

***City of South Milwaukee Police Department***  
***2014 Annual Report***

**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**

On behalf of the dedicated members of the South Milwaukee Police Department, it is with great pleasure that I present our 2014 Annual Report. The officers and the staff of the South Milwaukee Police Department take great pride in serving our community. It is their goal to provide the best service possible to the citizens of South Milwaukee. The data found in this Annual Report represents only a snapshot of the total activities of the members of the South Milwaukee Police Department over the past year.

As has been the case in past years, in 2014 the Department experienced several personnel changes. Two officers retired from the Department after serving our community for many years: Officer Charles (Mick) Olson retired with 31 ½ years of service and Captain Dwight (Terry) Olson retired with 29 years of service. Auxiliary Police Officer Kurt Olson retired from the unit after 30 years of volunteer service to our community. Officer Jordan Schwehr began his employment with the City in June. The Department also promoted two members: Lt. Peter Jaske was promoted to Captain of Administration & Services in October and Officer Edward Hallett was promoted to Lieutenant in December. Officer Jon Rivamonte returned to patrol from his assignment as Investigator, assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG). Officer Craig Perkowski began his assignment as the Investigator assigned to MMDEG. Lt. Walker was assigned as the Early Shift Watch Commander and Lt. Milow was assigned as the Day Shift Watch Commander.

In the spring of 2014, the police department, invited an Assessment Team of three law enforcement professionals from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) to the police department to inspect the agency for compliance with the state accreditation program. The Assessment Team noted the high level of professionalism at the police department. The department was awarded WILEAG Accreditation certification, a status the department has held since 1998.

The department implemented a body worn camera program. All patrol officers were issued a body worn camera for daily patrol operations.

After several years of research dispatch consolidation conversations concluded in the fall when the Common Council voted to maintain the South Milwaukee Police Department Communications Center.

The Police Department continued our successful Medicine Collection Program. The Department collected and safely disposed of 565 pounds of medication in 2014. This amount was 120 pounds more than what was collected in 2013 (445 pounds).

The Department continue to be active with our service programs: the South Milwaukee Justice for a Cure Day raised over \$9,000.00 in donations. The Community Night Out Committee again sponsored several children for the COPS camp and began a scholarship program for a graduating South Milwaukee High School senior. Officers also participated in Dunkin' Donuts – Cop on a Rooftop Special Olympics fund raiser. This was the first year of our participation and we were able to raise \$972.00 (the third largest in the Milwaukee area). Several members of the Department participated in the St. Baldrick's Foundation fund raiser and shaved their heads. Once again through a generous donation from the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart the Department was able to host the Second Annual South Milwaukee Police Department Shop with a Cop event.

The members of the South Milwaukee Police Department, working cooperatively with our citizens and elected officials, have met many difficult challenges during the past year. The future holds many new and different challenges. Members of the Police Department are dedicated to meeting those challenges with the support of the community and our elected officials. We will continue to work towards the safety and wellbeing of all citizens of South Milwaukee.

On behalf of the members 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. Together, we are making a difference in South Milwaukee.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chief Ann M. Wellens*

## **Letter from the Administration and Services Commander**

It was a busy year on the Administration and Services section of the Department. The Department was visited by the WILEAG Accreditation assessment team in May. The team examined our policies, operations and proofs of compliance over a 3 day period of time. The end result was a successful re-accreditation for the Department under the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of WILEAG standards.

The Records Department remained stable this year as far as personnel. The Records Department continues to handle high amounts of open records requests and they work to process records requests quickly. They also continue to serve large numbers of lobby customers for winter parking permits as well as citation payments and police calls for service. Our department provides a high level of customer service. The Records Department is made up of Shannon Hrdlicka, Dan Margetta and Danielle Heller.

In the area of Information Technology our IT Specialist, Dan Margetta, continues to work on the challenges of technology additions as well as trouble-shooting issues with existing technology. Body cameras were tested in late 2014 and will be fully deployed in 2015. Dan continues to work hard to identify and correct technology problems as quickly as possible.

