

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

## ***2012 Annual Report***

**Chief of Police: Ann M. Wellens**





## **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 service officers. Of the 33 sworn officers, 7 are command officers, 6 are assigned to the third shift, 6 are assigned to the day shift, 9 are assigned to the second shift, and 5 are assigned to the Investigations Section.

## **LETTER FROM THE CHIEF**

The men and women of the South Milwaukee Police Department are proud to present our Annual Report for 2012. This document reflects the activities of the department members.

The data found in this annual report represents only a snapshot of the total activities of the South Milwaukee Police Department over the past year. The Department has implemented many new programs and continues to strive to provide excellent opportunities for working with our citizens regarding local concerns.

In 2012 the Department experienced several personnel changes. Officer Scott Komorowski retired from the Department after 28 ½ years of service to our community. Public Safety Officer Yvonne Wozniak retired from the Department after 22 ½ years of service to our community. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of South Milwaukee. Officers Steve Martin and Jared Manthe resigned from the Department. The Department also experienced interdepartmental transfers. Public Safety Officer Karla Immel transferred to the Treasurer's Office, and Clerk Danielle Heller transferred from the City Clerk's Office to the Police Department. Internally Clerk Candy Maxium transferred from the Department's Records Section to the Communication Center as a Public Safety Officer. Public Safety Officer Debbie Benkowski, Officer Dan Doering and Officer Chris Rohde were hired by the Department. In November Officer Nathan Siefert began his assignment as a Police School Liaison Officer assigned to the Middle School.

In 2012 the Department implemented a "paperless" report system. This new system no longer required the Department to print every police report. The reports are stored electronically on the Department's server.

The Department also partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Wisconsin Crime Alert Network (WCAN). WCAN is a statewide program that links law enforcement agencies with the business community and the public in a partnership to fight crime. This program is a highly effective program which can help to prevent crime, find stolen property, locate missing persons, identify suspects and locate fugitives. WCAN allows law enforcement agencies to send out crime alert bulletins rapidly, to the business community and to the general public, whenever a crime or suspect may affect citizens or businesses. Citizens and businesses can sign up on the WCAN website: [www.wisconsincrimealert.gov](http://www.wisconsincrimealert.gov).

The Department also received a very generous donation from the South Shore Mason Lodge No.3 to provide tactical medical kits to every officer on the Department. An article on the donation is located within the annual report.

One disappointment of 2012 was canceling the Bicycle Safety Program and the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing. Due to manpower shortages both of these popular events had to be postponed.

The Police Department continued our successful Medicine Collection Program. The Department collected and safely disposed of 494 pounds of medication in 2012, up 336 pounds since 2011. The Department also installed a medicine collection box in the lobby of the Police Department. The collection box is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week and provides a more convenient method for citizens to properly dispose of medication. Zindovie Motors, of South Milwaukee, donated their services by painting the exterior of the box.

Dispatch consolidation conversations continued between the cities of St. Francis, Cudahy and South Milwaukee. The over-site Committee met several times and the conversations and research continued into 2013.

In 2012 the Department welcomed Pastor Robert Kieck as the Police Department Chaplain. Pastor Kieck has strong ties to the City of South Milwaukee and is a wonderful addition to the services the Police Department provides to our community. Chaplain Kieck has been trained to help victim(s) and family member(s) deal with crisis situations such as fatal crashes, sudden death events, death notifications, and other crisis events.

The cities of South Milwaukee, St. Francis, and Cudahy Police Departments signed a MOU for a joint South Shore Tactical Team. This combined team was established with the primary goal of providing specialized police services in critical incidents which require a response beyond the scope of the normal operational protocol and control of each of the individual agencies. The team members had been training together for over two years.

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 \$10,744.23 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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. We have also implemented many innovative programs in an effort to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department. The future holds many new and different challenges. I am sure we will meet those challenges with the support of the community and our elected officials.

On behalf of the members of the South Milwaukee Police, 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.

Sincerely,  
Chief Ann M. Wellens

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

As Administration and Services Commander my areas of supervision include Records, Dispatch, Policy review/revision, Internal Affairs and Accreditation Management.

