

# ***City of South Milwaukee Police Department 2013 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**

I am pleased to present the South Milwaukee Police Department 2013 Annual Report. This report will highlight some of the significant efforts of the men and women of the South Milwaukee Police Department.

With the addition of Officer Tarra Ball in January 2013 the full time staff remained at thirty-three (33). Two officers changed assignments in 2013: Officer Siefert returned to patrol from his assignment as a Police School Liaison Officer; and Officer Katie Klipfel was assigned as the Middle School Police School Liaison Officer from her patrol assignment.

The Police Department continued our successful Medicine Collection Program. The Department collected and safely disposed of 445 pounds of medication in 2013. This amount was slightly less than the amount collected in 2012 (494 pounds).

For many years the Department's fleet consisted of Ford Crown Vics. In 2013 the Department transitioned to the Dodge Charger. The Department's first Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) equipment was installed onto the Dodge Charger. The ALPR checks license plates against a pre-made "hotlist". Benefits of this technology include: searching for suspect vehicles or owners of vehicles in regards to an investigation; Amber Alerts; stolen vehicles; wanted subjects; drug enforcement; parking enforcement; sex offender and other proximity based violations; and cost saving regarding officer hours looking for suspects/vehicles.

2013 welcomed back the D.A.R.E. Program, the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing and the Bicycle Safety Program. Once again the Police Department in partnership with the South Milwaukee High School Advance Marketing Class sponsored a "Justice for a Cure Day" in South Milwaukee. The partnership included several special events at the public schools. This joint effort raised over \$10,000.00 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Dispatch consolidation conversations continued between the cities of Cudahy and South Milwaukee. The conversations and research will continue into 2014.

Through a generous donation from the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart the Department was able to host the First Annual South Milwaukee Police Department Shop with a Cop program. An article on this exciting event is located within the annual report.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the past year. On behalf of the members of the Department, I promise to continue to work towards the safety and well being of all members of the community. I would also like to 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.

Sincerely,  
Chief Ann M. Wellens

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

As Administration and Services Commander my areas of responsibility include supervision of the Records Section and Dispatch/Communications. I am also primarily responsible for policy reviews/revisions and drafting of new policies when necessary. My responsibilities also include the coordination of the Internal Affairs function of the department and Accreditation Management.

The Records Department remained the same this year as far as personnel. The Records Department continues to work to process records requests quickly. The demands for records, reports and recordings continue to increase and this places high demands on this section of the department. They also handle a large number of lobby customers for winter parking permits as well as citation payments and police calls for service. They continue to work to provide high levels of customer service and to meet the demands that are placed on them. The Records Department is made up of Shannon LeDuc, Dan Margetta and Danielle Heller.

In the area of Information Technology our IT Specialist, Dan Margetta, continues to be challenged with technology additions as well as trouble-shooting issues with technology. New ALPR (License Plate Reader) technology this year added to that responsibility. Squad car video issues continue to take up a lot of time. Dan does his best to identify and correct the problem as quickly as possible.

The Dispatch Center remained at full staff with personnel this year. Dispatchers handled 28,564 dispatched events in 2013. 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 the Fire Department when the need for mutual aid occurs. These dispatchers are a very hard working group of people. The work they do 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.

On the Internal Affairs side of the Administration position, there were a few minor complaints received in 2013 and a few policy violations resulting in reprimands.

The department continues to maintain accreditation by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). Our next on-site assessment will be in May, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Captain Jill Kallay*

## **Letter from the Operations Commander**

In 2013, the South Milwaukee Police Department suffered no losses of personnel and added Tarra Ball, an officer with previous experience. The department's command staff was made up of the same people and the only change in assignments were Lt. Jaske moving from Day Shift to Third and Lt. Walker moving from Third Shift to Day Shift.

There were no homicides or fatal crashes and both the number of robberies and burglaries were consistent with the norms. The most disturbing trend is the increase in overdose deaths and concerns that this reflects in a growing problem with the abuse of opiates. I believe this problem represents the greatest challenge to law enforcement, not just in South Milwaukee, but in the nation as a whole, and more must be done to reach these people before they overdose, as well as reducing the damage they do along the way.

One of my duties, over the years, has been to monitor the use of force by the police in this city. I have been struck by some remarkable consistencies. About ten times a year, officers in this city affect an arrest with the threatened use of a firearm. Thirty-some times a year they subdue the person by other means. Officers tend to be equally represented without any specific officer being over-represented in regards to any specific use of force. The consistency from year to year has been truly amazing and it tells me a couple of things: First, that this is a stable community and that the threats of violence faced by officers have remained pretty much the same; Second, that officers of our department have similar views as to what reasonably constitutes a threat.

As our work force has matured over the past several years, we have achieved greater balance with regard to remaining proactive and having our enforcement efforts directed toward the real problems faced by citizens in our community. We need to continue to identify the problems, find the causes, and work toward solutions.