The Dispatch Center remained at full staff with personnel this year. Dispatchers handled over 32,250 events in 2014. Our dispatch center monitors all radio traffic and answers all administrative as well as all 911 emergency phone calls. They also assist in page out efforts for our Fire Department when the need for Fire Department mutual aid occurs. New responsibilities this year included taking over page outs for the fire department for personnel standby or scene responses. These dispatchers are a very hard working group of people. Their job is vitally important to the citizens of the community and the safety of the officers of this department. The Dispatcher Center includes dispatchers Mary Horn, Roberta Plachinski, Jesse Danek, Candace Maxim, Jennifer Guzman-Godoy and Deborah Benkowski.

In the Internal Affairs Section this year there were a few minor complaints and a few policy/procedure violations resulting in reprimands.

The end of 2014 brought a retirement and a promotion. Captain Terry (Dwight) Olson retired from the Department at the end of 2014. Peter Jaske was promoted to the Commander of the Administration and Services for the Department while I moved to the Operations Section Commander. I look forward to the new challenges that this assignment brings for me.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Captain Jill Kallay*

## **Letter from the Operations Commander**

2014, my last year with the S.M.P.D. has come and gone. Officer Charles Olson retired and Officer Jordan Schwehr was hired to take his place. Lt. Peter Jaske was promoted to Captain and assumed the administrative duties performed by Captain Jill Kallay. Captain Kallay will take over my duties as the Operations Commander. Officer Edward Hallett was promoted to Lieutenant and has been assigned to supervise Third Shift. Carol Olson went from Day Shift patrol to Investigations, and Steve Hesse went from Investigations to Day Shift patrol. Craig Perkowski went from Second shift patrol to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group, and Jon Rivamonte went from MMDEG to Second Shift patrol and then to Third Shift patrol.

The trends concerning crimes against persons and property in the City of South Milwaukee remained stable, and compare favorably with those of neighboring communities. Most troubling, has been a rise in overdose deaths related to heroin or other opiates. This is a state wide problem, but the South Milwaukee police must continue to look for creative solutions to reduce the terrible impact of these drugs.

Another disturbing trend is that there seems to be a segment of the population that does not understand or recognize that the use of force by the police is essential in maintaining the quality of life to which we are accustomed. While it is always better to gain compliance through dialog, people in the real world will sometimes choose to fight, and the Police Officer must always win the fight because the alternative is chaos. The contract between the police and the public is straight forward: The police must be reasonable in any use of force, and the public must support these reasonable actions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Captain Terry Olson



## **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 2014

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
Chief	Ann M. Wellens	05.22.89
Captain	Dwight T. Olson	11.04.85
Captain	Jill R. Kallay	07.01.94
Captain	Peter P. Jaske	09.11.89
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	Charles Olson	09.22.82
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	Carol Olson	04.11.91
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	Daniel 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

## Officer Assignments

### Day Shift

Chief Ann Wellens

Capt. Dwight Olson

Capt. Jill Kallay

Capt. Pete Jaske

Lt. Chad Milow

Inv. Carol Olson

Officer Steven Streicher

Officer Darrell Mussatti

Officer Brian Fleming

Officer David Kozlowski

Officer David Stratton

Officer Steven Hesse

### 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

Officer Jordan Schwehr

### Late Shift

Lt. Ed Hallett

Officer William Dews

Officer Francis Rotter

Officer Jon Rivamonte

Officer David Hoeppner

Officer James McLean

Officer Daniel Fournier

### School Liaison

Officer Tim Lewison

Officer Kathryn Klipfel

### Metro-Drug Unit

Officer Craig Perkowski

### Community Resource/Crime Prevention

Inv. Michael Hill

### Promotions:

Peter Jaske to Captain. Ed Hallett to Lieutenant

### Resignations:

None

### Retirements:

Captain Terry Olson. Officer Charles "Mick" Olson.