The Records Department had a change in personnel due to a transfer of our night time records clerk, Candace Maxim to full time Dispatch. We added a new records clerk, Danielle Heller. The Records Department continues to work efficiently to process records requests quickly. As technology increases, so does their workloads. They handle a large number of lobby customers for winter parking permits as well as citation payments and police calls for service. They work hard to provide high levels of customer service and the many demands 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, was again challenged with keeping up with the technology changes and trouble-shooting any and all issues with technology. Squad car video issues meant a lot of time trying to work through the systems to ascertain the problem. Dan works hard to try to keep things up and running. New Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) security requirements meant compliance had to be met for access to these important systems by the end of 2012. Dan also worked to ensure all aspects had been met.

The Dispatch Center was hit hard this year with a retirement and the transfer of a full timer to another City department. Our remaining dispatchers worked many shifts of overtime to see that shifts were filled and that our new addition, Debbie Benkowski, was trained. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> shift veteran, Jesse Danek, had primary responsibility for the training of the new dispatcher. I was grateful that Candace Maxim returned to the Dispatch center as a full time 3<sup>rd</sup> shift dispatcher this year to fill one of the full time shortages. Dispatchers handled 26,764 dispatched events in 2012. Dispatchers monitor all radio traffic and answer all administrative as well as emergency phone calls. They are a very hard working group of people. The Dispatcher Center includes dispatchers Mary Horn, Roberta Plachinski, Jesse Danek, Candace Maxim, Jennifer Guzman-Godoy and Deborah Benkowski. Retired PSO Yvonne Wozniak was also added back as a part-time dispatcher to assist with coverage of the Dispatch Center when needed.

On the Internal Affairs side of the Administration position, there were a few minor complaints received in 2012 and a few policy violations resulting in reprimands.

The department was re-accredited by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) in 2011. Our next on-site assessment will be in 2014. WILEAG recently approved new 4<sup>th</sup> Edition standards which we will be working to comply with.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Captain Jill Kallay

## **Letter from the Operations Commander**

In 2012 we had three departures and two arrivals. Officer Scott Komorowski retired after 28 ½ years of service, and Officers Steve Martin and Jared Manthe left for other employment. Hired were Officers Daniel Doering and Christopher Rohde. Both have had prior experience and I expect for them to immediately provide meaningful contributions to our work effort. All of our supervisors remained in the same positions.

The major incidents from 2012 were fatal crashes, and the tragedy in Oak Creek . The crashes all involved some type of substance abuse and serve as a reminder that lives are at stake in our battle against impaired driving. The tragedy in Oak Creek reminds us that the truly horrific events, normally seen on TV, can happen here, and we need to be ready.

Crime trends and quality of life issues within the community appear steady, but we must continue to identify problems, and take decisive action before things get out of hand. We must use our resources efficiently and strive to do more.

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 2012

<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	Scott Komorowski	09.23.83
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 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	Daniel Fournier	05.29.07
Police Officer	Kyle Stormoen	09.24.07
Police Officer	Craig Perkowski	04.28.08
Police Officer	Steven Martin	08.20.09
Police Officer	Jared Manthe	09.07.10
Police Officer	Daniel Doering	08.13.12
Police Officer	Christopher Rohde	08.14.12

## Officer Assignments

### Day Shift

Chief Ann Wellens

Capt. Dwight Olson  
Capt. Jill Kallay

Lt. Peter Jaske

Inv. Steven Hesse

Officer Charles Olson  
Officer Steven Streicher  
Officer Darrell Mussatti  
Officer Brian Fleming  
Officer Carol Olson  
Officer David Stratton

### Early Shift

Lt. Chad Milow  
Lt. Cary Fischer

Inv. Michael Hill

Officer Todd Vinohradsky  
Officer Robert Wentz  
Officer Kathryn Klipfel  
Officer Daniel Fournier  
Officer Kyle Stormoen  
Officer Craig Perkowski  
Officer Steven Martin  
Officer Jared Manthe  
Officer Daniel Doering  
Officer Christopher Rohde

### Late Shift

Lt. Jason Walker

Officer Scott Komorowski  
Officer William Dews  
Officer Francis Rotter  
Officer David Kozlowski  
Officer Edward Hallett  
Officer David Hoeppner  
Officer James McLean

### School Liaison

Officer Tim Lewison  
Officer Nathan Siefert

### Metro-Drug Unit

Officer Jon Rivamonte

### Community Resource/Crime Prevention

Inv. Michael Hill

**Promotions:** None

**Resignations:** Steven Martin, Jared Manthe

**Retirements:** Scott Komorowski, Yvonne Wozniak

**Military Leave:** None

**New Hire:** Dan Doering, Christopher Rohde, Debbie Benkowski

## New Hires

### Police Officers

#### **Daniel Doering**

Daniel joined the Department in August 2012. Daniel attended MATC. Daniel previously worked 13 years for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, marksmanship, and competitive sports. Daniel is married and has 2 children.



