



*South Milwaukee
Police Department
2022 Annual Report
Chief William Jessup*







From the 1920's to the mid 1990's South Milwaukee Police Officers wore the shield and eagle badge. The department has returned to that badge and looks to honor our past.

The department has also updated the shoulder patch to provide a more modern look, replacing the shoulder patch used since the early 2000's.



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South Milwaukee

City Officials

Mayor

Jim Shelenske

City Administrator

Tami Mayzik

**Police and Fire
Commission**

Bob Weber
Heather Frederick
Ramon Navarro
Donald O'Kray
Carla Uphill
Tobie Weberg

Police Chief

William Jessup

Common Council

Brett Briesemeister
Craig Maass
Ramon Navarro
Tim Backes
Joseph Bukowski
Lisa Pieper
Peggy Clark
David Bartoshevich

Municipal Judge

Kelly Martyka

City Attorney

Christopher Smith

City Clerk

Patrick Brever

City Treasurer

Karen Skowronski

Mission Statement

We, the members of the South Milwaukee Police Department, are dedicated to providing a proactive, full service department that enhances the quality of life in our community by reducing crime through the protection of life and property.

Goals:

- **Develop an effective, efficient and responsive management system**
- **Increase agency-community partnerships**
- **Provide a more effective allocation of resources**
- **Increase job satisfaction for all employees**
- **Treat all persons with respect, courtesy and fairness**
- **Identify, control and reduce crime**
- **Protect Constitutional guarantees**
- **Facilitate the safe movement of people and vehicles**

Values:

Central to our mission is a set of values that will guide our work and decisions and allow us to make significant contributions to the quality of life in South Milwaukee

We Value:

- Human Life
- Integrity
- Ourselves
- Excellence
- Cooperation
- Accountability
- Laws and the Constitution



A Letter from Chief Jessup

To the citizens of South Milwaukee, Mayor James Shelenske, City Administrator Tami Mayzik, the South Milwaukee Common Council, the South Milwaukee Police & Fire Commission, and members of the South Milwaukee Police Department:

In 2022 I completed my fifth year as Chief of Police for the South Milwaukee Police Department. Each and every day I am proud to serve this City and this Department, and I am grateful for your support, confidence and enthusiasm as our officers diligently work to keep our community safe. I am pleased to present to you the 2022 South Milwaukee Police Department Annual Report and I believe you will find that it provides an accurate overview of the challenges and accomplishments, as well as the activities undertaken by our staff to enhance public safety in our community.

The past year brought some notable changes to our staff, with the hiring of three new police officers, Jakob Horsley, Matthew Klecha and Blake Reynolds. They are great additions to our force and are looking forward to serving this community for many years. We were also joined by a new police clerk, Kyra Van Scyoc and she is proving to be an excellent addition to our staff.

The police profession comes with many challenges, and crime prevention is always near the top of the list. In addition, quick response times are equally important as we continue to advance the department's mission and vision. We strive to make our city safer through a community-based policing strategy that is responsive to the needs of individuals and businesses while following a set of principles that fosters mutual respect. Our members are committed to their profession and they work tirelessly on behalf of our citizens to provide prompt service that keeps our community safe.

There is one truism in public safety; our work is never done. As we move forward, we will surely encounter new challenges but I am confident in our members and grateful for the support of our community. In partnership, we will overcome those difficulties and will make South Milwaukee healthier and stronger.

Sincerely,

Chief William Jessup



A Letter from the Operations Commander

I must be getting old! Each year seems to be one week shorter than the last! I give my heartfelt appreciation to the citizens of South Milwaukee for the continued outpouring of support that has been shown during these adverse times. I know I mentioned this last year, but I can't begin to emphasize, enough, the importance of community support for our staff. And... the citizens of South Milwaukee continue to step up and show this support, week after week. I thank you. The positive social media post, a kind word or note, or the drop off of a snack.... I can't begin to thank you all enough. It is this support that keeps our staff motivated to continue to work hard to keep our community safe, healthy, happy and strong!

A number of staffing changes took place this year. Officers Josh Wheeler, Kevin Scheidt, Stephen Goratowski and Joe Benson left the department to seek other career paths. We wish them all the best of luck with their future endeavors. We did add a number of Officers and one clerk to fill existing openings in 2022. Welcome to the family – Officers Jakob Horsley, Matthew Klecha and Blake Reynolds and part-time clerk Kyra Van Scyoc!