### New Hire:

Jordan Schwehr

## New Hire

### Police Officer

#### **Jordan Schwehr**

**Jordan was hired on June 2, 2014. Jordan has an Associate Degree from the College of Lake County. He served in the Army as a Military Police soldier for five years and was deployed to Iraq. Jordan enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, working on cars, and going shooting.**



**Welcome, Jordan !!!**

## **CIVILIAN STAFF 2014**

## **Records Section**

Dan Margetta  
Candy Maxim

Shannon Leduc  
Danielle Heller

## Public Safety Officers

Full Time: Mary Horn Jesse Danek  
Debbie Benkowski Candy Maxim

Part-Time: Roberta Plachinski  
Jennifer Guzman-Godoy

## Crossing Guards

Helga Allen Kimberly Rayls Anita Rowe  
Priscilla Bottoni Tammy Chamness Betty Allen  
Pamela Hilbelink

## Auxiliary Police

Justin Anderson      Kevin Apfel      Kurt Olson  
Louis Arroyo      Anthony Piraino      Peter Smith  
Melvin Schuette      Matthew Jaskulski      Donald Hammonds  
Thomas Ceparski

## Police Chaplain

Pastor Robert Kieck

## City of South Milwaukee Officials

### Mayor Erik Brooks

### Police and Fire Commission

Jeffrey Plale   Heather Page   Mark Milinovic  
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

## 2014 Budget

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Salaries	\$ 2,417,508	\$ 2,324,868	\$ 2,244,924	53.46%	3.83%
Dispatchers	\$ 232,987	\$ 229,352	\$ 227,568	5.15%	1.56%
Custodial	\$ 17,386	\$ 17,650	\$ 17,433	.38%	-1.50%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,280,819	\$ 1,236,147	\$ 1,264,309	28.32%	3.49%
Overtime	\$ 153,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	3.38%	5.23%
Comp	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	.24%	0.00%
Holiday Pay	\$ 130,295	\$ 126,500	\$ 125,000	2.88%	2.91%
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	\$ 1,050	.03%	0.00%
Conferences	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	.03%	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$ 37,995	\$ 47,000	\$ 36,995	.84%	-19.16%
Narcotic Fund	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	.01%	0.00%
Private Ambulance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Dues	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	.03%	7.70%
Telephones	\$ 31,471	\$ 31,471	\$ 31,471	.70%	0.00%
Building Fuel	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	.13%	0.00%
Office Maintenance	\$ 40,877	\$ 40,877	\$ 41,877	.90%	0.00%
Radio Maintenance	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	\$ 8,300	.21%	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	1.44%	0.00%
Crossing Guard Exp.	\$ 22,607	\$ 22,836	\$ 22,836	.50%	-1.00%
Operating Budget	\$ 4,522,306	\$ 4,333,287	\$ 4,268,001		4.36%

## ASSESSMENTS PAID TO STATE AND COUNTY

<b>State</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Penalty Assessments	\$ 37,967.05	\$ 47,911.57	\$ 49,664.16
State Costs	\$ 7,610.00	\$ 10,218.00	\$ 11,268.00
OWI Surcharge	\$ 11,009.60	\$ 10,158.00	\$ 14,628.68
Drug Assessment	\$ 19,024.00	\$ 26,111.00	\$ 28,532.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,610.65</b>	<b>\$ 94,398.57</b>	<b>\$ 99,092.84</b>
<b>County</b>			
Jail Fees	\$ 15,210.00	\$ 20,420.00	\$ 22,520.00
OWI/County Surcharge	\$ 15,884.40	\$ 15,237.00	\$ 14,453.32
Ignition Interlock Device	\$ 600.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,694.40</b>	<b>\$ 35,657.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,973.32</b>

## REVENUE COLLECTED

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>\$ 94,181.00</b>	\$ 103,780.00	\$ 116,347.73
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 191,519.60</b>	\$ 264,293.62	\$ 284,179.87
<b>Non-Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 103,178.40</b>	\$ 102,225.69	\$ 99,083.92
<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$ 1,966.71</b>	\$ 3,040.12	\$ 2,307.56
<b>Bicycle Licenses</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	\$ 156.00	\$ 42.00
<b>Lot Permits</b>	<b>\$ 304.00</b>	\$ 155.00	\$ 315.00
<b>Winter Parking Permits</b>	<b>\$ 68,877.00</b>	\$ 63,235.00	\$ 64,595.00
<b>Bail Bond</b>	<b>\$ 25,858.71</b>	\$ 14,761.27	\$ 10,637.89
<b>Deferred Payments</b>	<b>\$ 92,316.05</b>	\$ 98,653.89	\$ 107,034.00
<b>Paper Service</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.78</b>	\$ 1,328.90	\$ 1,290.00
<b>Bail Fees</b>	<b>\$ 3,046.77</b>	\$ 880.10	\$ 830.62
<b>Copy Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,828.99</b>	\$ 1,677.10	\$ 1,420.76
<b>Re-Open Fees</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,300.00
<b>Total Cash Collected</b>	<b>\$ 584,504.81</b>	\$ 655,361.69	\$ 689,384.35

