

City of South Milwaukee Police Department

2015 Annual Report



South Milwaukee Police Patches Through the Years

Chief of Police: Ann M. Wellens

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South Milwaukee Police Department

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.

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 improving the quality of life in South Milwaukee.

The members of the South Milwaukee Police Department value:

Human Life Integrity Ourselves Excellence

Cooperation Accountability Laws and the Constitution

GOALS:

Goals provide direction and purpose and establish a standard for measuring progress and success.

The members of the South Milwaukee Police Department will strive to:

Develop an effective, efficient and responsive management system;

Increase agency-community partnerships;

Provide a more effective allocation of services to the community;

Increase job satisfaction for all employees;

Ensure that all persons will be treated 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;

Ensure that police services will be delivered uniformly, with consistency and as expeditiously as possible.

General Information:

AREA.....4.78 Sq. Mi.

POPULATION.....21,156

Government Services:

The City of South Milwaukee has a Mayor and an eight member Common Council. The Police Department is made up of 33 sworn officers, 2 clerks, 1 part-time clerk, 4 public safety officers, and 2 part-time public safety officers. Of the 33 sworn officers, 7 officers are command officers, 6 officers are assigned to the third shift, 7 officers are assigned to the day shift, 8 officers are assigned to the second shift, and 5 officers are assigned to the Investigations Section.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2015 Annual Report, which highlights and summarizes the activities of the South Milwaukee Police Department. I am extremely proud of the Police Department employees who have achieved excellence in the difficult job of law enforcement. These men and women are dedicated to providing the highest level of professional service to our community. They are South Milwaukee's strongest asset.

This report represents only a snapshot of the total data collected over the past year on offenses, arrests and activities as reported to the South Milwaukee Police Department.

The year 2015 offered several personnel changes at the Police Department. Officer Brian Fleming retired from the Department in May of 2015 after serving our community for 25 years. Officers Logan Staege and Tory Shields began their employment with the City in May, and Officer Michael Luczak began his employment in September. Officer Luczak is a third generation civil servant; his grandfather is Lt. Robert Luczak (retired 1990 – South Milwaukee Police Department) and his father is Fire Fighter Cory Luczak – Oak Creek Fire Department. The Department also experienced the following terminations/resignations: Public Safety Officer Debbie Benkowski, Officer Kathryn Klipfel, and Officer Tarra Bell. Public Safety Officer Jennifer Guzman-Godoy was assigned to full-time status from part-time status, and Public Safety Officer Luke Fenelon began his employment with the Department in November. Officer David Kozlowski began his assignment as the Middle School Police Liaison Officer in January.

In April the Department installed new 911 equipment in the Communications Center. The new equipment enables the Department to continue to provide excellent emergency 911 service to the community.

The Police Department continued our Medicine Collection Program. The goal of the program is to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal for unwanted/unused/expired medication. The Department collected and safely disposed of 439.1 pounds of medication in 2015.

The Department continues to focus on community policing and are confident that working together with individuals and groups we can reduce the opportunity for crimes to be committed, solve mutually agreed upon problems, and significantly improve the quality of life in South Milwaukee.

The Department continued to be active with our service programs: The South Milwaukee Justice for a Cure Day raised over \$5,800.00 in donations. The Community Night Out Committee sponsored several children for the COPS Camp and continued our scholarship program for graduating South Milwaukee High School seniors. Officer Rohde, Lt. Milow, Captain Jaske and Chief Wellens also participated in Dunkin' Donuts – Cop on a Rooftop Special Olympics fund raiser in August and raised over \$365.00 in donations. Once again through a generous donation from the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart the Department was able to host the 3rd Annual South Milwaukee Police Department Shop with a Cop event.

In October the Police Department hosted twelve days of Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). 184 officers from 3 counties in southeastern Wisconsin and 14 law enforcement agencies were brought together for this training. ALERRT is a dynamic course designed to prepare first responders to isolate, distract, and neutralize an active shooter as well as to train on effective response tactics for a complex coordinated attack (terrorist type of attack). Through the training officers have the skills and knowledge to respond in a swift and effective manner that will serve to minimize the damage of an attack and save the lives of potential victims. All officers of the Department were trained.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Department for their continuing dedication and commitment to public service and protection. The City of South Milwaukee is very fortunate in the type of officers, clerks, and PSOs who serve our community. They make sacrifices that are often unnoticed while performing their duties and responsibilities. I would also like to thank Lt. Chad Milow for assembling this report.

On behalf of the men and women of the South Milwaukee Police Department, I extend my personal appreciation for the support and cooperation the citizens and elected officials have provided the Department.

Sincerely,

Chief Ann M. Wellens



Letter from the Administration and Services Commander

In 2015 there were some significant changes in the Admin & Services Section. Dispatch received and trained extensively on a new phone system and 911 hardware installation. After the bugs were worked out over a number of weeks, the new system has been well received and helps make the dispatcher's job more efficient and offers quality service to the callers.

The dispatch call center handled nearly 30,000 events for 2015. The dispatchers are responsible for all incoming calls to the SMPD, radio transmissions for the police and fire, and handling 911 emergency calls. A resignation of a full-time dispatcher in July resulted in the promotion of part-time dispatcher Jennifer Guzman-Godoy to full-time status in August which in turn left the department with one part-time dispatcher on staff to fill extra hours. This created the need for the full-time crew to take on many hours of overtime and for the part-time dispatcher to take on nearly a full-time roll for the remainder of 2015. Two former SMPD dispatchers, the IT Specialist/Records Section supervisor and a clerk from city hall helped fill in as needed. Everyone pitched in well and it is greatly appreciated. In November, the department welcomed Luke Fenelon as he was hired to fill the part-time dispatcher vacancy. The dispatchers are the lifeline to the officers on the street and I am very proud of their performance in 2015 with their continued dedication, professionalism, and service to the community.

The SMPD dispatch was also chosen to participate in a Milwaukee County EMS pilot program regarding a CPR assist line. The CPR Assist Line helps callers perform CPR until EMS arrives on scene. Dispatch will transfer 911 callers to a special operator at the Milwaukee County EMS Communications Center for assistance after first dispatching EMS to the call. This program was implemented to increase cardiac arrest survival rates in Milwaukee County.