2022 brought some new challenges and some continued crime trends which have occurred throughout Milwaukee County. We did see more vehicle thefts and theft from vehicles being committed by mobile groups who are non-residents of our city. Fortunately, however, we are seeing a continued decrease in overall crime trends, which are a tribute to the citizens of South Milwaukee. We were also happy that we continue to see very little violent crime and no patterns of lasting criminal activity in South Milwaukee.

The South Milwaukee Police Department continues to put a high emphasis on its Community Policing Efforts. We conduct routine criminal deterrence checks – both vehicle checks through businesses and neighborhoods, as well as foot patrols inside our businesses. Highlights again included Community Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Safety Days. We also provided Girl and Boy Scout tours of the police department and it was great to interact with the children as they grow and learn. I'd also like to announce the 2023 Dare Golf Outing will be back at Grant Park followed by a lunch and raffle at the Bucyrus Club!

And now, my 'broken record' plea (this doesn't go away until I do)! I encourage you to become involved in South Milwaukee's policing efforts. If you see something that just doesn't seem right, call the police department. Get us your videos. Get us social media information that may valuable. Start a block watch program. Lock your house and car doors. Be vigilant in your neighborhood.

We can do this, together! Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

Captain Chad Milow



A Letter from the Administration & Services Commander

The Administration & Services Division is comprised of the:

Communications Center

Investigations Section (Investigators and School Liaison Officers)

Records Department

Internal Affairs

Accreditation

The Communications Center handled over 28,000 events in 2022. Four full-time, two part-time, and several substitute dispatchers are responsible for all incoming calls to the police department, all radio transmissions for police and fire, and all 911 emergency calls. In 2021, our dispatchers adapted well to the changes in COVID procedures, which were put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens and first responders.

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

The Records Department is comprised of two full-time clerks and one part-time clerk. The records section is open Monday through Friday 7am-6pm and is closed on the weekends and holidays. The records section handles hundreds of records requests, as well as winter parking permits and the collection of fines and payments.

The Internal Affairs section investigates citizen complaints. There were four incidents in 2022, all of which were unfounded and the officer(s) cleared of any wrong doing.

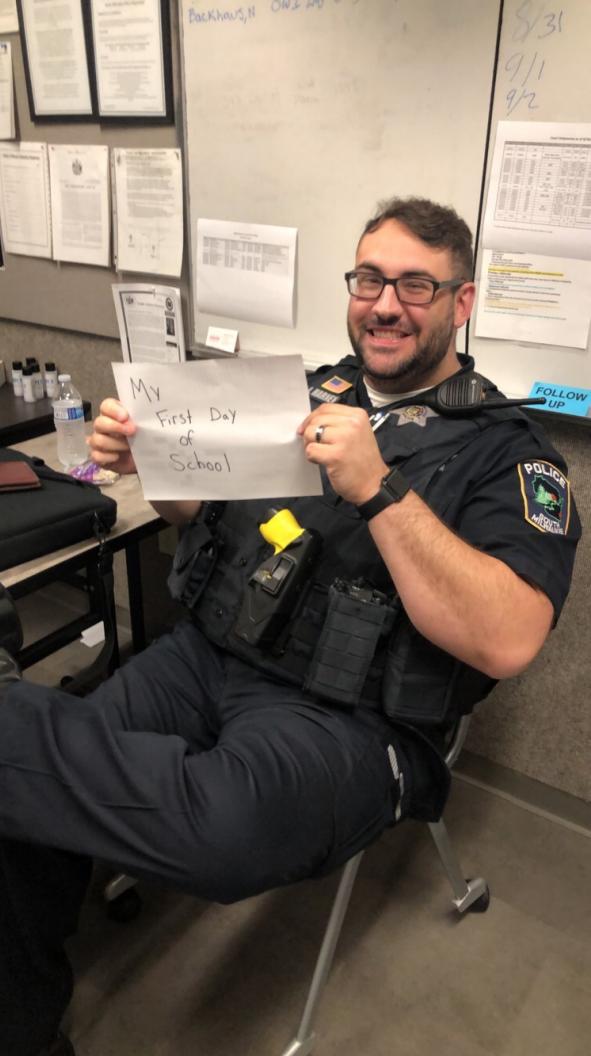
As members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), we go through a full accreditation process every three years. The South Milwaukee Police Department was accredited for the eighth time in 2020. In 2022, the South Milwaukee PD accreditation team continued its work towards our 9th accreditation in May of 2023.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Dan Fournier