## **Day (1<sup>st</sup>) Shift**

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

Lt Chad Milow	Experience – 18 years
Officer Darrell Mussatti	Experience – 28 years
Officer Steve Streicher	Experience – 29 years
Officer Brian Fleming	Experience – 24 years
Investigator Carol Olson	Experience – 23 years
Officer David Kozlowski	Experience – 21 years
Officer David Stratton	Experience – 19 years
Officer Steven Hesse	Experience – 17 years

There are many years of experience on our shift, and we are glad to help you with the problems you may be having. 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 Steven Hesse ended his assignment as an Investigator and moved to day shift patrol. Welcome, Steve! Officer Carol Olson received the new assignment to Investigations. Congratulations, Carol! After several years on 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, my rotation brought me to day shift for the first time as a Lieutenant.

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. 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Shift

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

Officer Todd Vinoheradsky  
Officer Rob Wentz  
Officer Nate Siefert  
Officer Kyle Stormoen  
Officer Jon Rivamonte  
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 took a leave of absence and returned. PO Rivamonte moved to Late Shift. We welcomed Officer Schwehr to the shift after he completed field training.

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 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lieutenant Jason Walker



## Late (3rd) Shift

### Late Shift

The late shift patrol has the 2<sup>nd</sup> most experience when it comes to years of service on the Department, but it is gradually getting younger as officers get promoted or take on different assignments. Late in 2014, the shift transitioned with Lt. Peter Jaske being promoted to Captain on the day shift, and PO Edward Hallett being promoted to late shift Lieutenant. This was a smooth transition for the shift as Lt Hallett been a part of the late shift crew for many years and has acted as shift supervisor on a routine basis during his career. PO Jon Rivamonte replaced Lt Hallett's position on patrol. PO Rivamonte brings 8 years' experience to the shift including several years as an investigator assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. His wealth of knowledge in drug investigations will enhance the shift greatly.

Members of the late shift patrol for the majority of 2014 included:

Lt. Peter Jaske – Patrol Supervisor - 25 years  
P.O. William Dews - Patrol Officer - 29 years  
P.O. Francis Rotter - Patrol Officer - 22 years  
P.O. Edward Hallett - Patrol Officer - 19 years  
P.O. David Hoeppner - Patrol Officer - 15 years  
P.O. James McLean - Patrol Officer - 14 years  
P.O. Daniel Fournier - Patrol Officer - 7 years

The late shift is supported with public safety officers (PSO) who are the lifeline to the officers out on the street. The PSOs answer all incoming phone calls including the 911 system and dispatch police and fire calls accordingly. Their outstanding work is greatly appreciated.

PSO Candy Maxim – full-time – 9 years  
PSO Roberta Plachinski – part-time - 10 years  
PSO Jennifer Guzman-Godoy – part-time – 7 years

Respectfully Submitted,

Capt. Peter Jaske



## Investigations Section

Dear Citizens,

It is my pleasure to continue to serve the city as the supervisor of our Investigations Section. The Investigations Section for most of 2014 consisted of the following personnel:

There are two investigators assigned to conduct general investigations. Investigator Carol Olson, assigned to dayshift, and Investigator Michael Hill who is assigned to second shift. The general investigators conduct a broad array of mostly felony cases such as theft, forgery, and burglary, to violent crimes like robbery, sexual assault, and homicide. The general investigators are also charged with conducting pre-employment background investigations for our sworn and non-sworn personnel when they are hired.

The two Police School Liaison/Juvenile Officers, Officer Timothy Lewison, who worked primarily at the high school, and Officer Kathryn Klipfel, who worked primarily at the middle school. These officers spend most of their work days in the schools during regular school days. They also conduct a number of investigations into child neglect, as well as cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children.