#### **Christopher Rohde**

Christopher joined the Department in August 2012. Chris graduated from WCTC with an Associate Degree in Police Science. Chris previously worked 10 years for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. His hobbies include camping, reading, and swimming. Chris is married and has 2 children.



## **Dispatcher**

### **Debbie Benkowski**

Debbie was hired in July 2012. Debbie graduated from South Milwaukee High School. Debbie previously worked for Johnson Bank. Debbie and has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.



## **CIVILIAN STAFF 2012**

### **Records Section**

Dan Margetta  
Candy Maxim

Shannon Leduc  
Danielle Heller

### **Public Safety Officers**

Full Time:

Mary Horn  
Yvonne Wozniak  
Debbie Benkowski

Karla Immel  
Jesse Danek  
Candy Maxim

Part-Time:

Roberta Plachinski  
Jennifer Guzman-Godoy

### **Crossing Guards**

Helga Allen  
Cameron Rowe  
Melissa Klew-Erickson

Charles Smoot  
Geraldine Stritchko

Anita Rowe  
Betty Allen

### **Auxiliary Police**

Justin Anderson  
Louis Arroyo  
Melvin Schuette  
Anthony Piraino

Kevin Apfel  
Evan Olson  
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**

Donald Schmidt   Peggy Clark  
Mark Milinovich   Darrell Francis   Patrick Moran

### **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

## 2012 Budget

<b><u>Items</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Salaries	\$ 2,244,924	\$ 2,211,279	\$ 2,151,783	52.60%	1.50%
Dispatchers	\$ 227,568	\$ 223,581	\$ 261,351	5.33%	1.76%
Custodial	\$ 17,433	\$ 17,350	\$ 17,292	.41%	.48%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,264,309	\$ 1,380,931	\$ 1,308,782	29.62%	-8.45%
Overtime	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 140,000	3.40%	0.00%
Comp	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,750	\$ 13,750	.25%	0.00%
Holiday Pay	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	2.93%	0.00%
Physical Exams	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	.02%	0.00%
Training	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	\$ 14,550	.34%	0.00%
Uniforms	\$ 1,500	\$ 18,050	\$ 18,050	.04%	-91.69%
Conferences	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	.04%	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,995	\$ 36,995	\$ 36,995	.87%	0.00%
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	\$ 24,971	.74%	0.00%
Building Fuel	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,100	.13%	0.00%
Office Maintenance	\$ 41,877	\$ 41,877	\$ 43,877	.98%	0.00%
Radio Maintenance	\$ 8,300	\$ 8,300	\$ 7,800	.19%	0.00%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 64,936	\$ 64,936	\$ 65,436	1.52%	0.00%
Crossing Guard Exp.	\$ 22,836	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,836	.54%	-4.85%
Operating Budget	\$ 4,268,001	\$ 4,340,558	\$ 4,265,523		-1.61%

## ASSESSMENTS PAID TO STATE AND COUNTY

<b>State</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Penalty Assessments	\$ 49,664.16	\$ 45,163.57	\$ 50,766.52
State Costs	\$ 11,268.00	\$ 8,565.00	\$ 9,820.00
OWI Surcharge	\$ 9,628.68	\$ 14,079.68	\$ 17,874.12
Drug Assessment	\$ 28,532.00	\$ 21,049.00	\$ 22,281.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,092.84</b>	\$ 88,857.25	\$100,741.64
<b>County</b>			
Jail Fees	\$ 22,520.00	\$17,120.00	\$ 19,640.00
OWI/County Surcharge	\$ 14,453.32	\$20,950.32	\$ 26,930.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,973.32</b>	\$38,070.32	\$ 46,570.88

