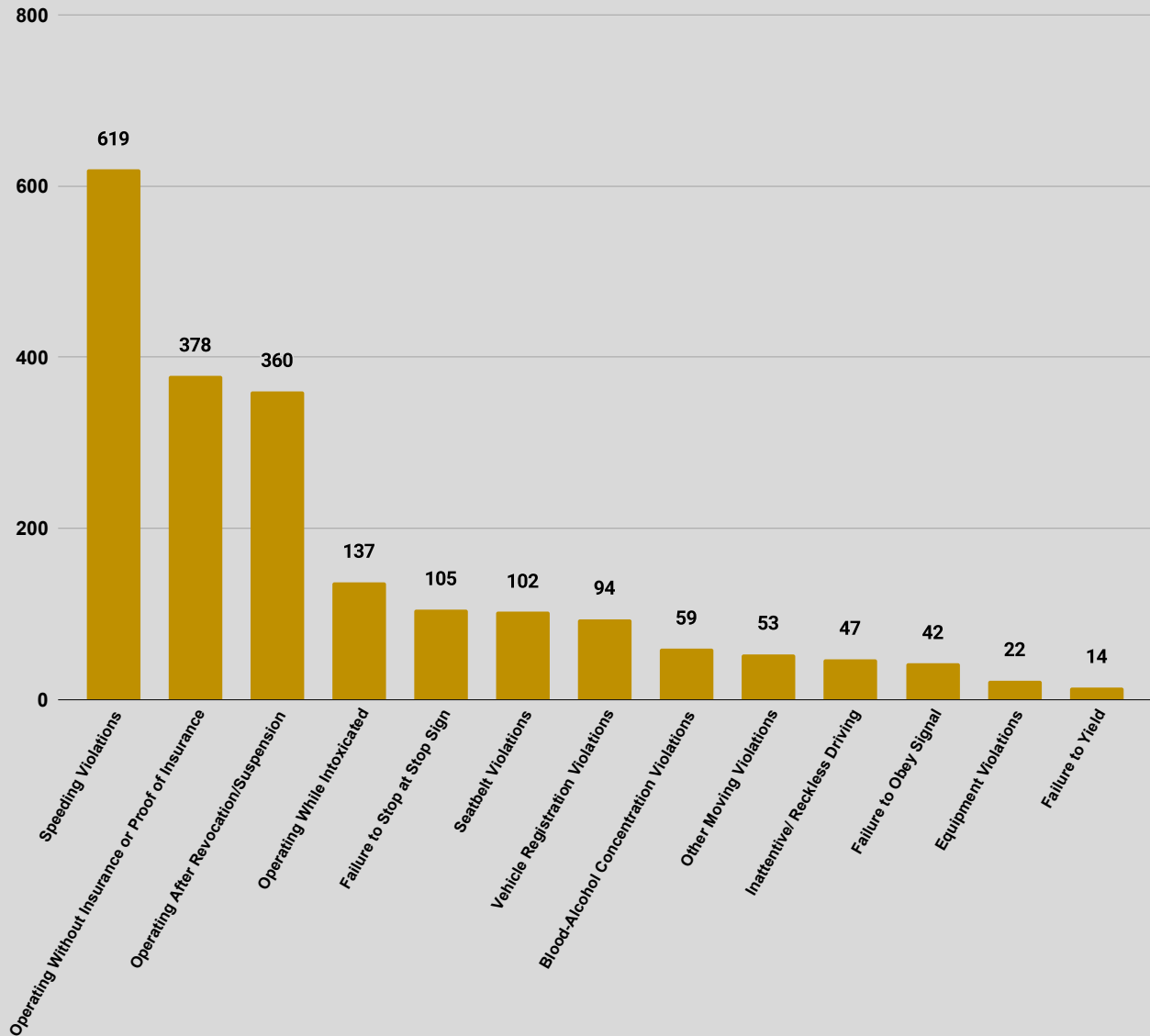
# Clearance Rates



SMPD Clearance Rates continued to rise, reaching their highest mark in 5 years at 47.9%