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 officiously 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 2013

<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
Lieutenant	Cary L. Fischer	04.16.90
Lieutenant	Peter P. Jaske	09.11.89
Lieutenant	Chad A. Milow	01.29.96
Lieutenant	Jason J. Walker	11.10.03
Investigator	Jon Rivamonte	10.30.06
Investigator	Steven Hesse	09.22.97
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	Edward Hallett	07.28.95
Police Officer	Todd Vinogradsky	11.09.98
Police Officer	Robert Wentz	03.01.99
Police Officer	David Hoepfner	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	Daniel Fournier	05.29.07
Police Officer	Kyle Stormoen	09.24.07
Police Officer	Craig Perkowski	04.28.08
Police Officer	Daniel Doering	08.13.12
Police Officer	Christopher Rohde	08.14.12
Police Officer	Tarra Ball	01.02.13

## **Officer Assignments**

### **Day Shift**

Chief Ann Wellens

Capt. Dwight Olson

Capt. Jill Kallay

Lt. Jason Walker

Inv. Steven Hesse

Officer Charles Olson

Officer Steven Streicher

Officer Darrell Mussatti

Officer Brian Fleming

Officer Carol Olson

Officer David Kozlowski

Officer David Stratton

### **Early Shift**

Lt. Chad Milow

Lt. Cary Fischer

Inv. Michael Hill

Officer Todd Vinohradsky

Officer Robert Wentz

Officer Nathan Siefert

Officer Kyle Stormoen

Officer Craig Perkowski

Officer Daniel Doering

Officer Christopher Rohde

Officer Tarra Ball

### **Late Shift**

Lt. Peter Jaske

Officer William Dews

Officer Francis Rotter

Officer Edward Hallett

Officer David Hoeppner

Officer James McLean

Officer Daniel Fournier

### **School Liaison**

Officer Tim Lewison

Officer Kathryn Klipfel

### **Metro-Drug Unit**

Officer Jon Rivamonte

### **Community Resource/Crime Prevention**

Inv. Michael Hill

**Promotions:** None

**Resignations:** None

**Retirements:** None

**Military Leave:** None

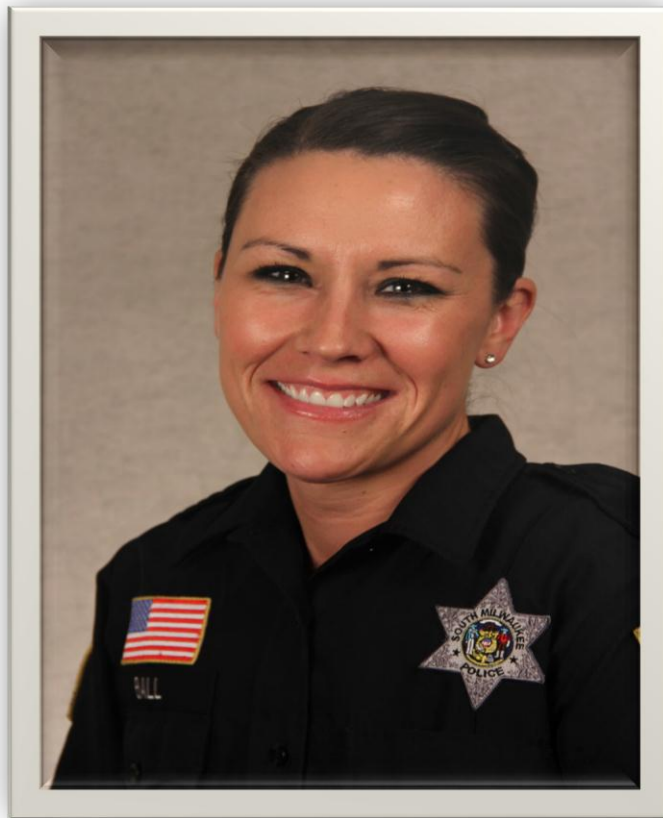
**New Hire:** Tarra Ball

## **New Hire**

### **Police Officer**

#### **Tarra Ball**

**Tarra was hired on January 2, 2013. She brings prior police experience, having worked for the Town of Brookfield Police before coming to South Milwaukee. Tarra has an Associates Degree from Lakeshore Technical College. Tarra is married and has 3 children. She enjoys running, being outdoors, spending time with her family and volunteer work at her children's elementary school.**



**Welcome, Tarra !!!**

## **CIVILIAN STAFF 2013**

### **Records Section**

Dan Margetta  
Candy Maxim

Shannon Leduc  
Danielle Heller

### **Public Safety Officers**

Full Time:

Mary Horn  
Debbie Benkowski

Jesse Danek  
Candy Maxim

Part-Time:

Roberta Plachinski  
Jennifer Guzman-Godoy

### **Crossing Guards**

Helga Allen  
Irene Acimovic

Kimberly Rayls  
Marguerite McIntosh

Anita Rowe  
Betty Allen

### **Auxiliary Police**

Justin Anderson  
Louis Arroyo  
Melvin Schuette

Kevin Apfel  
Anthony Piraino  
Matthew Jaskulski

Kurt Olson  
Peter Smith  
Donald Hammonds

### **Police Chaplain**

Pastor Robert Kieck

## **City of South Milwaukee Officials**

### **Mayor**

Thomas Zepecki

### **Police and Fire Commission**

Jeffrey Plale(\*) Donald Schmidt(\*) Mark Milinovich  
Peggy Clark Darrell Francis Patrick Moran(\*) 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  
Erik Brooks

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Municipal Judge:** William Fenger

**City Attorney:** Joseph Murphy

**City Clerk:** James Shelenske

**City Treasurer:** Karen Skowronski

- Patrick Moran left the Police and Fire Commission in October 2013. He was replaced by Elizabeth Blackwood.
- Donald Schmidt left the Police and Fire Commission in April 2013. He was replaced by Jeffrey Plale.

## **2013 Budget**

<u><b>Items</b></u>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Salaries	\$ 2,324,868	\$ 2,244,924	\$ 2,211,279	53.65%	3.56%
Dispatchers	\$ 229,352	\$ 227,568	\$ 223,581	5.29%	0.78%
Custodial	\$ 17,650	\$ 17,433	\$ 17,350	.41%	1.24%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,236,147	\$ 1,264,309	\$ 1,380,931	28.53%	-2.23%
Overtime	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	3.35%	0.00%
Comp	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	.25%	0.00%
Holiday Pay	\$ 126,500	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	2.92%	1.20%
Physical Exams	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Training	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	.34%	0.00%
Uniforms	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,050	\$ 18,050	.03%	42.86%
Conferences	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	.03%	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$ 47,000	\$ 36,995	\$ 36,995	1.08%	27.04%
Narcotic Fund	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	.01%	0.00%
Private Ambulance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Dues	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	.03%	0.00%
Telephones	\$ 31,471	\$ 31,471	\$ 31,471	.73%	0.00%
Building Fuel	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	.13%	0.00%
Office Maintenance	\$ 40,877	\$ 41,877	\$ 41,877	.94%	-2.39%
Radio Maintenance	\$ 9,300	\$ 8,300	\$ 8,300	.21%	12.05%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	1.50%	0.00%
Crossing Guard Exp.	\$ 22,836	\$ 22,836	\$ 24,000	.53%	0.00%
Operating Budget	\$ 4,333,287	\$ 4,268,001	\$ 4,340,558		1.52%

### **ASSESSMENTS PAID TO STATE AND COUNTY**

<b>State</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Penalty Assessments	\$ 47,911.57	\$ 49,664.16	\$ 45,163.57
State Costs	\$ 10,218.00	\$ 11,268.00	\$ 8,565.00
OWI Surcharge	\$ 10,158.00	\$ 9,628.68	\$ 14,079.68
Drug Assessment	\$ 26,111.00	\$ 28,532.00	\$ 21,049.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,398.57</b>	\$ 99,092.84	\$ 88,857.25
<b>County</b>			
Jail Fees	\$ 20,420.00	\$22,520.00	\$ 17,120.00
OWI/County Surcharge	\$ 15,237.00	\$14,453.32	\$ 20,950.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,657.00</b>	\$36,973.32	\$ 38,070.32

### **REVENUE COLLECTED**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>\$ 103,780.00</b>	\$ 116,347.73	\$ 110,570.00
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 264,293.62</b>	\$ 284,179.87	\$ 226,255.15
<b>Non-Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 102,225.69</b>	\$ 99,083.92	\$ 108,068.86
<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$ 3,040.12</b>	\$ 2,307.56	\$ 4,774.77
<b>Bicycle Licenses</b>	<b>\$ 156.00</b>	\$ 42.00	\$ 162.00
<b>Lot Permits</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>	\$ 315.00	\$ 130.00
<b>Winter Parking Permits</b>	<b>\$ 63,235.00</b>	\$ 64,595.00	\$ 67,723.00
<b>Bail Bond</b>	<b>\$ 14,761.27</b>	\$ 10,637.89	\$ 8,863.50
<b>Deferred Payments</b>	<b>\$ 98,653.89</b>	\$ 107,034.00	\$ 119,127.31
<b>Paper Service</b>	<b>\$ 1,328.90</b>	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,090.00
<b>Bail Fees</b>	<b>\$ 880.10</b>	\$ 830.62	\$ 659.99
<b>Copy Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,677.10</b>	\$ 1,420.76	\$ 1,640.76
<b>Re-Open Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,175.00</b>	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,550.00
<b>Total Cash Collected</b>	<b>\$ 655,361.69</b>	\$ 689,384.35	\$ 650,615.34

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

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

Officer Darrell Mussatti  
Officer Mick Olson  
Officer Steve Streicher  
Officer Brian Fleming  
Officer Carol Olson  
Officer David Stratton  
Officer David Kozlowski

We deal mostly with theft, burglaries, disorderly persons, domestic violence, suspicious activities, traffic issues and other miscellaneous services. There are many years of experience on our shift, and we are glad to help you with the problems you may be having.