We still have an investigator assigned full-time to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group, a multi-jurisdictional task force, charged with conducting major level drug investigations in the Milwaukee area. The officer assigned to this unit and other members of the unit will frequently assist the South Milwaukee Police Department with investigations both in and outside of our city. Drug abuse is so deeply entwined with all other types of crime, every officer in the investigations section will work on drug related cases throughout the year.

All assignments to investigations positions are temporary per the labor agreement with the officers. 2014 saw Carol Olson replace Steve Hesse as the dayshift investigator.

Some significant cases brought to prosecutions in 2014 were the Educators Credit Union robbery in January, and the Tri City Bank robbery in May. Both of these crimes were committed by serial offenders who were ultimately arrested in other jurisdictions. This is just a couple of the many cases we worked on.

Our overall clearance rates took a slight dip (2.9%) after a four year climb but are still above the national average. We will continue to work hard to maintain or increase that level in 2015.

Sincerely,  
Lieutenant Cary Fischer



## Five Year Trends

In 2014, South Milwaukee experienced an increase in property crimes. Violent crime reports increased, slightly. Property crime increases are due to the increase in petty theft. Violent crimes increases are due, primarily, to increases in aggravated battery.

OFFENSE	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
VIOLENT CRIME	16	16	40	44	55
Murder	2	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	5	8	4	7
Robbery	10	7	11	15	15
Aggravated Battery	1	4	21	25	33
PROPERTY CRIME	595	513	450	400	467
Burglary	119	77	76	46	45
Theft	434	410	354	334	404
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	25	12	19	14
Arson	8	1	8	1	4
TOTAL	611	529	490	444	522

## Clearance Rates

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Clearance Rate	34.4%	36.9%	39.6%	41.4%	38.9%
Stolen Property	\$614,396	\$375,172	\$320,684	\$331,856	\$261,249

## Adult and Juvenile Arrests

Offender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adult	929	504	571	476	577
Juvenile	237	211	231	201	182

## **SMPD Jail Records - 3 Year Trend**

	2012	2013	<b>2014</b>
DUI 12 hour hold	12	10	15
Hold for Municipal	44	27	24
Hold for State	160	117	126
Warrant Arrests	94	82	109
Total held in jail	310	236	274

During 2014, the total number of people held in the lockup decreased from 236 to 274. Of these detentions, 205 were males and 69 were females.

Not all people arrested are placed in the Municipal Lockup. Some are immediately transported to the 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.



## 2014 Burglaries and Thefts

There were 45 burglaries in 2014 compared to 46 burglaries in 2013. The average amount taken in a burglary increased from \$1,001 in 2013 to \$1,797 in 2014. The total amount taken in burglaries increased from \$46,087 in 2013 to \$80,907 in 2014.

### Burglaries

Type of Target	Time of Day	Number	Amount Stolen	Average Amount
Residential	Nighttime (6pm-6am)	17	\$37,633	\$2,213.71
	Daytime (6am-6pm)	20	\$30,465	\$1,523.25
Non-Residential	Nighttime	6	\$11,417	\$1,902.83
	Daytime	2	\$ 1,392	\$ 696.00
Total Burglaries		45	\$80,907	\$1,797.93

There were 404 reported thefts in South Milwaukee in 2014 compared with 334 reported thefts in 2013. The average amount taken in 2014 decreased to \$284 from \$437 in 2013. The total dollar loss in 2014 decreased to \$114,739 from \$145,954 in 2013.