## REVENUE COLLECTED

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>\$ 116,347.73</b>	\$ 110,570.00	\$ 97,619.95
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 284,179.87</b>	\$ 226,255.15	\$ 256,671.23
<b>Non-Traffic Citations</b>	<b>\$ 99,083.92</b>	\$ 108,068.86	\$ 120,096.48
<b>Restitution</b>	<b>\$ 2,307.56</b>	\$ 4,774.77	\$ 1,234.19
<b>Bicycle Licenses</b>	<b>\$ 42.00</b>	\$ 162.00	\$ 210.00
<b>Lot Permits</b>	<b>\$ 315.00</b>	\$ 130.00	\$ 297.00
<b>Winter Parking Permits</b>	<b>\$ 64,595.00</b>	\$ 67,723.00	\$ 64,129.00
<b>Bail Bond</b>	<b>\$ 10,637.89</b>	\$ 8,863.50	\$ 18,475.41
<b>Deferred Payments</b>	<b>\$ 107,034.00</b>	\$ 119,127.31	\$ 117,745.81
<b>Paper Service</b>	<b>\$ 1,290.00</b>	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,229.00
<b>Bail Fees</b>	<b>\$ 830.62</b>	\$ 659.99	\$ 1,191.64
<b>Copy Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,420.76</b>	\$ 1,640.76	\$ 1,382.07
<b>Re-Open Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Cash Collected</b>	<b>\$ 689,384.35</b>	\$ 650,615.34	\$ 681,781.78

## Dayshift

The dayshift patrol personnel listed below has a combined 188 years of police service with the South Milwaukee Police Department.

Members of the dayshift patrol include:

Capt. Terry Olson	-	Dayshift Operations Commander
Lt. Peter Jaske	-	Dayshift Patrol Supervisor
P.O. Mick Olson	-	Patrol Officer
P.O. Steve Streicher	-	Patrol Officer
P.O. Darrell Mussatti	-	Patrol Officer
P.O. Brian Fleming	-	Patrol Officer
P.O. Carol Olson	-	Patrol Officer
P.O. Dave Stratton	-	Patrol Officer

The primary responsibilities of the dayshift patrol are to respond to various calls for service and maintaining consistent enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. Additional duties for these officers are performing directed patrols at the beginning and end of school days at the various schools throughout the city. This crime prevention technique enables officers to be more visible around the beginning of the school day and at dismissal times to prevent school violence in and around the schools, loitering, vandalism, and suspicious persons from approaching students. Dayshift is also responsible for bringing cases down to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, meeting with the Milwaukee County Community Prosecutor at the Department to go over state cases, and as a liaison with Probation & Parole which holds office hours several days a week at the SMPD. Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Jaske



## Early (2nd) Shift

The South Milwaukee Police Department Early Shift patrol operates from 3:40pm to 12:00am. In 2012, 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.

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

Mike Hill:	Investigations Bureau, Entry Team, FTO, Firearms Instructor, Intoximeter Operator, Evidence Technician
Todd Vinoheradsky:	Senior Patrol, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Range Master, Shotgun Armorer, Entry Team
Robert Wentz	CVSA Operator, Intoximeter Operator, Arson Investigator, Evidence Technician, Major Crimes
Nathan Siefert:	Patrol, Crisis Intervention Team, Intoximeter Operator – moved to Juvenile Officer position in Fall, 2012.
Kathryn Klipfel:	Patrol, Sensitive Crimes Investigations, Intoximeter Operator, Forensic Interviews, Car Seat Installation/Inspection
Dan Fournier:	Patrol, Intoximeter Operator, NarcoPouch Instructor, Spike Strip Instructor
Kyle Stormoen:	Patrol, Arson Investigator, Intoximeter Operator
Craig Perkowski:	Patrol, Intoximeter Operator, Drug Investigations
Steven Martin:	Patrol, Sensitive Crimes Investigations, Car Seat Technician
Jared Manthe:	Patrol
Daniel Doering:	Patrol
Christopher Rohde:	Patrol

I encourage the citizens of South Milwaukee to stay vigilant of their community and what goes on within it, 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

Serving the citizens of South Milwaukee on the late shift, 11:40pm to 08:00am, are:

Officer Scott Komorowski  
Officer William Dews  
Officer Jay Rotter  
Officer Edward Hallett  
Officer David Hoeppner  
Officer David Kozlowski  
Officer James McLean

We deal primarily with noise complaints, disorderly persons, domestic violence, burglaries, OWI's and winter parking enforcement. 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 with Officer Kozlowski taking Officer Komorowski's position after he retired. Officer Kozlowski was serving as a Juvenile Officer at the high school before joining our shift. His experience is a welcomed addition to our shift, particularly when we have contact with those same kids he knew in the schools. Welcome Officer Kozlowski and thank you Officer Komorowski for your years of service to the city.