The Records Department is supervised by IT Specialist Dan Margetta who oversees two records clerks. One is full-time and the other part-time. The records section is open Monday through Friday from 7am-8pm and stays very busy throughout the year by honoring many records requests, triaging walk-in complaints and other counter service, and many other important duties. Their service is not only a valuable one to the community but helps the department run smoothly. IT Specialist Margetta is the trouble shooting guru for the department who maintains the servers, personal computers, video systems, dispatch and phone systems, and squad car components staying very busy taking on a number of roles for the department. His hard work and knowledge is appreciated by many.

The Internal Affairs section investigated very few citizen complaints which demonstrated how well the officers serve the citizens and guests of South Milwaukee. There were a few policy/procedure violations by members of the SMPD which resulted in verbal & written reprimands and in some instances, suspensions.

As Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) assessors, Chief Ann Wellens, Capt. Jill Kallay, and I continue to assist other agencies with helping them achieve their WILEAG status while continuing to work hard on maintaining our own WILEAG status.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Peter Jaske
Administration & Services Section

Letter from the Operations Commander

2015 was a year with many personnel changes within the department. Officer Brian Fleming retired from the Department in May after 25 years of service. The Department also added three new officers. We welcome Officer Logan Staege, Officer Tory Shields and Officer Michael Luczak. Our Field Training Officers have been working hard to see that these new officers are trained and ready to perform their duties.

The first year in my new assignment as the Operations Commander was filled with new experiences. Planning and scheduling staffing for the numerous special events that occur in the City is a time consuming job. From the July 4th events to Heritage Days, as well as the various parades and activities that take place in and through our City, there is always something waiting to be planned or scheduled.

Maintaining the day to day scheduling for patrol for the department has been especially challenging this year. This was due to a number of officer shortages that we experienced and the amount of time involved in hiring and then training our new officers. There are many officers on the department who worked numerous overtime shifts to help cover patrol shortages or to provide coverage for special events and grant programs. I am very thankful for all of the hard work put in by our officers every day.

Training also became one of my responsibilities in 2015. I was very pleased that, through a partnership with Oak Creek PD, and the hard work of SMPD Officer Todd Vinohradsky (one of our Department's training officers) that we were able to coordinate it so that our officers were able to receive a full 2 day ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) training class. This very dynamic, scenario based training, is specifically focused on active shooter events and law enforcement responses to these events. We will work to continue to provide quality training and updated equipment for officers to do their job to the best of their abilities. During the calendar year 2015 4,100 hours of training was completed among our officers.

This is also a good time to remind you of ways to protect yourself from scammers and thieves. Please DO NOT leave your vehicle running with the keys in it to warm up the car. There have been a number of car thefts in the Milwaukee area due to these circumstances. There also continue to be fraud attempts via phone or where a caller tries to extort money from the victim by claiming that a relative of has been in an accident and is now being held against their will. The caller threatens bodily harm to the person they claim to be holding if the citizen does not produce money or if they hang up. The scammer tries to keep the citizen on the phone while directing them to obtain cash and bring it to a specific drop off location. This is not a new scam and is one that has been seen in many jurisdictions. If you receive a call of this type, please contact the police. Calls have been reported to have come in to both cell phones as well as land line phones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Jill Kallay



Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; 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 people to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; 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 in both my personal and official life; I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land 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 ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officially or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decision. With no compromise for crime and relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the laws 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 accept it as public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession....

Law Enforcement



Roster of Sworn Officers 2015

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
Chief	Ann M. Wellens	05.22.89
Captain	Peter P. Jaske	09.11.89
Captain	Jill R. Kallay	07.01.94
Lieutenant	Cary L. Fischer	04.16.90
Lieutenant	Edward Hallett	07.28.95
Lieutenant	Chad A. Milow	01.29.96
Lieutenant	Jason J. Walker	11.10.03
Investigator	Craig Perkowski	04.28.08
Investigator	Carol Olson	04.11.91
Investigator	Michael Hill	09.11.98
Police Officer	Steven Streicher	06.03.85
Police Officer	Darrell Mussatti	01.23.86
Police Officer	William Dews	01.24.86
Police Officer	Brian Fleming	04.16.90
Police Officer	Francis Rotter	08.03.92
Police Officer	David Kozlowski	06.07.93
Police Officer	David Stratton	07.28.95
Police Officer	Steven Hesse	09.22.97
Police Officer	Todd Vinohradsky	11.09.98
Police Officer	Robert Wentz	03.01.99
Police Officer	David Hoeppner	08.16.99
Police Officer	James McLean	04.03.00
Police Officer	Nathan Siefert	09.30.05
Police Officer	Kathryn Klipfel	08.28.06
Police Officer	Timothy Lewison	08.28.06
Police Officer	Jonathan Rivamonte	10.30.06
Police Officer	Daniel Fournier	05.29.07
Police Officer	Kyle Stormoen	09.24.07
Police Officer	Dan Doering	08.13.12
Police Officer	Christopher Rohde	08.14.12
Police Officer	Tarra Ball	01.02.13
Police Officer	Jordan Schwehr	06.02.14
Police Officer	Logan Staegge	05.25.15
Police Officer	Tory Shields	05.26.15
Police Officer	Michael Luczak	09.08.15

Officer Assignments

Day Shift

Chief Ann Wellens

Capt. Jill Kallay

Capt. Pete Jaske

Lt. Chad Milow

Inv. Carol Olson

Officer Steven Streicher

Officer Darrell Mussatti

Officer Brian Fleming

Officer Kathryn Klipfel

Officer David Stratton

Officer Steven Hesse

Officer James McLean

Officer Logan Staege

Officer Tory Shields

Early Shift

Lt. Jason Walker

Lt. Cary Fischer

Inv. Michael Hill

Officer Todd Vinohradsky

Officer Robert Wentz

Officer Nathan Siefert

Officer Kyle Stormoen

Officer Daniel Doering

Officer Christopher Rohde

Officer Tarra Ball

Late Shift

Lt. Ed Hallett

Officer William Dews

Officer Francis Rotter

Officer Jon Rivamonte

Officer David Hoeppner

Officer Daniel Fournier

Officer Jordan Schwehr

Officer Michael Luczak

School Liaison

Officer Tim Lewison

Officer David Kozlowski

Metro-Drug Unit

Officer Craig Perkowski

Community Resource/Crime Prevention

Inv. Michael Hill

Promotions / Resignations / Terminations

Officer Tarra Ball - Resigned and Officer Kathryn Klipfel - Terminated

Retirements:

Officer Brian Fleming

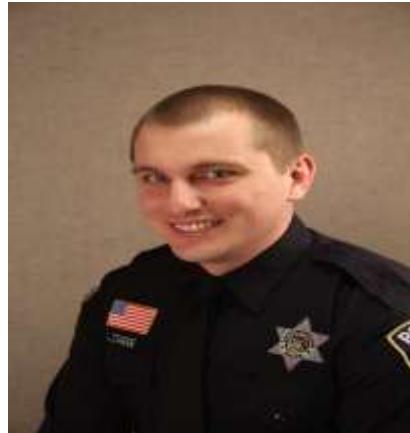
New Hires:

Officer Logan Staege, Officer Tory Shields, Officer Michael Luczak

New Hires

Police Officer

Logan Staegge



Logan was hired in May of 2015. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from UWM. He is married and has no children. His hobbies include watching sports and playing with his dogs. Logan's prior work experience includes working security at Froedtert Hospital. Welcome, Logan!

Tory Shields



Tory was hired in May of 2015. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. His hobbies include traveling, fishing, snowboarding, and mixed martial arts. Tory's prior work experience includes working in sales for Grainger and as a correctional officer at the Pontiac Maximum Correction Facility, Illinois. Welcome, Tory!

Michael Luczak



Pictured with Michael is his father, Oak Creek Firefighter Corey Luczak, and his grandfather, retired South Milwaukee Police Lieutenant Robert Luczak – three generations of civil servants!

Michael was hired in September of 2015. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from UWM. His hobbies include working on cars, riding ATVs, and spending time in the outdoors. Michael's prior work experience includes working at Target and being a correctional officer at the Waukesha County Jail and House of Correction. Welcome, Michael!

Public Service Officer

Luke Fenelon



Luke was hired in November of 2015. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from MATC. His hobbies include spending time with his wife and daughter. Luke's prior work experience includes working private building security in downtown Milwaukee. Welcome, Luke!

CIVILIAN STAFF 2015

Records Section

Dan Margetta
Candy Maxim

Shannon Hrdlicka
Danielle Heller

Public Safety Officers

Full Time:

Mary Horn
Debbie Benkowski
Jennifer Guzman-Godoy

Jesse Danek
Candy Maxim

Part-Time:

Roberta Plachinski
Luke Fenelon

Crossing Guards

Helga Allen
Priscilla Bottoni
Pamela Hilbelink

Kimberly Rayls
Amanda Bottoni

Anita Rowe
Betty Allen

Auxiliary Police

Lindsay Wood
Louis Arroyo
Melvin Schuette
Thomas Ceparski

Kevin Apfel
Anthony Piraino
Matthew Jaskulski

Michael Weiland
Peter Smith
Donald Hammonds

Police Chaplain

Pastor Robert Kieck

** Debbie Benkowski resigned in 2015. Her full time position was awarded to former part-time PSO Jennifer Guzman-Godoy. Luke Fenelon was then hired to replace Jennifer as a part-time PSO. Congratulations to Jennifer and 'Welcome Luke!!'

City of South Milwaukee Officials

Mayor Erik Brooks

Police and Fire Commission

Jeffrey Plale Heather Page Rick Borowski
Darrell Francis Elizabeth Blackwood

Police Chief Ann Wellens

Common Council

First Aldermanic District

Frank Van Dusen
Craig Maass

Second Aldermanic District

Ramon Navarro
Patrick Stoner

Third Aldermanic District

Lisa Pieper
Joe Bukowski

Fourth Aldermanic District

David Bartoshevich
Peggy Clark

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Judge: William Fenger

City Attorney: Joseph Murphy

City Clerk: James Shelenske

City Treasurer: Karen Skowronski

2015 Budget

<u>Items</u>	2015	2014	2013	Percentage	% Change
Salaries	\$ 2,427,358	\$ 2,417,508	\$ 2,324,868	53.40%	0.41%
Dispatchers	\$ 237,865	\$ 232,987	\$ 229,352	5.23%	2.09%
Custodial	\$ 17,881	\$ 17,386	\$ 17,650	.39%	2.85%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,329,855	\$ 1,280,819	\$ 1,236,147	29.26%	3.79%
Overtime	\$ 150,000	\$ 153,000	\$ 145,000	3.30%	-1.96%
Comp	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	.24%	0.00%
Holiday Pay	\$ 132,901	\$ 130,295	\$ 126,500	2.92%	2.00%
Physical Exams	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Training	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	.32%	0.00%
Uniforms	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	.03%	0.00%
Conferences	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	.03%	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$ 40,005	\$ 37,995	\$ 47,000	.88%	5.29%
Narcotic Fund	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	.01%	0.00%
Private Ambulance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Dues	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,200	.03%	7.69%
Telephones	\$ 33,971	\$ 31,471	\$ 31,471	.75%	7.94%
Building Fuel	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	.12%	0.00%
Office Maintenance	\$ 40,877	\$ 40,877	\$ 40,877	.90%	0.00%
Radio Maintenance	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	.22%	7.53%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	1.43%	0.00%
Crossing Guard Exp.	\$ 22,606	\$ 22,607	\$ 22,836	.50%	0.00%
Operating Budget	\$ 4,545,215	\$ 4,476,913	\$ 4,333,287		1.50%

ASSESSMENTS PAID TO STATE AND COUNTY

State	2015	2014	2013
Penalty Assessments	\$ 39,757.22	\$ 37,967.05	\$ 44,911.57
State Costs	\$ 7,983.00	\$ 7,610.00	\$ 10,218.00
OWI Surcharge	\$ 12,064.68	\$ 11,009.60	\$ 10,158.00
Drug Assessment	\$ 20,593.00	\$ 19,024.00	\$ 26,111.00
Total	\$ 80,397.80	\$ 75,610.65	\$ 94,398.57
County			
Jail Fees	\$ 15,940.00	\$ 15,210.00	\$ 20,420.00
OWI/County Surcharge	\$ 18,110.32	\$ 15,884.40	\$ 15,237.00
Ignition Interlock Device	\$ 850.00	600.00	
Total	\$ 34,900.32	\$ 31,694.40	\$ 35,657.00