Partway through the year we had a personnel change and welcomed Officer Kozlowski to the shift after he served on Late Shift. We also say goodbye to Officer Mick Olson, a familiar face to many residents in South Milwaukee. Thank you for your service over the years and best of luck during your retirement!

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 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Jason Walker





## Early (2<sup>nd</sup>) Shift

The South Milwaukee Police Department Early Shift patrol operates from 3:40pm to 12:00am. In 2013, the Early Shift again saw the highest numbers of calls for service, arrests, and citations issued.

Enforcement goals include traffic enforcement, park patrols, alley patrols, tavern checks, 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.

Members of the Early Shift and their collateral assignments are as follows:

Mike Hill:	Investigations Bureau, FTO, Firearms Instructor, Intoximeter Operator, Evidence Technician
Todd Vinogradsky:	Senior Patrol, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Entry Team, Nuisance Property Investigations
Robert Wentz	CVSA Operator, Intoximeter Operator, Arson Investigator, Evidence Technician, Major Crimes, Background Investigations, FTO
Nathan Siefert:	Patrol, Crisis Intervention Team, Intoximeter Operator.
Kathryn Klipfel:	Patrol, Sensitive Crimes, Intoximeter Operator, Forensic Interviews, Child Passenger Safety, DARE Instructor (Katie became a Juvenile Officer in August 2013).
Kyle Stormoen:	Patrol, Arson Investigator, Intoximeter Operator
Craig Perkowski:	Patrol, Intoximeter Operator, Drug Investigations
Daniel Doering:	Patrol
Christopher Rohde:	Patrol, Evidence Technician
Tarra Ball:	Patrol, Sensitive Crimes, Child Passenger Safety

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. 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

## 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. 2013 saw the temporary loss of two officers due to injuries suffered off duty in which each lasted several months. Both officers have fully recovered and are back to work. Many officers pitched in to cover the shortages and their dedication to the department is appreciated. The late shift saw the departure of P.O. David Kozlowski who went to day shift patrol after many years on the late shift. His veteran experience will be missed. The arrival of P.O. Daniel Fournier from the early shift to replace him brings new enthusiasm and a welcomed addition to the late shift family.

Members of the dayshift patrol include:

Lt. Peter Jaske – late shift Patrol Supervisor - 24 years  
P.O. William Dews - Patrol Officer - 28 years  
P.O. Francis Rotter - Patrol Officer - 21 years  
P.O. Edward Hallett - Patrol Officer - 18 years  
P.O. David Hoepfner - Patrol Officer - 14 years  
P.O. James McLean - Patrol Officer - 13 years  
P.O. Daniel Fournier - Patrol Officer - 6 years

The late shift patrol responds to various calls for service while maintaining consistent enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. Late shift is also responsible for enforcing winter parking regulations from Nov 1st – March 31st. Criminal deterrence when most people are sleeping is the main focus of the late shift from 11:40pm-8am, which can consist of vacation checks, business checks, and tavern checks. Making sure that the employees of the few open businesses are safe is paramount. DUI enforcement is also a top priority.

The late shift is augmented with Public Safety Officers (PSO) who are the lifeline to the officers on the street. The PSOs answer the telephone and dispatch police and fire calls. The officers cannot be successful in their work without the efforts of the following late shift dispatch crew:

PSO Candy Maxim – full-time – 8 years  
PSO Roberta Plachinski – part-time - 19 years  
PSO Jennifer Guzman-Godoy – part-time – 6 years

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Peter Jaske



## **Investigations Section**

Dear Citizens,

It is my pleasure to serve you as the supervisor of our Investigations Section. The Investigations Section at the South Milwaukee Police Department consists of two general assignment Investigators, one Investigator that is assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG) and two Police School Liaison Officers (PSLO).

Investigators Steven Hesse (dayshift) and Michael Hill (second shift) continued as the general Investigators throughout 2013. The general Investigators work out of the South Milwaukee police station, primarily on felony crimes. They process scenes to locate and preserve physical evidence, gather and exchange intelligence with other Investigators, follow up on interviews with witnesses, obtain and execute search warrants, as well as arrest and interview criminal suspects.

Officer Lewison continued as one of the PSLOs at the high school in 2013 and Officer Nathan Siefert was assigned at the middle school during the spring semester. In the fall of 2013, Siefert was replaced by Officer Kathryn Klipfel. The PSLOs work primarily out of the schools they are assigned to. In addition to taking care of disturbance calls or other security related issues at the schools these officers are frequently called on to investigate cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children and child neglect cases. These officers enforce the compulsory school attendance laws. They also teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) at all the elementary schools and conduct other crime prevention functions and presentations throughout the year.