We appreciate calls from concerned citizens who may see something that may not look quite right to them. With so many good hiding places in the dark of the night for those who like to cause problems, it is nice to have other sets of eyes on our side. Even though our officers do security checks of businesses and residences, as well as patrol the streets, we cannot be in all places at once and see everything. Calls from you have led to arrests in most of the above areas.

Thank you for your support in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieutenant Jason Walker



## Investigations Section

Dear Citizens,

It is my pleasure to continue to serve the city as the supervisor of our Investigations Section. The investigations section of the South Milwaukee Police Department consists of the following personnel:

The Investigations Section has two Investigators assigned to conduct general investigations. Investigator Steven Hesse, assigned to the 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 Investigations Section has two Police School Liaison/Juvenile Officers, Officer Timothy Lewison, who works primarily at the high school, and Officer Siefert, who works 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.

The Investigations Section has 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. 2012 saw Officer Siefert replace Officer David Kozlowski as a Juvenile Officer.

Some significant cases brought to prosecutions in 2012 were a series of two liquor store robberies in March. The offender in that case was also found to have committed robberies in Oak Creek and Cudahy. Our Investigators were instrumental in stopping another serial armed robber in June and July of 2012 after he and at least one accomplice had robbed a liquor store in our city as well as liquor stores and fast food restaurants in West Allis and Wauwatosa. We were able to catch a serial, daytime burglar, who was arrested for striking at least five residences in our city as well as many from other jurisdictions as well. Our officer assigned to the drug unit was recognized by the supervisor in that group for outstanding work in a large scale Heroin case. This is just a few of the many cases we worked on.

Our clearance rates were on the rise in 2010 and 2011, which is a trend that carried into 2012. We will work hard to continue this in 2013.

Thank you,  
Lt. Fischer

## Five Year Trends

In 2012, South Milwaukee experienced a decrease in property crimes. Violent crime reports increased. Property crime decreases are due, primarily, to the decrease in thefts. Violent crimes increases are due, primarily to a substantial increase in Aggravated Battery calls.

OFFENSE	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
VIOLENT CRIME	22	27	16	16	40
Murder	0	0	2	0	0
Rape	4	5	3	5	8
Robbery	12	19	10	7	11
Aggravated Battery	6	3	1	4	21
PROPERTY CRIME	478	501	595	513	450
Burglary	72	96	119	77	76
Theft	406	383	434	410	354
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	21	34	25	12
Arson	3	1	8	1	8
TOTAL	500	528	611	529	490

## Clearance Rates

	2008	2008	2010	2011	2012
Clearance Rate	24.1%	17.8%	34.4%	36.9%	39.6%
Stolen Property	\$454,125	\$486,799	\$614,396	\$375,172	\$320,684

## Adult and Juvenile Arrests

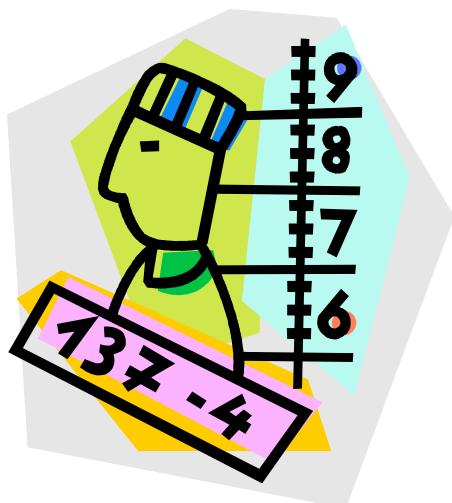
Offender	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Adult	921	759	929	504	571
Juvenile	258	334	237	211	231

## SMPD Jail Records - 3 Year Trend

	2010	2011	2012
DUI 12 hour hold	12	13	12
Hold for Municipal	33	12	44
Hold for State	150	140	160
Warrant Arrests	114	87	94
Total held in jail	309	252	310

During 2012, the total number of people held in the lockup increased from 252 to 310. Of these detentions, 248 were males and 62 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.



## 2012 Burglaries and Thefts

There were 76 burglaries in 2012 compared to 77 burglaries in 2011. The average amount taken in a burglary decreased from \$1,259 in 2011 to \$1,076 in 2012. The total amount taken in burglaries decreased from \$96,922 in 2011 to \$81,789 in 2012.