REVENUE COLLECTED

	2015	2014	2013
Parking Citations	\$ 102,193.03	\$ 94,181.00	\$ 103,780.00
Traffic Citations	\$ 214,963.82	\$ 191,519.60	\$ 264,293.62
Non-Traffic Citations	\$ 105,032.25	\$ 103,178.40	\$ 102,225.69
Restitution	\$ 1,084.30	\$ 1,966.71	\$ 3,040.12
Bicycle Licenses	\$ 30.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 156.00
Lot Permits	\$ 202.00	\$ 304.00	\$ 155.00
Winter Parking Permits	\$ 74,556.00	\$ 68,877.00	\$ 63,235.00
Bail Bond	\$ 15,212.15	\$ 25,858.71	\$ 14,761.27
Deferred Payments	\$ 88,750.80	\$ 92,316.05	\$ 98,653.89
Paper Service	\$ 1,500.63	\$ 1,217.78	\$ 1,328.90
Bail Fees	\$ 993.90	\$ 3,046.77	\$ 880.10
Copy Fees	\$ 1,869.89	\$ 1,828.99	\$ 1,677.10
Re-Open Fees	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,175.00
Total Cash Collected	\$ 607,563.77	\$ 584,504.81	\$ 655,361.69

Day (1st) Shift

Serving the citizens of South Milwaukee on the day shift, 07:40am to 04:00pm, are:

Lt Chad Milow	Experience – 19 years
Officer Darrell Mussatti	Experience – 29 years
Officer Steve Streicher	Experience – 30 years
Officer Brian Fleming	Experience – 25 years
Investigator Carol Olson	Experience – 24 years
Officer David Stratton	Experience – 20 years
Officer Steven Hesse	Experience – 18 years
Officer James McLean	Experience – 15 years
Officer Kathryn Klipfel	Experience – 8 years

Enforcement goals include traffic enforcement, park patrols, school safety with our juvenile officers in schools and our patrol officers monitoring the school mornings and afternoon dismissals, open business checks, attempts to pick up wanted subjects, and citizen calls for service. Many of these goals are based on calls to the police department, by citizens, reporting what type of police enforcement activity is needed in their particular area, and based on particular circumstances. South Milwaukee's greatest enforcement tool will continue to be citizens, caring for their community, who are watchful and able to provide the police with information that otherwise may not have been obtained.

Officer Brian Fleming retired in 2015 after 25 years of service. Congratulations, Brian!!! We welcome new shift member Officer James McLean!

I continue to encourage the citizens of South Milwaukee to stay vigilant within their community so that we can keep our city as safe as possible. It is citizens calling in suspicious behavior that often leads to the clearance of criminal activity. Just a reminder – lock your residence, garage and vehicle doors for safety, as our community has followed national trends in the increase in petty theft where easy targets present themselves.

As Police Officers, working for you, we will do our best to also stay observant and proactive in our efforts to keep our city safe. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lieutenant Chad Milow



Early (2nd) Shift

Serving the citizens of South Milwaukee on the early shift, 03:40pm to 12:00am, are:

Investigator Michael Hill
Officer Todd Vinohradsky
Officer Rob Wentz
Officer Nate Siefert
Officer Kyle Stormoen
Officer Dan Doering
Officer Chris Rohde
Officer Tarra Ball
Officer Jordan Schwehr

We deal mostly with disorderly persons, domestic violence, suspicious activities, traffic issues and other miscellaneous services. We have a good mix of veteran and new officers on our shift, bringing experience and new ways of addressing problems within the community.

We had a few personnel changes throughout the year. Officer Ball resigned. PO Schwehr moved to Late Shift. We look forward to receiving a new officer or two upon completion of field training in early 2016.

As always.....See something? Say something! We appreciate calls from concerned citizens who may see something that may not look quite right to them. Letting us investigate a call that turns out to be nothing is better than wishing you had called when you later find out there was a problem.

Thank you for your support in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lieutenant Jason Walker



Late (3rd) Shift

The late shift patrol has historically been a shift with a lot of experience. This is the first time in 20 years that there has been an officer assigned to the shift with only one year of experience. P.O. Jon Rivamonte moved to late shift to replace P.O. Edward Hallett, who was promoted to shift Supervisor. P.O. Jordan Schwehr moved to late shift to replace P.O. James McLean, who moved to day shift patrol. The shift is going to continue to get younger as P.O. William Dews will retire in January of 2016.

Members of the late shift patrol for the majority of 2015 included:

Lt. Hallett – Patrol Supervisor – 20 years
P.O. William Dews – Patrol Officer – 30 years
P.O. Francis Rotter – Patrol Officer – 23 years
P.O. David Hoeppner – Patrol Officer – 16 years
P.O. Jon Rivamonte – Patrol Officer – 9 years
P.O. Daniel Fournier – Patrol Officer – 8 years
P.O. Jordan Schwehr – Patrol Officer – 1 year

Another important aspect of late shift are the Public Safety Officers. Public Safety Officers answer incoming calls and dispatch for both the police department and the fire department. Public Safety Officers also do a majority of the documentation while calls are occurring.