Investigator Jonathan Rivamonte continued as the MMDEG Investigator in 2013 and was named the Wisconsin Narcotic Officer of the Year by the Wisconsin Narcotics Officers Association for his work on cases involving Heroin dealers. The MMDEG is a task force of officers from an assortment of Milwaukee Area Law Enforcement Agencies whose primary function is to investigate large scale drug traffickers. Persons addicted to Heroin and other opiate prescription pain relievers continue to account for a large amount of our criminal suspects and defendants. Because of that the work by narcotic officers will frequently uncover the offenders and other relevant information for other types of crimes.

I was pleased to see that our Department's overall clearance rates continued on the upward trend that they have had for the past three years. It was also nice to see that the number of reported burglaries was significantly down. Burglary is probably the most frequent of the felony crimes we investigate. It is disappointing, however, that the number of robberies was up.

In 2014 I hope to put a greater emphasis on drug crime enforcement as well as increased efforts to get more citizen involvement in our crime prevention efforts. The officers of our Investigations Section and I look forward to our opportunity to continue to serve our citizens in 2014.

Sincerely,  
Lieutenant Cary Fischer

### **Five Year Trends**

In 2013, South Milwaukee continued a decrease in property crimes. Violent crime reports increased, slightly. Property crime decreases are due to the decrease in burglaries and thefts. Violent crimes increases are due, primarily, to minor increases in aggravated battery and robbery calls.

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b>	27	16	16	40	44
Murder	0	2	0	0	0
Rape	5	3	5	8	4
Robbery	19	10	7	11	15
Aggravated Battery	3	1	4	21	25
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>	501	595	513	450	400
Burglary	96	119	77	76	46
Theft	383	434	410	354	334
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	34	25	12	19
Arson	1	8	1	8	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	528	611	529	490	444

### **Clearance Rates**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Clearance Rate	17.8%	34.4%	36.9%	39.6%	41.4%
Stolen Property	\$486,799	\$614,396	\$375,172	\$320,684	\$331,856

### **Adult and Juvenile Arrests**

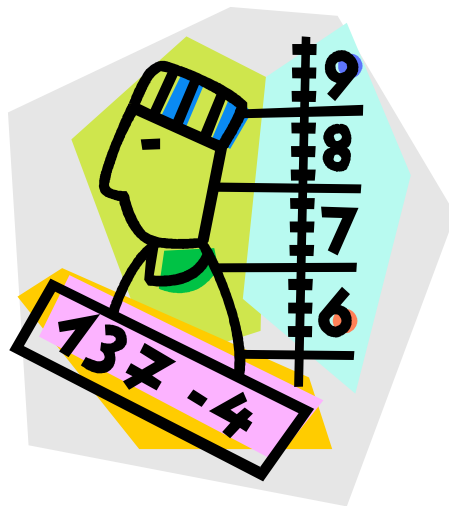
<b>Offender</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Adult	759	929	504	571	476
Juvenile	334	237	211	231	201

### SMPD Jail Records - 3 Year Trend

	2011	2012	2013
DUI 12 hour hold	13	12	10
Hold for Municipal	12	44	27
Hold for State	140	160	117
Warrant Arrests	87	94	82
Total held in jail	252	310	236

During 2013, the total number of people held in the lockup decreased from 310 to 236. Of these detentions, 183 were males and 53 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.



## **2013 Burglaries and Thefts**

There were 46 burglaries in 2013 compared to 76 burglaries in 2012. The average amount taken in a burglary decreased from \$1,276 in 2012 to \$1,001 in 2013. The total amount taken in burglaries decreased from \$81,789 in 2012 to \$46,087 in 2013.

### **Burglaries**

Type of Target	Time of Day	Number	Amount Stolen	Average Amount
Residential	Nighttime (6pm-6am)	10	\$10,226	\$1,022.60
	Daytime (6am-6pm)	12	\$26,980	\$2,248.33
Non-Residential	Nighttime	19	\$ 6,666	\$ 350.84
	Daytime	5	\$ 2,215	\$ 443.00
Total Burglaries		46	\$46,087	\$1,001.89

There were 334 reported thefts in South Milwaukee in 2013 compared with 354 reported thefts in 2012. The average amount taken in 2013 decreased to \$437 from \$450 in 2012. The total dollar loss in 2013 decreased to \$145,954 from \$159,244 in 2012.