### Burglaries

Type of Target	Time of Day	Number	Amount Stolen	Average Amount
Residential	Nighttime (6pm-6am)	17	\$22,995	\$1,352.64
	Daytime (6am-6pm)	34	\$36,500	\$1,073.53
Non-Residential	Nighttime	22	\$20,794	\$ 945.18
	Daytime	3	\$ 1,500	\$ 500.00
Total Burglaries		76	\$81,789	\$1,076.17

There were 354 reported thefts in South Milwaukee in 2012 compared with 410 reported thefts in 2011. The average amount taken in 2012 increased to \$450 from \$315 in 2011. The total dollar loss in 2012 increased to \$159,244 from \$129,184 in 2011.

### Thefts

Type of Theft	Number Reported	Total Dollar Loss	Average Dollar Loss
From Motor Vehicles	74	\$17,135	\$232
Shoplifting	51	\$2,412	\$47
From Buildings	37	\$38,426	\$1,039
Motor Vehicle Parts	8	\$2,536	\$317
All Other	184	\$98,735	\$537
Total	354	\$159,244	\$450

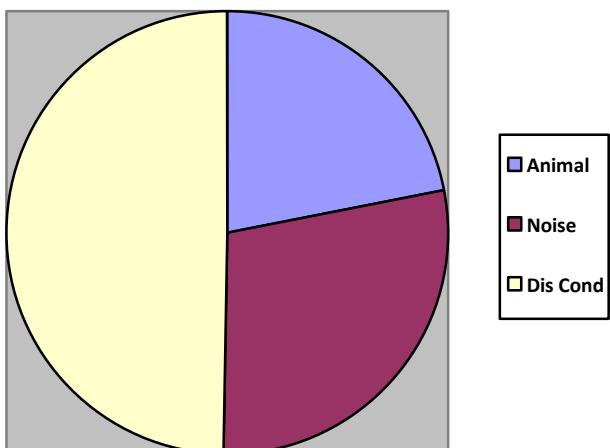
## Crimes Against Public Peace

### Disorderly Conduct / Animal / Noise

In 2012, SMPD responded to a total of **314** animal related calls/complaints, up 4.5% from 2011. These calls include Animal Noise calls as well as Animal at Large complaints and Animal Bite complaints.

There were **683** Disorderly Conduct incidents reported in 2012, a decrease of 1.2% from 2011. 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 \$169.00. It can also be charged as a state misdemeanor criminal offense.

South Milwaukee Police responded to **413** Noise complaints in 2012, up 5.3% from 2011. These complaints range from loud music complaints to reports of people yelling and/or loud parties. The fine for Unnecessary Noise is \$169.00.



Animal Complaints

**314**

Noise Complaints

**413**

Disorderly Conduct

**683**

## 2012 Traffic Enforcement

Included in the duties of law enforcement officers is traffic law enforcement. During 2012, 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.

Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued in:	2012
Operating While Intoxicated	268
Vehicle Registration Violations	123
Speeding	1,076
License Violations (OAR, OAS, OWL)	353
Seatbelt Violations	553

\* 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.

2012 statistics include **125** written warnings issued for various traffic violations.

The total number of traffic citations/warnings issued in 2012 was **3,121**. This is approximately 1,400 more traffic citations than last year. This was based largely on the increase in speed and seatbelt violations in 2012.

There were **3,972** parking citations issued in 2012.



## Accidents

Type of Accident	2012	2011	2010	2009
Property Damage	283	296	257	151
Injury	44	45	34	60
Total	327	341	291	211

## Top Accident Locations

Location	Accidents
Highway 32	36
Rawson Ave.	52
College Ave.	32
Milwaukee Ave.	33
Marquette Ave.	28
Drexel Blvd.	16
15 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	20

\* Accident statistics were taken from SMPD's Phoenix computer reporting system.



## **Patrol Services 2012**

### **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	618	516	604	562	857	739
2nd Shift	877	676	828	658	832	843
3rd Shift	713	639	670	460	549	437
Totals	2208	1831	2102	1680	2238	2019
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1st Shift	711	674	760	623	543	590
2nd Shift	909	905	743	613	650	686
3rd Shift	435	477	411	402	589	605
Totals	2055	2056	1914	1638	1782	1882

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

- Total calls for service for 2012 were 23,404.
- Calls for service increased, very slightly, when compared to 2011 (23,172)
- 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.

## **Community Policing**

Citizens of the City of South Milwaukee,

During the past year the South Milwaukee Police Department's Neighborhood Block Watch Program remained consistent. We did not lose any active groups, and one new group formed. The Block Watch program is citizen driven and cannot be effective without participation from you. One of the biggest values of the Block Watch program is bridging the communication gap between law enforcement and the citizens we serve.