### Thefts

Type of Theft	Number Reported	Total Dollar Loss	Average Dollar Loss
From Motor Vehicles	78	\$24,165	\$309
Shoplifting	111	\$11,016	\$99
From Buildings	42	\$25,734	\$612
Motor Vehicle Parts	16	\$ 2,211	\$138
All Other	157	\$51,613	\$328
Total	404	\$114,739	\$284

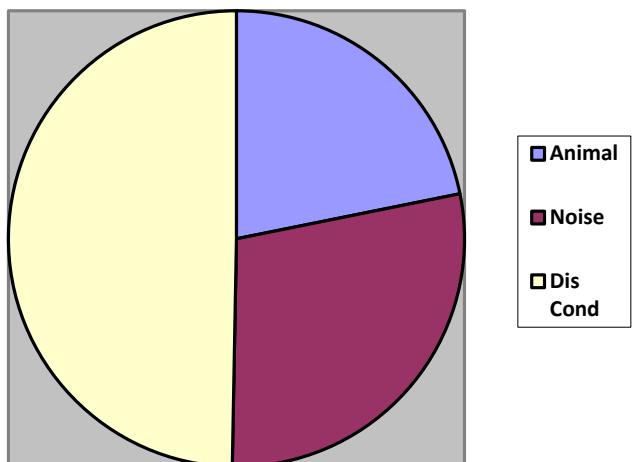
## Crimes Against Public Peace

### Disorderly Conduct / Animal / Noise

In 2014, SMPD responded to a total of **313** animal related calls/complaints, down 5.4% from 2013. These calls include Animal Noise calls as well as Animal at Large complaints and Animal Bite complaints.

There were **665** Disorderly Conduct incidents reported in 2014, a decrease of 1.8% from 2013. 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 **395** Noise complaints in 2014, up 0.5% from 2013. 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

**313**

Noise Complaints

**395**

Disorderly Conduct

**665**

## 2014 Traffic Enforcement

Included in the duties of law enforcement officers is traffic law enforcement. During 2014, 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 seatbelt enforcement activities. The Department utilizes several radar and laser speed measuring devices in the enforcement efforts. Unfortunately, grant monies were again reduced or eliminated, causing a reduction in the ability for officers to spend time solely on traffic enforcement.

Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued in:	2014
Operating While Intoxicated	151
Vehicle Registration Violations	142
Speeding	86
License Violations (OAR, OAS, OWL)	434
Seatbelt Violations	81

\* 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.

2014 statistics include **164** written warnings issued for various traffic violations.

There were **3,011** parking citations issued during 2014.



## Accidents

Type of Accident	2014	2013	2012	2011
Property Damage	273	298	283	296
Injury	34	37	44	37
Total	307	335	327	341

## Top Accident Locations

Location	Accidents
Highway 32	79
Rawson Ave.	28
College Ave.	29
Milwaukee Ave.	32
Marquette Ave.	25
Drexel Blvd.	19
15 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	44

\* 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 2014**

### **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	591	544	678	705	724	652
2nd Shift	1171	1078	1071	997	967	943
3rd Shift	803	751	715	746	748	748
Totals	2565	2373	2464	2448	2439	2688
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1st Shift	597	643	662	756	655	639
2nd Shift	972	868	890	933	775	807
3rd Shift	967	894	766	715	651	642
Totals	2536	2405	2318	2404	2081	2088

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

- Total calls for service for 2014 were 28,809.
- Calls for service increased when compared to 2013 (25,070)
- 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**

### **2014 Grant Awards**

The South Milwaukee Police Department received several grant awards in 2014:

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 \$22,499.00. The grants were for alcohol and seat belt 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.

### **2014 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 2014 the Department investigated 3 formal citizen complaints.  
All three were investigated and determined to be unfounded.

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.

## 2014 South Shore Joint Tactical Unit



The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 23 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy PD's. 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.

We serve warrants within our own jurisdictions, as well as working with other agencies throughout Milwaukee County when multiple warrants need to be served simultaneously. The team was involved in several tactical incidents in 2014 as well, involving people who had threatened, or committed, harm to themselves or others.

Since we have been working together for several years now, we decided it was time to have a unit patch. Patches historically have been created to promote esprit de corps, and ours is no different. Each patch that is created has meaning in every part of it. The explanation of the patch is as follows:

The shape of our unit insignia is that of a round shield which represents the warrior's shield utilized by the ancient Greek and Roman Army; the shield represents the badge that each of us wear as a symbol of public trust and protection.

*"SOUTH SHORE JOINT TACTICAL UNIT,"* our unit title is positioned across the top of the insignia boldly identifying the name of our joint tactical unit.