### **Thefts**

Type of Theft	Number Reported	Total Dollar Loss	Average Dollar Loss
From Motor Vehicles	64	\$50,200	\$784
Shoplifting	51	\$ 2,758	\$ 54
From Buildings	38	\$24,007	\$632
Motor Vehicle Parts	24	\$ 9,891	\$412
All Other	157	\$59,098	\$376
Total	334	\$145,954	\$437

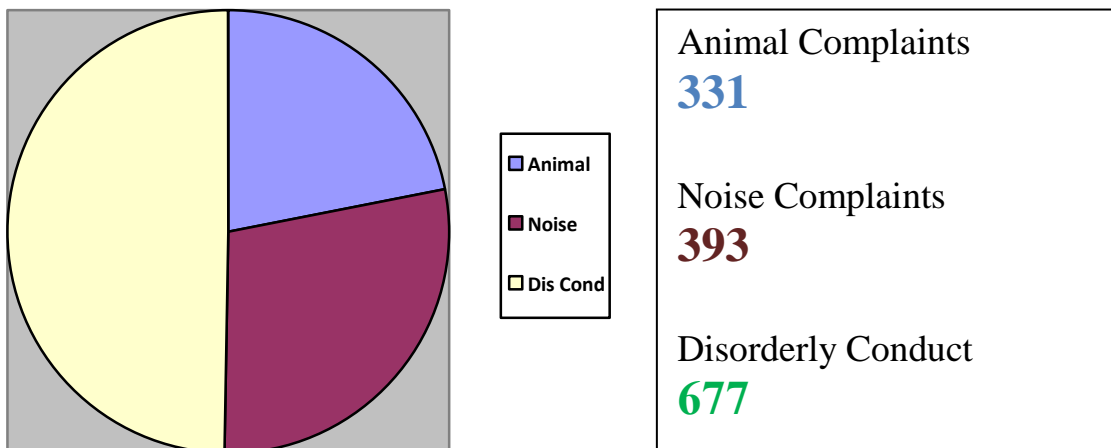
## Crimes Against Public Peace

### Disorderly Conduct / Animal / Noise

In 2013, SMPD responded to a total of **331** animal related calls/complaints, up 5.1% from 2012. These calls include Animal Noise calls as well as Animal at Large complaints and Animal Bite complaints.

There were **677** Disorderly Conduct incidents reported in 2013, a decrease of 0.9% from 2012. 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 \$177.00. It can also be charged as a state ‘Class B’ misdemeanor criminal offense.

South Milwaukee Police responded to **393** Noise complaints in 2013, up 4.8% from 2012. These complaints range from loud music complaints to reports of people yelling and/or loud parties. The fine for Unnecessary Noise is \$177.00.



## 2013 Traffic Enforcement

Included in the duties of law enforcement officers is traffic law enforcement. During 2013, 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 speed and seatbelt enforcement activities. The Department utilizes several radar and laser speed measuring devices in the enforcement efforts.

<b>Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued in:</b>	<b>2013</b>
Operating While Intoxicated	196
Vehicle Registration Violations	142
Speeding	441
License Violations (OAR, OAS, OWL)	419
Seatbelt Violations	334

\* 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.

2013 statistics include **167** written warnings issued for various traffic violations.

The total number of traffic citations/warnings issued in 2013 was **2,097**. This is approximately 1,024 less traffic citations than last year and is based largely on decreased speed violations in 2013. This was directly affected by the termination of grant money-supported enforcement efforts in August of 2013. In addition, enforcement efforts and traffic monitoring showed increases in compliance with speed limits, which is one of the primary goals of this enforcement.

There were **2,720** parking citations issued in 2013.





## **Accidents**

Type of Accident	2013	2012	2011	2010
Property Damage	298	283	296	257
Injury	37	44	45	34
Total	335	327	341	291

## **Top Accident Locations**

Location	Accidents
Highway 32	91
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 2013**

### **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	695	598	771	710	844	711
2nd Shift	659	691	883	772	895	946
3rd Shift	735	655	665	554	676	598
Totals	2089	1944	2319	2036	2415	2255
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1st Shift	639	589	669	695	606	546
2nd Shift	821	861	794	899	818	760
3rd Shift	542	472	528	532	570	671
Totals	2002	1922	1991	2126	1994	1977

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

- Total calls for service for 2013 were 25,070.
- Calls for service increased when compared to 2012 (23,404)
- 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

### 2013 Grant Awards

The South Milwaukee Police Department received several grant awards in 2013:

Through the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance the Department was awarded \$2,411.75 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 three grants totaling \$63,600.00. The grants were for: Alcohol Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, and Seat Belt Enforcement. Unfortunately due to budget issues the Speed Enforcement and Seat Belt Enforcement grants were reduced in June 2013. The total amount of grant funding received was \$41,990.00. The grants provided **812** hours of overtime patrols for traffic enforcement. The overtime patrols resulted in **1,056** traffic citations, **564** traffic warnings and numerous other arrests for traffic violations, outstanding warrants and drunk driving.

The Department also received partial funding for one officer assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. The grant award was for \$59,065.00 through the Wisconsin Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program.

### 2013 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 2013 the department investigated 9 formal citizen complaints.

Seven complaints were unfounded

One complaint was exonerated

One complaint was sustained

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.