If you would like to be included in these alerts, please email your name and email address to [hill@smwi.org](mailto:hill@smwi.org). The South Milwaukee Police Department remains committed to the philosophy of Community Orientated Policing which is a series of organizational goals and directives that drive what we do, and how we do it. Central to that philosophy is that the South Milwaukee Police Department strives to be open to the citizens concerns and needs.

During 2012, Officers of the South Milwaukee Police Department have been involved in various community events such as Community Night Out, child car seat safety checks, Block Watch meetings, Crime Stoppers, and speaking engagements.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Michael Hill



## 2012 Community Events

### South Milwaukee / Cudahy Softball Game

In June of 2012, the South Milwaukee and Cudahy Police Departments played each other in an exhibition softball game. The game was held at the South Milwaukee Little League complex. SMPD led throughout, winning again, by a close margin!!

### Community Night Out

August 15, 2012, the South Milwaukee Police Department hosted the Community Night Out. Hundreds of citizens attended the festivities, played games, learned about safety, 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 2012 the Community Night Out Committee provided eight 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 Officers t-shirts, baseball hats and back packs. COPS Kid 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 Kid Camp and to present the children with these items.



## Shop with a Cop

Officers of the South Milwaukee Police Department have participated for the past six years in the Shop with a Cop program hosted by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. This program gives children the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family with the assistance of Police Officers. The children are treated to breakfast, are taken to Walmart to shop for presents and then treated to lunch while their purchases are wrapped. 2012 was the second year children from South Milwaukee participated in the event. Officer Jon Rivamonte, Officer Chris Rohde, and Chief Wellens participated in the Shop with a Cop.



## Mason's Donation

In May of 2012 Chief Wellens approached the members of the South Shore Lodge No. 3 with a project to provide each officer of the Department with tactical medical gear (a tourniquet and military gauze) to assist the officers in case of a situation of trauma and medical personnel are not yet available. Chief Wellens inquired if the Lodge was able to support this project with a monetary donation to acquire the gear. In June 2012 the members of South Shore Lodge No. 3 elected to sponsor this project in full with a donation to the Police Department.

At the August 21<sup>st</sup>, South Milwaukee Common Council meeting, members of the South Shore Lodge No. 3 presented a check for the amount of \$2346.72 to Chief Wellens. Chief Wellens presented the Lodge with a recognition plaque for their contribution and assistance in the purchasing of the tactical medical gear for the officers of the South Milwaukee Police Department.

From left to right: James Goodman Jr. PM – Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Mosinski PM – Sr. Warden, Chief Ann Wellens, Alan Edlebeck – Worshipful Master, Byron Borck PM Chaplain, Jason Braatz – Area Administrator District 12



## **Police Awards Night 2012**

The week of May 13-19, 2012 was designated as National Peace Officers Week. In conjunction with National Peace Officers Week the Police Department held the annual Department Awards to recognize selected staff and citizens from the community.

On Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> five 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 Kyle Stormoen and Officer Vinohradsky: Nominated by Officer Siefert**

On October 10, 2011 Officer Stormoen and Officer Vinohradsky responded to a possible Chapter 51. A citizen reported a subject who appeared to be jumping into the falls at Mill Rd. Officers Stormoen and Vinohradsky located a subject sitting on the top railing of the bridge leaning into the waterfall on Mill Rd. Officer Stormoen recognized the subject from a prior Chapter 51 call (exact same location 6 months prior). Officer Stormoen engaged the subject in conversation, while Officer Vinohradsky approached the subject from behind, and pulled him off the railing to safety. Based on the subject's previous mental health history and his current state of mind – Officers Stormoen and Vinohradsky's quick thinking and actions saved his life.

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

**Lt. Chad Milow and Officer Nathan Siefert: Nominated by Lt. Cary Fischer**

On October 11, 2011 Officer Siefert investigated a subject who was walking near the Police Department who appeared suspicious. This subject entered a yard enclosed by a fence that Officer Siefert knew the residence did not have teenage children. Upon making contact with the subject Officer Siefert recognized the subject as a local runaway. Officer Siefert located on this subject property that was suspicious. Through his investigation Officer Siefert determined the property was from a burglary that occurred earlier in the day. Lt. Milow assisted Officer Siefert in the investigation and obtained a confession from the subject regarding the burglary. The subject was arrested and referred to Children's Court where he was charged with the crime of burglary. Based on Officer Siefert's observations and investigation of a suspicious person a burglary was solved and property was returned to the owner. Without Officer Siefert and Lt. Milow's 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 Steve Streicher:**

Lt. Jaske recommended Officer Streicher for a Supervisor's Recognition Award for his investigation of a substantial contractor fraud case (\$73,000.00).