Members of the late shift dispatch for 2015 include:

PSO Candy Maxim – Full time – 10 years
PSO Roberta Plachinski – Part time – 21 years
PSO Jennifer Guzman-Godoy – Part time – 8 years

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Edward Hallett



Investigations Section

Dear Citizens,

It is the policy of the South Milwaukee Police Department to ensure that criminal offenses are thoroughly investigated and that the offender is properly processed through the criminal justice system. Responsibility for the completion of criminal investigations is shared by all sworn members of the Department. All officers are expected to complete thorough investigations on all assigned cases. However, it is recognized that certain investigations either require a degree of specialization not possessed by some officers, or are more appropriately managed in a centralized fashion. To that end, the Investigations Section has been established to initiate and coordinate investigations that require resources beyond those which could be reasonably expected of an officer. The Investigation Section is supervised under the leadership of Lt. Cary Fischer who oversees two general Investigators and one Investigator assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. There are also two School Liaison Officers assigned the South Milwaukee high school and middle school. This highly skilled group of veterans takes on many complex cases. One of the significant cases of 2015 was the homicide of a 69yr old South Milwaukee resident in which the bureau continues to work tirelessly on to resolve which remains unsolved at time of this submission. The overall clearance rate for cases in the bureau climbed in 2015 to 40.8% which is up from 38.9% in 2014.

Members of the 2015 investigations section include:

Lt. Cary Fischer – 25 years
Inv. Carol Olson - 24 years
Inv. Mike Hill – 17 years
Inv. Craig Perkowski – 7 years
JO/PSL – Dave Kozlowski - 18 years
JO/PSL – Tim Lewison – 11 years

Capt. Peter Jaske



Five Year Trends

In 2015, South Milwaukee experienced a decrease in property crimes. Violent crime reports also decreased. Property crime increases are due to the decrease in petty theft. Violent crimes decreases are due, primarily, to decreases in aggravated battery.

OFFENSE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
VIOLENT CRIME	16	40	44	55	35
Murder	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	5	8	4	7	2
Robbery	7	11	15	15	17
Aggravated Battery	4	21	25	33	15
PROPERTY CRIME	513	450	400	467	460
Burglary	77	76	46	45	64
Theft	410	354	334	404	370
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	12	19	14	24
Arson	1	8	1	4	2
TOTAL	529	490	444	522	495

Clearance Rates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Clearance Rate	36.9%	39.6%	41.4%	38.9%	40.8%
Stolen Property	\$375,172	\$320,684	\$331,856	\$261,249	\$319,572

Adult and Juvenile Arrests

Offender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adult	504	571	476	577	623
Juvenile	211	231	201	182	145

SMPD Jail Records - 3 Year Trend

	2013	2014	2015
DUI 12 hour hold	10	15	14
Hold for Municipal	27	24	16
Hold for State	117	126	118
Warrant Arrests	82	109	94
Total held in jail	236	274	242

During 2015, the total number of people held in the lockup decreased from 274 to 242. Of these detentions, 190 were males and 52 were females.

Not all people arrested are placed in the Municipal Lockup. Some are immediately transported to the Milwaukee County Criminal Justice Facility or turned over to another agency. Those that are held may also be released on their own recognizance, held for a 12 hour municipal OWI charge, or released after bond is posted for a municipal commitment or warrant.



2015 Burglaries and Thefts

There were 64 burglaries in 2015 compared to 45 burglaries in 2014. The average amount taken in a burglary decreased from \$1,797 in 2014 to \$1,330 in 2015. The total amount taken in burglaries increased from \$80,907 in 2014 to \$85,133 in 2015.

Burglaries

Type of Target	Time of Day	Number	Amount Stolen	Average Amount
Residential	Nighttime (6pm-6am)	8	\$37,633	\$2,213.71
	Daytime (6am-6pm)	14	\$30,465	\$1,523.25
	Unknown	12	\$15,834	\$1,319.50
Non-Residential	Nighttime	27	\$45,832	\$1,697.48
	Daytime	2	\$ 704	\$ 352.00
	Unknown	1	\$ 1,350	\$1,350.00
Total Burglaries		64	\$85,133	\$1,330.20

There were 370 reported thefts in South Milwaukee in 2015 compared with 404 reported thefts in 2014. The average amount taken in 2015 increased to \$386 from \$284 in 2014. The total dollar loss in 2015 increased to \$143,004 from \$114,739 in 2014.

Thefts

Type of Theft	Number Reported	Total Dollar Loss	Average Dollar Loss
From Motor Vehicles	64	\$33,829	\$528
Shoplifting	122	\$13,373	\$110
From Buildings	44	\$35,341	\$803
Motor Vehicle Parts	17	\$ 4,161	\$245
All Other	123	\$56,300	\$458
Total	370	\$143,004	\$386

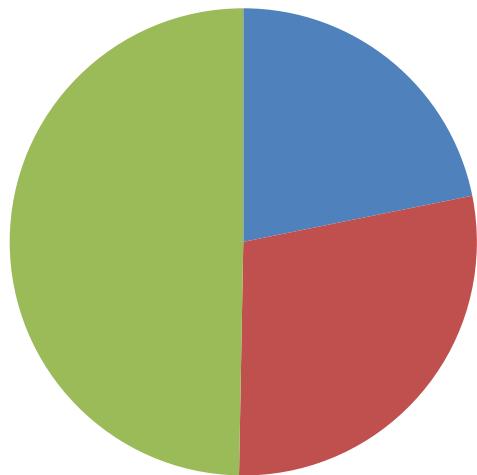
Crimes Against Public Peace

Disorderly Conduct / Animal / Noise

In 2015, SMPD responded to a total of **370** animal related calls/complaints, up 18.2% from 2014. These calls include Animal Noise calls as well as Animal at Large complaints and Animal Bite complaints.

There were **649** Disorderly Conduct incidents reported in 2015, a decrease of 2.4% from 2014. Disorderly Conduct is defined by state statute as conduct that occurs in a “public or private place” and is “violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly.” The fine for municipal Disorderly Conduct is \$187.00. It can also be charged as a state ‘Class B’ misdemeanor criminal offense.

South Milwaukee Police responded to **339** Noise complaints in 2015, down 14.2% from 2014. These complaints range from loud music complaints to reports of people yelling and/or loud parties. The fine for Unnecessary Noise is \$187.00.



Animal Complaints

370

Noise Complaints

339

Disorderly Conduct

649

2015 Traffic Enforcement

Included in the duties of law enforcement officers is traffic law enforcement. During 2015, the Department continued the directed traffic enforcement program. Each week, locations within the city were highlighted for directed enforcement. The areas are selected based on accident statistics, citizen complaints, requests of the Traffic Commission, or high traffic areas. Using grant money from the Bureau of Transportation Safety, the Department, once again, participated as a member of the OWI Task Force and in conducting specialized, limited speed enforcement activities. The Department utilizes several radar and laser speed measuring devices in the enforcement efforts. An increase in traffic grant monies resulted in an increase in the ability for officers to spend time solely on traffic enforcement.

Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued in:	2015
Operating While Intoxicated	247
Vehicle Registration Violations	102
Speeding	340
License Violations (OAR, OAS, OWL)	359
Seatbelt Violations	137

* OWIs often result in two traffic citations issued, one for Driving Under the Influence and one for a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration. The court system has the authority to dismiss one of the two citations issued during an OWI incident.

2015 statistics include **182** written warnings issued for various traffic violations.

There were **3,259** parking citations issued during 2015.



Accidents

Type of Accident	2015	2014	2013	2012
Property Damage	294	273	298	283
Injury	47	34	37	44
Total	341	307	335	327

Top Accident Locations

Location	Accidents
Highway 32	93
Rawson Ave.	33
College Ave.	23
Milwaukee Ave.	38
Marquette Ave.	20
Drexel Blvd.	19
15 th Ave.	44
Nicholson Ave	23

* Accident statistics were taken from SMPD's Record Management System. These statistics include ALL calls to SMPD where a vehicle accident was reported.

* Accidents occurring at an intersection for both streets named above will result in a statistic for each named street.



Patrol Services 2015

Calls for Service

The goal of the South Milwaukee Police Department is to provide a high standard of professional services. Patrol Officers handle calls that range from domestic problems, neighbor problems, noise violations, park violations, to suicidal persons and robberies. Patrol Officers are responsible for the initial investigation of all calls. Patrol Officers are also responsible for traffic enforcement, accident investigations, business checks, and many other duties.

Calls for Service by Month and Shift

	January	February	March	April	May	June
1st Shift	757	629	770	697	848	781
2nd Shift	846	798	885	843	693	919
3rd Shift	946	796	874	693	737	667
Totals	2549	2223	2529	2233	2425	2367
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1st Shift	786	687	775	656	620	632
2nd Shift	993	781	730	637	488	533
3rd Shift	625	605	599	604	484	583
Totals	2404	2073	2104	1897	1592	1748

1st Shift 0740-1600hrs 2nd Shift 1540-0000hrs 3rd Shift 2340–0800hrs

- Total calls for service for 2015 was 26,144.
- Calls for service decreased when compared to 2014 (28,809)
- Calls for service include EMS and Fire services, but do not include non-service type calls such as court trials, DARE duties, report writing, and crime prevention duties.

Department Grants / Citizen Complaints

2015 Grant Awards

The South Milwaukee Police Department received several grant awards in 2015:

Through the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance the Department was awarded \$1,866.82 for the purchase of bulletproof vests. This grant funds 50% of the cost for bulletproof vests.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation awarded the Department with two traffic enforcement grants totaling \$25,000.00. The grants were for alcohol and speed enforcement. The grants provided 198 hours of overtime patrols for traffic enforcement. The overtime patrols resulted in **394** traffic citations, **440** traffic warnings and numerous other arrests for traffic violations, outstanding warrants and **58** drunk driving arrests.

The Department also received partial funding for one officer assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. The grant award was for \$62,328.00 through the Wisconsin Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program.

2015 Citizen Complaints

It is the policy of The South Milwaukee Police Department that all incidents of alleged or suspected violations of the law, ordinances or Department rules and regulations be investigated. The department encourages citizens to bring forward any legitimate grievance regarding misconduct by employees.

In 2015 the Department investigated 4 citizen complaints. Three were investigated and determined to be unfounded while one complaint was substantiated, and the officer was placed on suspension.

The definitions of the complaints dispositions are as follows:

- **Unfounded:** Investigation indicates that the allegations are false.
- **Not Sustained:** Insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.
- **Sustained:** The allegations are supported by sufficient evidence to conclude they are true.
- **Exonerated:** Investigation indicates that the incident occurred, but was justified, lawful and proper under the circumstances.
- **Policy Failure:** the investigation reveals that the allegations are true; however, the employee was acting in accordance with established department policy.

2015 South Shore Joint Tactical Unit



The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of approximately 25 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy PD's as well as personnel from the Cudahy Fire Department. Our departments have a memorandum of understanding that allows us to operate as a joint team. This allows for training in advanced tactical techniques, sharing the costs of training or incident management, having a larger pool of personnel to draw from in the event of an incident, and increasing our knowledge base with the varied experiences of our members. In addition, we are able to draw upon other resources throughout the area to help incidents come to a peaceful resolution while ensuring the safety of our officers and citizens.

During 2015 the SSJTU responded to two barricaded suicidal subjects, one in Cudahy and one in South Milwaukee. While individual departments are still able to execute search warrants independently, the SSJTU conducted seven joint narcotics search warrants in 2015.

Throughout the year members of the SSJTU train on a bi-monthly basis in a variety of conditions to better prepare themselves for the various situations that can arise. Training such as Room Entry, Hostage Rescue, Breaching, Barricaded Subject, Vehicle Assaults, Search Warrant Execution, Firearms, IEDs, Active Countermeasures, Ground Fighting and culminating in a large scale Operational Readiness exercise involving role players and a Bearcat Armored Personnel carrier were conducted throughout the year.

During the 2015 calendar year the SSJTU implemented the addition of "TEMS" personnel, who were drawn from the Cudahy Fire Department. The Tactical-Emergency-Medical-Service personnel are certified EMTs/Firefighters and also receive additional tactical emergency medical training. TEMS Medics carry an array of first aid equipment used to provide emergency medical care to injured SSJTU members, citizens and to the victims of crimes. TEMS personnel are not armed but are trained to use firearms and other tactical equipment should the need arise in an emergency. The SSJTU has also integrated the use of K-9's and a host of other non-lethal technology in an attempt to further its capabilities and better provide other options to bring tactical situations to a peaceful end.

Respectfully submitted,
Officer Todd Vinohradsky

Community Policing

Citizens of South Milwaukee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that have called in suspicious activity, provided tips that have helped solve crimes, or have made themselves available as witnesses. Many of the crimes that occur in any city, including South Milwaukee, could not be solved or prevented without the involvement of the citizens.