## 2103 South Shore Joint Tactical Unit

### **SMPD**

Dews

Fischer

Hoepfner

McLean

Olson

Rivamonte

Rotter

Vinogradsky

Walker

### **SFPD**

Harcus

Hunter

Kamolov

Lucht

McManus

Paczocha

Skrivanek

### **CUPD**

Andrews

Behnke

Bultman

Doyle

Harrington

Hauski

Kopydlowski

Livesey

Morey

Olson

Ross



This year brings a new section to the annual report regarding our tactical team. The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 27 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy PD's. We have been training together for some time, but officially became a joint team this summer with a memorandum of understanding that was signed by the chiefs of all three PD's. Prior to this we each had our own teams for conducting search warrants. Our new arrangement 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. – LT Jason Walker

## **Community Policing**

Citizens of South Milwaukee,

During 2013, the South Milwaukee Police Department saw the number of active Block Watch Programs drop, despite several requests for information on forming new Block Watches. The driving force of a Block Watch is the concerned citizen, while the Police Department serves an advisory role. It is my hope that in 2014 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 2013 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. 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](http://smpolice.com) and the City of South Milwaukee is on Facebook, please take a few minutes and visit our sites.

In 2013 Officers of the South Milwaukee Police Department participated in many community orientated events such as car seat checks, Community Night Out, Shop With a Cop along with Crime Stoppers, and Block Watch meetings. The South Milwaukee Police Department is committed to a community orientated policing philosophy, and we are open to citizen comments and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Michael Hill





## 2013 Community Events

### Community Night Out

August 21, 2013, the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the 12<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 their community.

In July of 2013 the Community Night Out Committee provided twelve 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 sweatshirts, back packs, and challenge coins. 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.



## **2013 SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE** **SHOP WITH A COP**

For the past six years officers have participated in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Shop with a Cop program. Officers of the Department found this event to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Through the generous support of the South Milwaukee Wal-Mart this program was brought to life at the South Milwaukee Police Department. On Saturday, December 7, 2013 members of the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the First Annual South Milwaukee Police Department Shop with a Cop event. Twelve South Milwaukee children were paired with officers to enjoy some shopping, fun activities, and lunch.

The goal of the program is to model important values of giving, sharing time, and taking care of each other while creating a positive relationship with the children.

The Department would like to recognize and thank our "Major Sponsors": South Milwaukee Wal-Mart, TriTech Corporation of America, Beyond Eleven, Emergency Restoration Specialist, Paisano's Italian Restaurant, The House of Insurance, Financial Fortress Builders, On the Clock Bar & Grill, and Big G Photography. The Department would also like to recognize and thank our supporters: South Milwaukee McDonalds, South Milwaukee Community Night Out Committee, Pastor Robert Kieck, South Milwaukee Cousins Subs, and South Milwaukee Pizza Hut.



## **Police Awards Night 2013**

The week of May 12-18, 2013 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 7<sup>th</sup> six officers from the Police Department and seven citizens were presented Police Department Awards at the Common Council meeting. Mayor Zepecki kindly allowed time at the beginning of the meeting for the Department presentation. The following officers and citizens received the following awards:

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

**Officer Hoepfner, Officer Hallett & Officer Rotter:** nominated by Officer Rotter/Lt. Walker

On October 21, 2012 Officers Hoepfner, Hallett and Rotter responded to a house fire in the 700 block of Madison Avenue. When officers arrived, flames were observed coming through the roof and the third story windows at the back of the residence. The building had separate apartments on each floor. Officers entered the burning building and went to the apartments and evacuated 7 people including a baby and two senior citizens prior to SMFD arriving on scene. As a result of the officer's actions no one was killed or injured and all residents were safely evacuated.

**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.

**Officer Hoepfner, Officer Rotter, Officer Wentz & Officer Doering:** nominated by Lt. Chad Milow

On January 5, 2013 officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at a residence in the 800 block of Lakeview Avenue. These officers investigated the complaint and located the suspect vehicle. After a traffic stop, in which two of the occupants fled on foot, three suspects were taken into custody and a weapon was located at the scene. The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office charged the suspect with Robbery While Armed. Without the officer's quick actions this crime may have not been cleared by arrest.



**SUPERVISOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD:**

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

**Officer Hoepfner & Officer Olson:**

Lt. Milow recommended Officers Hoepfner & Olson for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for their participation in the traffic enforcement grant program.

**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.**

**Mrs. Cynthia Schulz:**

Officer Dave Stratton recommended Mrs. Schulz for a Citizen Recognition Award for her actions on May 15, 2012.

On May 15, 2012 Ms. Schulz was driving on College Avenue in South Milwaukee when she observed a serious traffic accident. She immediately stopped at the scene and began rendering assistance. Ms. Schulz removed the non-responsive driver from the vehicle and immediately began CPR. Ms. Schulz continued CPR until relieved by SMFD personnel. Because of her actions the driver of the vehicle was transported to Froedert Hospital and began a successful recovery. Ms. Schulz's concern for this subject and his welfare should be commended.