**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. David Acevedo & Mr. Reinaldo Acevedo:**

Officer Carol Olson recommended Mr. David Acevedo and Mr. Reinaldo Acevedo for a Citizen Recognition Award for their action on November 7, 2011.

On November 7, 2011 David and Reinaldo were traveling in a vehicle on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue when they observed smoke coming from a residence on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. David immediately pulled over the vehicle and told his wife to call 911. David and Reinaldo went to the residence and began knocking on the doors in an attempt to notify the occupants of a potential fire. Because of their actions one family that was sleeping in one of the units was awakened and was able to safely exit the burning building. David and Reinaldo's actions as concerned citizens on November 7, 2011 resulted in the family safely exiting the burning residence.

**Mr. Randy Brandt, Mrs. Christine Brandt & Ms. Randi Brandt:**

Lt. Milow recommended the Brandt family for a Citizen Recognition Award for their action on November 11, 2011.

On November 11, 2011 the Brandt family noticed unusual activity at their neighbor's residence. They were aware their neighbors were out of town and no one should be at the residence. Mr. Brandt confronted a youth in his neighbor's yard and detained him until officers could arrive. Mrs. Brant observed a vehicle leaving the residence and reported that information to the officers. Mrs. Brant also detained several youth located inside the neighbor's residence. Through an investigation it was learned several youths had been hanging out at their neighbor's residence while the neighbors were out of town. Several youths were arrested, and either received municipal citations or were referred to Children's Court for charges.

Because the Brandt family was willing to get involved and be a good neighbor they assisted in protecting their neighbor's property. Without their assistance this crime would have possibly gone unsolved. It is wonderful when our neighbors look out for each other.

### **Mr. Joseph DeLong:**

Officer Mick Olson recommended Mr. DeLong for a Citizen Recognition Award for his action on February 17, 2012.

On February 17, 2012 Mr. DeLong was working as a United States Postal Carrier in the City of South Milwaukee. While on his route Mr. DeLong observed three days of accumulated mail at a residence. He felt this was unusual and notified his supervisor who then contacted SMPD. Officers responded to the residence, forced entry into the residence under the community care taker role and located an elderly home owner on the floor of the residence. The owner had fallen three days earlier and was unable to get up. Because of Mr. DeLong's actions this individual was able to get help when he needed it the most.

Although the Police Department has been called to residences by mail carriers in the past, this was the first time a resident was found in duress. Mr. DeLong's actions saved the resident's life.

### **Mr. Jeffrey Hatzenbeller:**

Captain Jill Kallay recommended Mr. Hatzenbeller for a Citizen Recognition Award for his action on March 24, 2012.

On March 24, 2012 Mr. Hatzenbeller was driving through town when he observed several officers in a foot pursuit with a subject. After observing this action Mr. Hatzenbeller began following the subject in his vehicle monitoring where the subject was running. At one point Mr. Hatzenbeller advised Captain Kallay, who had been on foot pursuing the subject, where the subject ran and appeared to hide. Officers checked that area and subsequently found the subject hiding. The subject was then taken into custody. Because of Mr. Hatzenbeller's actions officers were able to locate and take into custody a subject who was wanted on a felony Probation & Parole warrant as well as two additional charges of burglary and theft. Without Mr. Hatzenbeller's involvement this subject may have eluded apprehension.



## 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 2012. The Department underwent a successful re-accreditation on-site assessment in 2011. The accreditation process will continue to be a combined effort of Captain Kallay, officers and supervisory personnel who will assist in policy review and 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.

During the most recent assessment, the assessors made the following comments, “... the police department is fortunate to have a highly dedicated, proud, and professional staff. It has become apparent to the assessors that the South Milwaukee Police Department has fully embraced their role as a partner in the ongoing effort to enhance the overall quality of life in the community. As evidenced by the number of community-based programs offered, they are active in the community and seek opportunities to interact with the citizens of South Milwaukee in an effort to solve problems of mutual concern. Overall, the assessors concluded that the South Milwaukee Police Department delivers a high quality of police service to its community.”