Across the bottom portion of the insignia are the abbreviations of each of the agencies that make of JTU; *"SFPD – CUPD – SMPD,"* the abbreviations are positioned in the same manner as each jurisdiction is positioned within Milwaukee County from north to south.

The inner round out of the insignia has the same pattern as our tactical working uniform; the blue digital ACU pattern signifies unit cohesion and the working relationship the three agencies have fostered while working together.

Playing cards have been used to identify military units throughout history. Law Enforcement and Tactical Units in general were derived from military units and tactics used by the military. The Three of Clubs symbolizes the three agencies which comprise the JTU. The lightning bolt positioned in the center of the playing card symbolizes that JTU acts quickly and accurately; the lightning bolt is also outlined in red which indicates our courage, strength and the dangerous environment we are normally deployed to.

– LT Jason Walker

## Community Policing

Citizens of South Milwaukee,

During 2014, the South Milwaukee Police Department again saw the number of active Block Watch Programs drop, despite several requests for information on forming new Block Watches. The City of South Milwaukee now has just one active Block Watch. The driving force of a Block Watch is a group of concerned citizens, while the Police Department serves an advisory role. It is my hope that in 2015 the Block Watch program will expand. If you would like information on forming a Block Watch in your area, please contact me at [mhill@smwi.org](mailto:mhill@smwi.org) or Officer Daniel Fournier at [dfour@smwi.org](mailto:dfour@smwi.org).

Continuing in 2014 was the South Milwaukee e-mail alert program. This is a free program that allows you to receive information about current scams or crimes in the area. We have seen a steady increase in the number of people who have signed up. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact me at [mhill@smwi.org](mailto:mhill@smwi.org). The South Milwaukee Police Department is also on-line at smpolice.com and the City of South Milwaukee is on Facebook, please take a few minutes and visit our sites.

In 2014 Officers of the South Milwaukee Police Department participated in community orientated events such as car seat checks, bicycle safety, Community Night Out, Shop With a Cop along with Crime Stoppers, and Block Watch meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Officer Michael Hill



## 2014 Community Events

### Community Night Out

August 20, 2014, the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Night Out. Hundreds of 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 2014 the Community Night Out Committee awarded a graduating Senior from the South Milwaukee High School with a \$500.00 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 Mr. Jason Molus as the first recipient of this scholarship.

In July of 2014 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 Officer t-shirts and tote bags. 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.





**HEAD SHAVING FOR THE ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION:**  
**Alderman Stoner, Officer Fournier, Lt Milow, Dispatcher Benkowski and Officer Lewison**



**COP ON A ROOF TOP FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS:**  
**Officer Hesse and Lt Fischer**

## 2014 SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE SHOP WITH A COP



Through the generous support of the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart the police department hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shop with a Cop event on December 6, 2014. Ten South Milwaukee children were paired with officers to enjoy some shopping, fun activities, and lunch.



**Investigator Olson**

The Department would like to recognize and thank our “Major Sponsors”: South Milwaukee Wal-Mart, Financial Fortress Builders, Tony G’s Grant Park Garage, MKE Sippers, and Paisano’s Italian Restaurant. The department would also like to recognize and thank our supports: South Milwaukee McDonalds, Pastor Robert Kieck, South Milwaukee Cousins Subs, Mick Olson (retired SMPD Officer), Cudahy Pick N Save, and MJ Media.



**Officer Hoeppner and Officer Rivamonte**



**Officer Fleming**

## **Police Awards Night 2014**

The week of May 11-17, 2014 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 6<sup>th</sup> four officers from the Police Department and four citizens 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 officers and citizens received the following awards:

**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.

### **Investigator Perkowski: nominated by Lt. Chad Milow**

On August 9, 2013 the South Milwaukee Police Department took a report from the South Milwaukee Little League that their concession stand had been burglarized, suffering a loss of approximately \$615. Investigator Perkowski, based on nothing more than another officer posting surveillance photos in the squad room, was able to identify possible suspects in this incident. Through an investigation, search warrant execution, and subsequent interviews, three subjects were arrested and later charged in this burglary. Investigator Perkowski's ID of the potential suspects and work in preparing and executing search warrants are a display of police work at an exception level.