I will also take this opportunity to ask the citizens of South Milwaukee to be more involved in their own safety, and the safety of their community. Take the time to learn about the Block Watch program, form or join a Block Watch program, or learn about home and personal security. Personal and home security starts with you, and it is an everyday pursuit, not a one-time event. The South Milwaukee Police Department is a great resource for information and assistance.

At the end of 2015 there is only one active Block Watch in South Milwaukee, and the Grant Park park watch. I have spoken with many people in South Milwaukee who have expressed an interest in forming Block Watches or being part of a Block Watch program. It's time to do more than just talk about it, it's time to become active! The time to become involved is before a problem starts, not after! If you would like more information about forming a Block Watch, please contact me at mhill@smwi.org or Officer Daniel Fournier, dfour@smwi.org.

The South Milwaukee Police Department is a community policing agency. One of the core values of community policing is the development of community partnerships, with both individuals and organizations. The South Milwaukee Police Departments hopes to see these partnerships expand and develop in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Officer Michael Hill



2015 Community Events

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

August 12, 2015, the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the 14th Annual Community Night Out. The weather was beautiful and many citizens attended the festivities, played games, learned about safety, watched demonstrations, enjoyed a good meal, and were treated to an awesome fireworks show. The Community Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens of all ages to meet the various public safety workers in our community.

In May of 2015 the Community Night Out Committee awarded two graduating Seniors from the South Milwaukee High School with \$1000.00 scholarship. This was a competitive process which required the applicants to submit an essay answering: "What I have done to give back to our community and how I intend to continue to contribute to our community". The Committee selected Ms. Heather Westerfield and Ms. Victoria Fischer as the 2015 recipients of this scholarship.

In July of 2015 the Community Night Out Committee provided ten children (ages 6-8 years old) who attended the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) kids camp in East Troy, Wisconsin with South Milwaukee Police Department Junior Police sweatshirts and "smiley" pens. COPS kids camp is for children who have lost a parent to a line of duty death. The camp provides the children with recreation activities and counseling services. For many of the children this is the first time they have left home and these items help to make their camp experience special. The Community Night Out Committee was honored to be part of the COPS kids' camp and to present the children with these items.





2015 SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE SHOP WITH A COP



Through the generous support of the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart the police department hosted the 3rd annual Shop with a Cop event on December 5, 2015. Eight South Milwaukee children were paired with officers to enjoy some shopping, fun activities, and lunch.



Santa and Officer Shields



Clerk Heller and Pastor Kieck



Officer Rohde

The Department would like to recognize and thank our “Major Sponsors”: South Milwaukee Wal-Mart, Financial Fortress Builders, Tony G’s Grant Park Garage and Paisano’s Italian Restaurant. The Department would also like to recognize additional supporters: South Milwaukee McDonalds, Pastor Robert Kieck, and South Milwaukee Cousins Subs.



JUSTICE FOR A CURE

STATEWIDE KICK OFF

On October 2, 2015 the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the statewide kick-off event for Justice for a Cure. Justice for a Cure was founded in 2008 by retired Dane County Deputy Joan Kamholz. Joan was diagnosed in 2007 with breast cancer, just months before her retirement from 30 years in law enforcement. The mission of Justice for a Cure is “working together to bring awareness to breast cancer, to educate, to support survivors, to support those going through their cancer journey, to support cancer programs in our own community to help our own, and to raise funds for research to find a cure for cancer”.

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association President, Chief Dave Funkhouser – Kiel Police Department, was the keynote speaker. Chief Funkhouser spoke about his battle with cancer, the support he received during his treatment, and about being a survivor. Law enforcement and fire services from across the state attended the kick-off event: Dane County Sheriff’s Department, Muskego Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Sturtevant Police Department, St. Francis Police Department, West Allis Police Department, Milwaukee Police Department, Kiel Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office, Cudahy Fire Department, Milwaukee County Fire Services, and South Milwaukee Police & Fire Departments.

The South Milwaukee Police Department has partnered with the South Milwaukee High School Advance Marketing Class since 2010 to celebrate “Pink Day” during the month of October. Over the past 5 years \$30,000.00 has been raised for this cause. The City of South Milwaukee celebrated the 2015 “Pink Day” on October 20th. The theme of the city celebration was “Celebrating Survivorship”.



South Milwaukee High School Advance Marketing Students

Police Awards Night 2015

The week of May 10 – 16, 2015 was designated as National Peace Officers Week. In conjunction with National Peace Officers Week the Police Department held our annual Department Awards to recognize selected staff and citizens from the community.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015 six Officers, one Public Safety Officer, and two Auxiliary Officers from the Department, three citizens and one business were presented Police Department Awards at the Common Council meeting. Mayor Brooks kindly allowed time at the beginning of the meeting for the Department presentation. The following Department members, citizens and business received the following awards:

LIFE SAVING COMMENDATION: awarded to any officer whose action directly contributed to the saving or significant prolonging of human life.

Investigator Hill – nominated by Officer Rivamonte

On December 20, 2014 at approximately 9:44pm the South Milwaukee Police Department took a report of a suicidal subject who had slashed his wrists and left his mother's residence on bicycle. Officers were given the general area of Grant Park to search for the subject who was in a mental health crisis. After searching for a significant amount of time Investigator Hill located the subject's bicycle hidden in some bushes; after searching the area he located the subject. The subject was unconscious and bleeding from cuts to both wrists. Investigator Hill provided immediate medical assistance to the subject. Officers carried the subject to Lake Drive so the South Milwaukee Fire Department could treat his injuries. If Investigator Hill had not continued to search for the subject he would have died in Grant Park that evening (it was cold 15 degrees and the subject was not properly clothed).

Officer Dews, Officer Fournier, PSO Maxim and Auxiliary Officer Ceparski – nominated by Officer McLean

On February 16, 2015 at approximately 3:27am the South Milwaukee Police Department received a 911 transfer call from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. PSO Maxim was unable to speak with the 911 caller as the phone call ended prior to transferring. PSO Maxim was unable to make contact with the 911 caller as calls went to voicemail. PSO Maxim advised officers the 911 caller had reported he had fallen in the woods in Grant Park near the lagoon. PSO Maxim looked up the 911 coordinates to assist in locating the caller. Officers searched the area described by the 911 caller and found him lying on the snow covered ground. The subject was unable to stand and officers carried him to the roadway where the South Milwaukee Fire Department took over and transported the man to St. Luke's South Shore for medical treatment. Had the officers not located the man he possibly would have died due to the cold weather conditions.