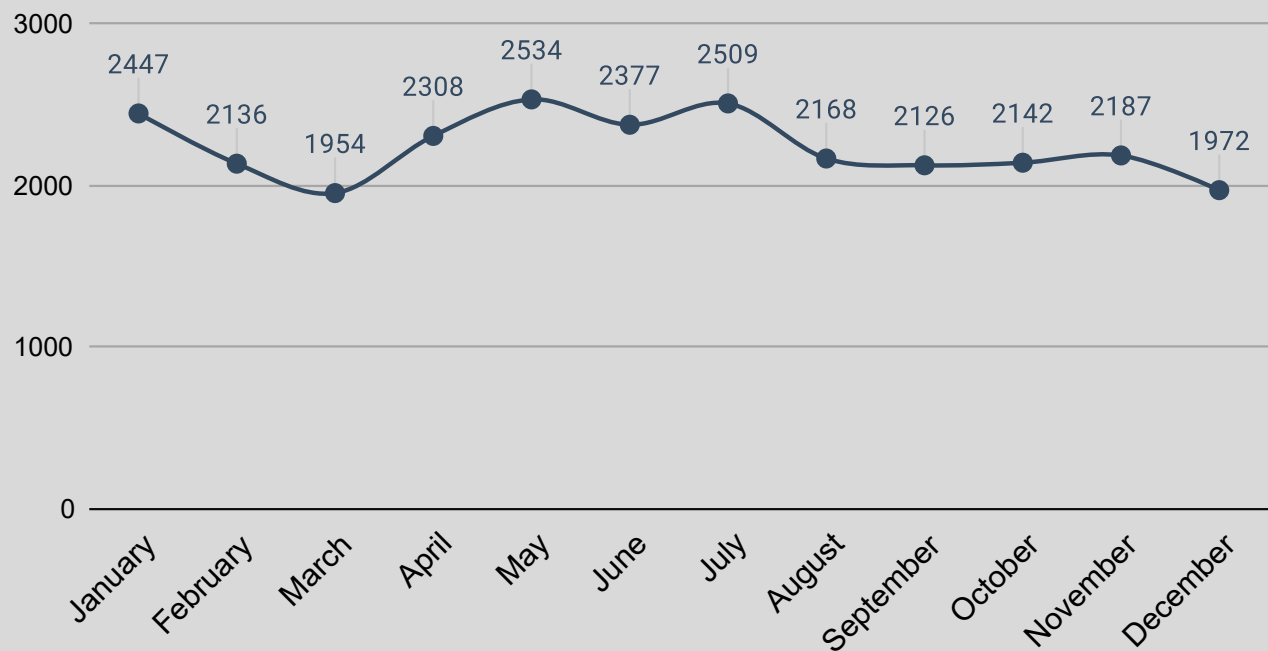
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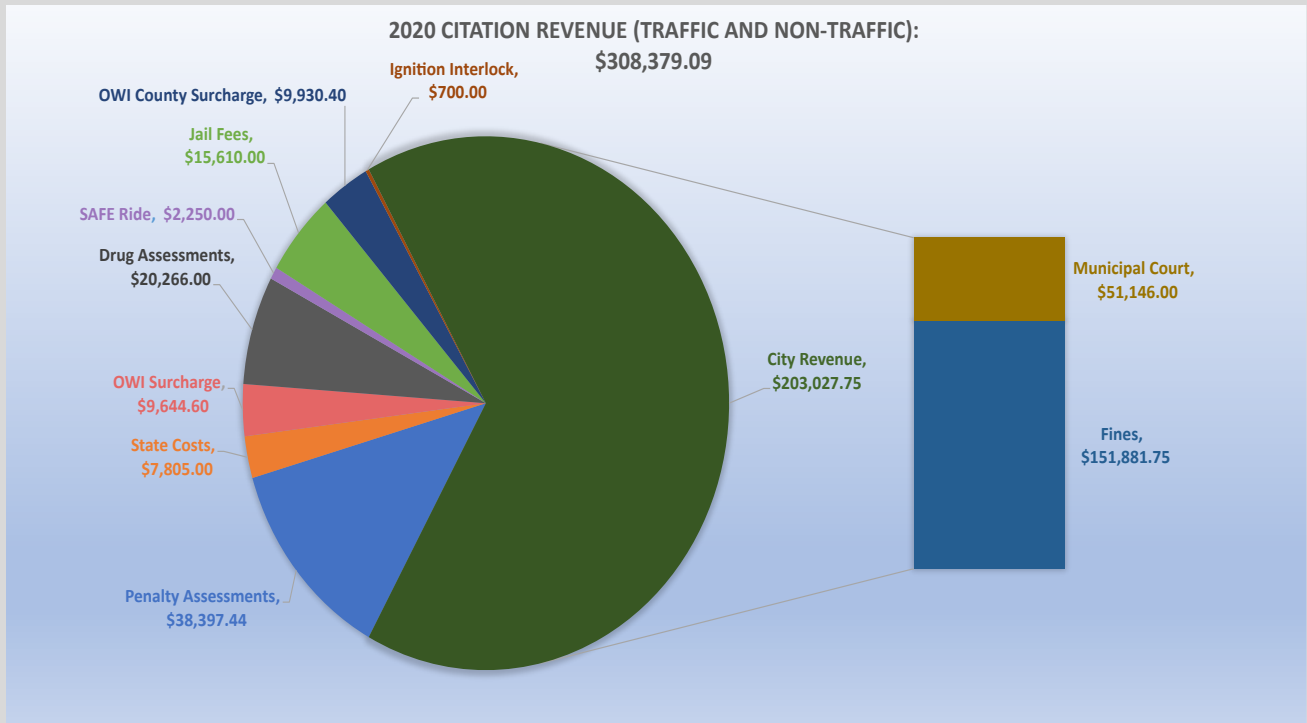