**MERIT AWARD & CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD:** whenever any officer believes that behavior coming to the attention personally or through a third party is deserving of recognition by the Department, an officer should indicate the circumstances of the incident in writing and should forward same to the Awards Committee. Upon Committee approval, the Chief will affix their stamp of approval.

### **Lt. Milow Officer Rohde & Mr. Schiefer: nominated by Investigator Perkowski**

On October 30, 2013 the South Milwaukee Police Department received several complaints of damage vehicles where windows had been shot out. The Department also received a complaint of a young man being shot in the chest with a "BB" pellet. Mr. Schiefer, a victim in this incident, provided the Department with a partial license plate. Lt. Milow located a vehicle matching the description with the first three digits matching the one provided Mr. Schiefer. Lt Milow, assisted by other officers, stopped the vehicle. Officer Rohde questioned the four subjects involved in the incident. Due to the excellent police work of Lt. Milow and Officer Rohde three arrests were made on multiple criminal damage complaints including 14 in Oak Creek and 5 in South Milwaukee. Without Mr. Schiefer's partnership with the Police Department in reporting his observations, this crime spree may gone unsolved.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD:**

**a supervisor may give this award, without Awards Committee approval, for outstanding work.**

**Officer Steve Streicher:**

Lt. Milow recommended Officer Streicher for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his diligent research of NEWPRS, assisting families in the recovery of their stolen property.

**CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD:**

**whenever any officer believes that behavior coming to the attention personally or through a third party is deserving of recognition by the Department, an officer should indicate the circumstances of the incident in writing and should forward same to the Awards Committee. Upon Committee approval, the Chief will affix their stamp of approval.**

**Mr. Matthew Reed:**

Officer Nathan Siefert recommended Mr. Reed for a Citizen Recognition Award for his actions on June 5, 2013.

On June 5, 2013 Mr. Reed observed a subject at the bus stop at 10<sup>th</sup> and Milwaukee Avenues who was standing crouched over holding a firearm and racking the slide on the weapon. Mr. Reed observed the subject get onto a Milwaukee County Transit Bus and immediately notified the South Milwaukee Police Department of this subject. The South Milwaukee Police Dept stopped the bus and located the subject Mr. Reed witnessed with the gun. The subject was subsequently arrested. An investigation revealed the gun had just been stolen from a vehicle in South Milwaukee. Mr. Reed's quick actions lead to the arrest of a dangerous subject armed with a weapon. Mr. Reed recognized a dangerous situation and took the initiative to help keep our community safe.

**Mr. Jose Perez & Mr. David Carabello:**

Officer Nathan Siefert recommended Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello for a Citizen Recognition Award for their actions on July 4, 2013.

On July 4, 2013 Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello assisted Officer Doering of the South Milwaukee Police Department with a subject who had jumped off the waterfall, into the Oak Creek. The subject was seriously injured from the jump and was partially submerged in the water. Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello assisted Officer Doering by wading into the creek to help keep the subject above water. Both gentlemen also assisted the Police and Fire Departments by helping to carry the stretcher from the water up the creek bank to the roadway. Mr. Perez and Mr. Carabello's quick actions and willingness to help this subject and the Police Department are commendable.



**Officer Rohde, Investigator Perkowski, Officer Streicher and Lt. Milow**



**Mayor Brooks, Chief Wellens and the South Milwaukee Common Council**

## 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 South Milwaukee Police Department has been accredited through WILEAG since May 1998. The South Milwaukee Police Department was one of the first in the State 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. As Accreditation Manager, Captain Kallay continued to review the existing policies for required elements as well as write new policies for 2014.

WILEAG's 4<sup>th</sup> edition standards were issued in January, 2013. The Department worked to meet the standards and ensure compliance with this new edition of 235 standards. The accreditation process for 2014 was the work of Captain Kallay, Captain Jaske and several other officers and supervisory personnel who assisted in policy review and providing proofs of compliance.

In May of 2014 the Department welcomed the WILEAG assessors to the Department for a three day on-site assessment. The Department was found to be in compliance with all relevant standards and was re-accredited.

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 South Milwaukee Police Department possesses the professionalism it wants and deserves. The South Milwaukee Police Department is committed to continuing this leadership through the Accreditation process.