**Mrs. Gail Krug, Mr. Kyle Krug & Justin Ukasick:**

Officer Bill Dews recommended Mrs. Krug, Mr. Krug & Mr. Ukasick for a Citizen Recognition Award for their action on June 7, 2012.

In the early morning hours on June 7, 2012 Mr. Krug & Mr. Ukasick smelled and saw a large amount of smoke coming from a residence in the 500 block of Madison Ave. When they investigated they found the upper back porch of a residence on fire. Mr. Krug notified his mother and requested she contact emergency responders. Mr. Krug & Mr. Ukasick went to the residence and began pounding on the upper unit's door in an attempt to wake the residents. The gentlemen were successful in their attempt and were able to safely evacuate the residents. Their concern for the safety of the residents should be recognized.

**Mr. Thomas Hoover:**

Officer Mick Olson recommended Mr. Hoover for a Citizen Recognition Award for his action on September 14, 2012. Mr. Hoover's Aunt MaryJo Bodie will be accepting the award on his behalf as he is currently completing basic training with the US Army.

On September 14, 2012 Mr. Hoover was present when his Aunt MaryJo Bodie collapsed in the family residence. Mr. Hoover evaluated his Aunt's condition and upon not finding a pulse or breathing he immediately began CPR. Mr. Hoover continued CPR until relieved by personnel from the SMFD. Because of his actions his Aunt was transported to the hospital and began a successful recovery. Mr. Hoover's concern for his Aunt and

her welfare should be commended. His quick action likely saved her life and prevented oxygen deprivation to her brain and organs.

**Ms. Nicole Inkmann & Mr. Jonathan Meus:**

Officer Dan Doering recommended Ms. Inkmann & Mr. Meus for a Citizen Recognition Award for their actions on January 17, 2013.

On January 17, 2013 the SMPD had a tactical situation at a residence in the 2400 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. During the tactical situation several residents were evacuated from their residences. Mr. Meus generously welcomed these neighbors into his residence and provided them with a safe location for the duration of this incident. Ms. Inkmann assisted the police department by providing two sets of written floor plans for the residence the incident was occurring at. This information was very beneficial to the tactical officers for their approach, entry and clearing of the residence.

The humanitarianism and cooperation of these two individuals was noted by members of the Police Department.

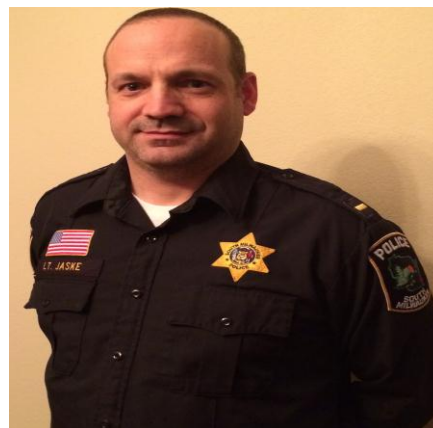
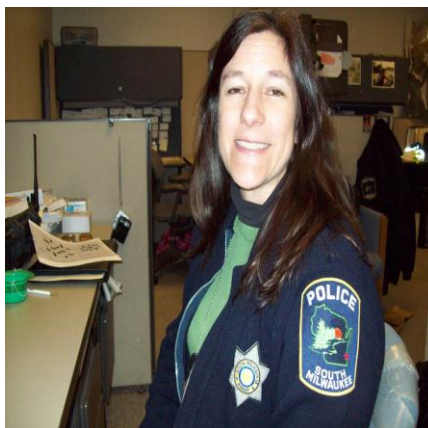




In 2013, Officer Jon Rivamonte was presented with the Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Association Officer of the Year Award. Congratulations, Jon!!!!!!



In 2013, Officer Mick Olson received a Motor Vehicle Safety Award from Safe Kids WE Wisconsin for his involvement in Child Seat Safety Inspections. Nice job, Mick!!



Lt. Pete Jaske and Officer Carol Olson received a Unit Citation from the Oak Creek PD for their response to the Sikh Temple shooting in August of 2012. Thank you, Pete and Carol!!!



## SMPD Notable Photos and Events



Lt Walker, Officer Olson, and Chaplain Kieck at the 2013 Officers Memorial



SMPD 2013 Command Staff



Officer Olson at McDonald's Police and Fire Safety Day

## SMPD Squad Car Display



## **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 2013.

WILEAG's 4<sup>th</sup> edition standards were issued in January, 2013. The Department continues to work to ensure we have compliance with this new edition of standards. The accreditation process will continue to be a combined effort of Captain Kallay, officers and supervisory personnel who will assist in policy review and providing proofs of compliance.

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.

The Department will have another on-site assessment in May, 2014.