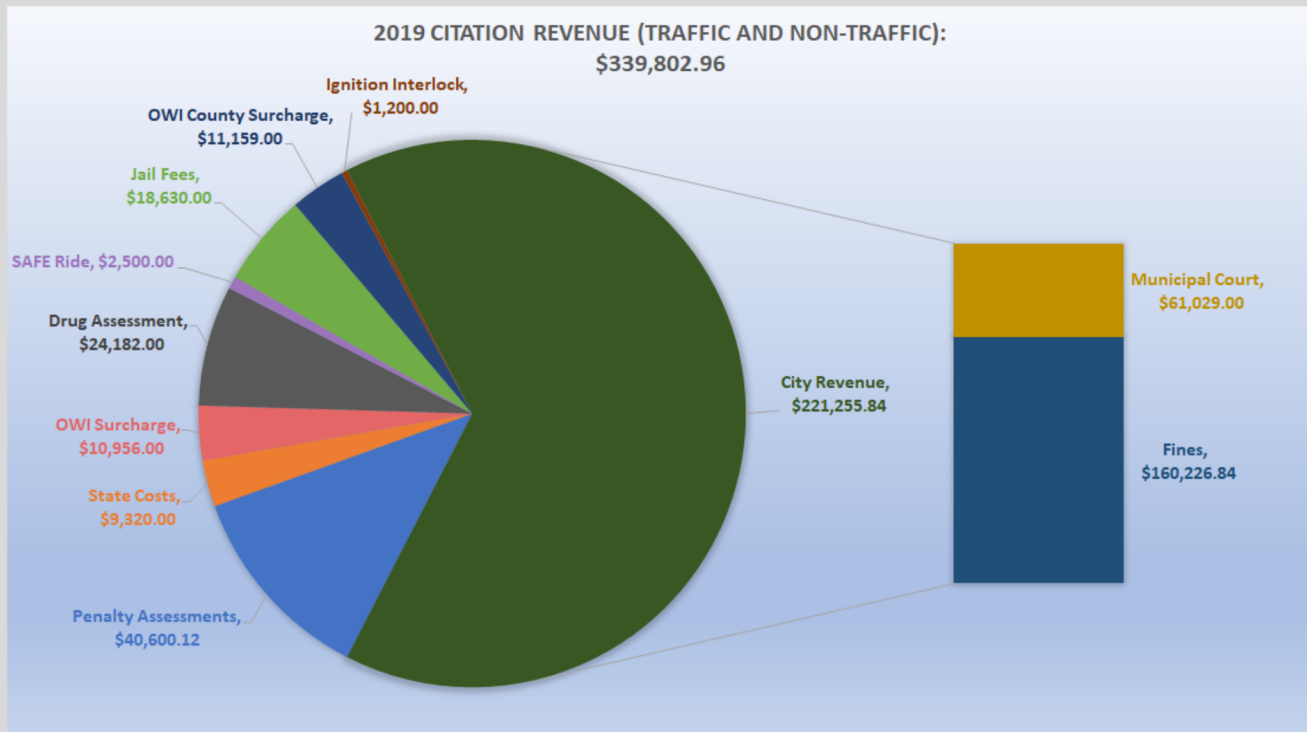
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# Assessments Paid and Revenue Collected