MERIT AWARD: awarded for excellent arrest by any officer directly involved in the capture and arrest of a felon who was endangering the lives and/or property of the community.

Lt. Hallett – nominated by Captain Jaske

On September 11, 2014 at approximately 1:57am Lt. Hallett had cleared from a call involving a subject who was stealing from vehicles in the northwest area of town. It had been reported that two subjects were involved in the thefts, one subject was in custody and one subject remained at large. Lt. Hallett observed a vehicle stopped in traffic, as he approached the vehicle it began traveling away from him. Lt. Hallett stopped the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated and had just stolen the vehicle from a residence in town. Lt. Hallett's commitment to his duties and to the citizens of South Milwaukee should be commended. The subject was charged by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office with OWI -2nd Offense, and Operating Owners Vehicle Without Consent.

Officer Rivamonte – nominated by Officer Dews

On November 30, 2014 at approximately 4:06am the South Milwaukee Police Department received a report of an armed robbery at Griddler's Café. The suspect fled on foot from the restaurant. A description of the suspect was provided to all officers. Officer Rivamonte responded to the area. Officer Rivamonte observed a vehicle leaving the area with a subject matching the description of the suspect. Officer Rivamonte stopped the vehicle and after contact with the driver took her into custody for the armed robbery. Upon interviewing the suspect Officer Rivamonte obtained a confession. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office charged the suspect with robbery. PO Rivamonte's actions reflect favorably for the South Milwaukee Police Department and the safety of the citizens of South Milwaukee.

SUPERVISOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD: a supervisor may give this award, without Awards Committee approval, for outstanding work.

Officer Fleming – Lt. Milow presenting the award

Lt. Milow recommended Officer Fleming for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his investigation of a serial retail theft suspect.

CITIZEN'S RECOGNITION AWARD:

Mr. Dominick Wendorf

Officer Rohde nominated Mr. Wendorf for a Citizen's Recognition Award for his actions on May 18, 2014.

On May 18, 2014 Mr. Wendorf witnesses four older teenagers beating a baby deer with sticks and "teasing" the deer. Mr. Wendorf was able to get the teenagers away from the deer and then noticed the deer was in distress. He carried the deer to a neighbor's house in an effort to get help for the deer. The deer appeared to be lethargic and was taken to the Wisconsin Humane Society – Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Wendorf's compassion and concern for the welfare of the baby deer is commendable.

Ms. Constance Anderson

Officer Fleming nominated Ms. Anderson for a Citizen's Recognition Award for her actions on June 27, 2014.

On June 27, 2014 while Mr. Anderson was working at Walgreens an elderly woman came into the store requesting to purchase 4 - \$500.00 Green Dot cards. Ms. Anderson was aware of the Green Dot scam and immediately notified the Police Department because she felt the elderly woman could be a victim of fraud. The Police Department did determine the elderly woman would have been a victim of fraud had Ms. Anderson not intervened and prevented her from purchasing the Green Dot cards. Ms. Anderson's compassion and concern for this woman is commendable. The Police Department is proud to have businesses that care about their customers and will go the extra effort for their protection.

Mrs. Phylis Stoesser

Lt. Milow nominated Mrs. Stoesser for a Citizen's Recognition Award for her actions on July 2, 2014.

On July 2, 2014 the South Milwaukee Police Department took a report of a missing elderly woman with early stage dementia/Alzheimer's from the 1500 block of Manitowoc Avenue. Mrs. Stoesser observed an elderly woman near her residence (1000 Block of N. Chicago) who appear confused and lost. Mrs. Stoesser engaged the woman in conversation and then began to follow her as she continued to walk on N. Chicago. Mrs. Stoesser notified the police department who upon arriving at the scene determine the elderly woman to be the one missing from the 1500 block of Manitowoc Avenue. Mrs. Stoesser's compassion and concern for the woman is commendable.

Mr. Mike Wolf – Manager South Milwaukee Wal-Mart

The South Milwaukee Wal-Mart is receiving a Citizen's Recognition Award for their continued support of our community. Wal-Mart is a true community partner. Wal-Mart, under the management of Mr. Wolf, and the Police Department have a great relationship. Wal-Mart has provided the Police Department with support for Community Night Out and Shop with a Cop program.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECOGNITION:

Mr. Kurt Olson became a South Milwaukee Police Department Auxiliary Officer in February 1984. Throughout the years Mr. Olson has been involved in many of the police department programs and civic events in the community. He is considered a family member of the South Milwaukee Police Department. We recognize him tonight for his 30 years of dedicated voluntary service to the South Milwaukee Police Department and the citizens of South Milwaukee.

ACCREDITATION

The South Milwaukee Police Department continues its membership in the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). This program is a continuous process enabling law enforcement agencies to evaluate, strengthen, improve and maintain their effectiveness. It works on a process of self-evaluation, keeps in check law enforcement activities, procedures and goals. It also ensures the condition of law enforcement agencies remain in compliance with established standards. The SMPD has been accredited through WILEAG since May 1998 and was one of the first agencies in Wisconsin to become accredited.

The accreditation process requires the Department to have numerous policies in place and several standards met. When changes in the standards are made by the WILEAG the existing policies need to be reviewed and revised to reflect any necessary changes. This requires a continuous review of all department functions and operations. In 2015, the reigns of the Accreditation Manager was transferred from Captain Jill Kallay to Captain Peter Jaske.

Accreditation offers the South Milwaukee Police Department several benefits: providing “norms” against which agency performance can be monitored and measured over time; increased cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies; increased effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services; and demonstrating to the community that the SMPD is committed to continuing these standards through accreditation. With the police department due for re-accreditation in 2017, preparation is already underway as this is an ongoing process year round which cannot be accomplished without the assistance of many personnel at the SMPD.