# The South Milwaukee Police Department Budget

## SMPD Budget

**2019 Budget**  
\$4,693,759

**2020 Budget**  
\$4,810,396

## Expenses

	2019	2020
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$4,693,759</i>	<i>\$4,810,396</i>
Salaries	\$2,592,242	\$2,646,302
Dispatchers	\$248,420	\$245,869
Custodial Wages	\$19,385	\$20,005
Fringe Benefits	\$1,250,252	\$1,364,931
Overtime	\$190,190	\$157,000
Comp Time	\$22,211	\$10,750
Holiday Pay	\$184,572	\$149,189
Physical Exams	\$1,715	\$2,850
Training Fees	\$10,170	\$14,550
Uniform Allowances	\$4,994	\$5,000
Operating Supplies & Expense	\$76,163	\$74,000
Narcotic Control	\$0	\$250
Private Ambulance Service	\$371	\$1,000
Dues	\$1,810	\$1,600
Telephone	\$17,673	\$22,000
Heating Fuel	\$3,225	\$5,600
Maintenance of Office Equip	\$8,562	\$16,000
Maintenance of Police Radios	\$11,511	\$12,000
Maintenance of Vehicles	\$49,857	\$60,000

# Community First



Captain Milow  
reading to Mrs.  
Rodman's  
Kindergarten class at  
Rawson Elementary

Auxiliary Officers Brown  
and Cholewinski  
participating in our "Shop  
with a Cop" event





# Community First



Captain Fournier donating during a Red Cross blood drive

Officer Walusay takes part in “Ride with a Cop”



# Community Policing

The SMPD Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) suspended many 2020 events due to COVID-19 concerns. We were happy to still be able to host our annual “Shop with a Cop” event while observing COVID-19 safety protocols. Our members are looking forward to being able to resume our collaboration with the community through programs such as “Cone with a Cop”, “Bike with a Cop” and “Night Out.”

## South Shore Joint Tactical Unit

The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 27 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy PDs. This unit includes 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 2020, the SSJTU served seven search warrants and responded to one critical incident involving an armed barricaded subject, which ended peacefully with the subject surrendering. During 2020, the SSJTU also responded to three civil unrest incidents, which included Kenosha, Wauwatosa and Milwaukee County.





# **Awards**

## **Life Saving Award**

Steve Streicher

## **Meritorious Service Award**

Investigator Joseph Benson

## **Supervisor Recognition Award**

Dispatcher Connor Dews

Police Officer Matther Kramer

Police Officer Kevin Scheidt

Police Officer James McLean

Police Officer Garrett Rogers

Police Officer Kyle Stormoen

Police Officer Brennyn Sibley

Police Officer Logan Staege

Police Officer Gerrit Verhagen

# New Officer



South Milwaukee Police Department welcomes Officer Josh Wheeler. Officer Wheeler studied Business Finance at UW-Milwaukee and attended WCTC's Police Academy. Officer Wheeler enjoys playing basketball, soccer, and golf, as well as spending time with his family.

SMPD is happy to welcome Officer Wheeler to the team!

# Promotions



**On 1/30/2020 Lt Milow was promoted to Captain. Captain Milow has served 25 years with SMPD, 13 as a Patrol Lieutenant. Captain Milow has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University.**

**On 9/21/2020 Lt Fournier was promoted to Captain. Captain Fournier has served 14 years with SMPD. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UW-La Crosse and is currently completing his Master's in Organizational Management.**





# Promotions



**On 1/30/2020 Police Officer Todd Vinohradsky was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Vinohradsky has served 26 years in Law Enforcement, with 23 years at SMPD. He has Bachelor's Degrees in English, Communications, and Criminal Justice.**

**On 9/21/202 Police Officer Dave Hoepfner was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hoepfner has served 21 years with SMPD. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He also coaches Football and Wrestling at South Milwaukee High School.**

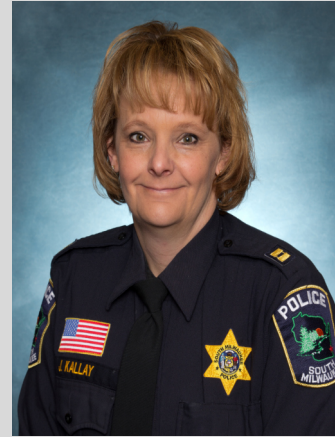


# Retirements



**Captain Pete Jaske retired after 30 years of service to South Milwaukee.**

**Captain Jill Kallay retired after 26 years of service to South Milwaukee**



**Officer Steve Streicher retired after over 35 years of service to South Milwaukee**

**The South Milwaukee Police Department thanks you for service and leadership throughout the years. Best wishes to you in the future!**