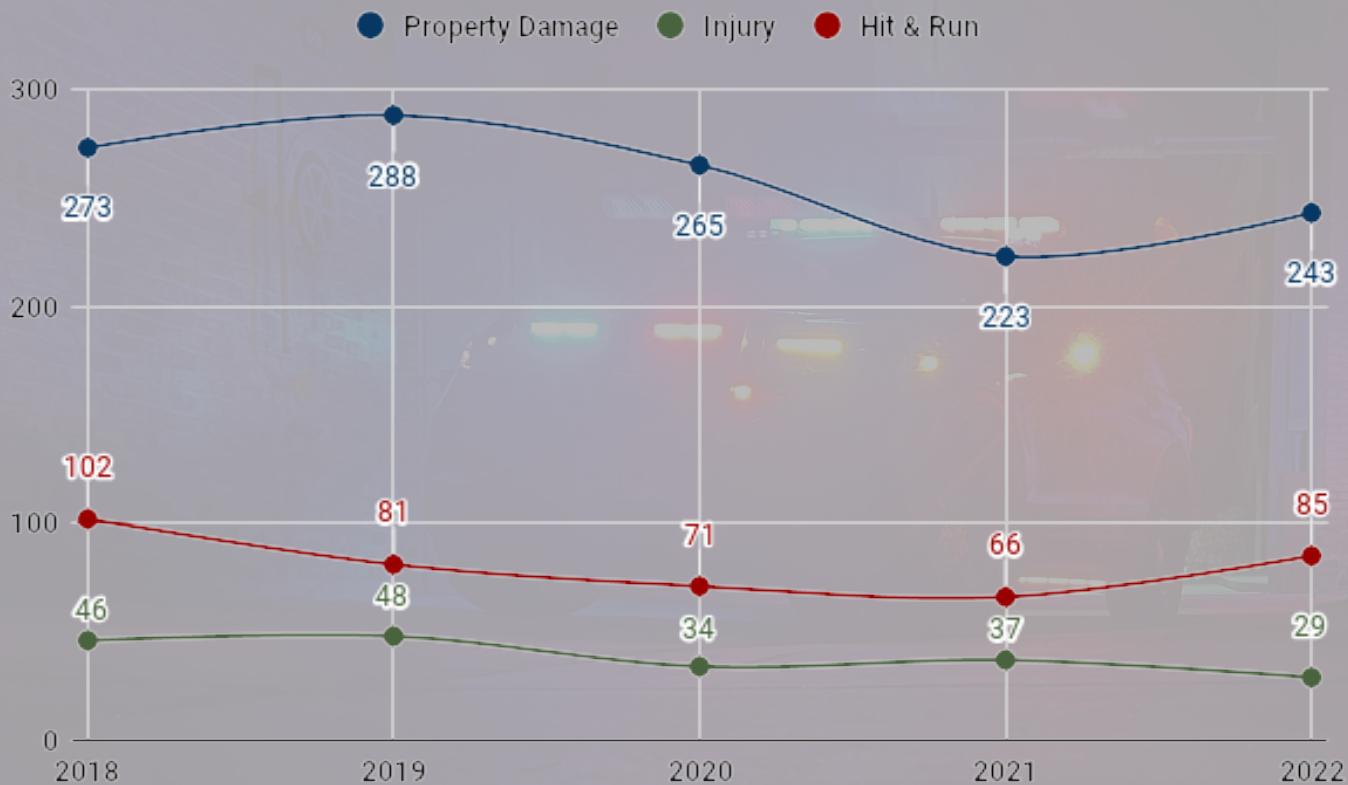








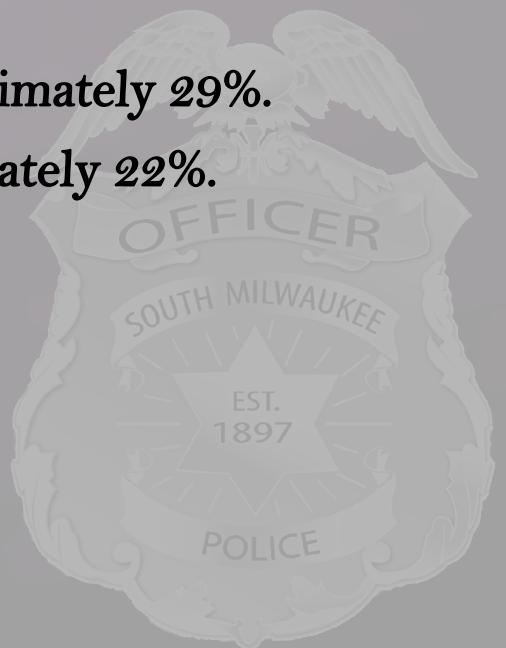
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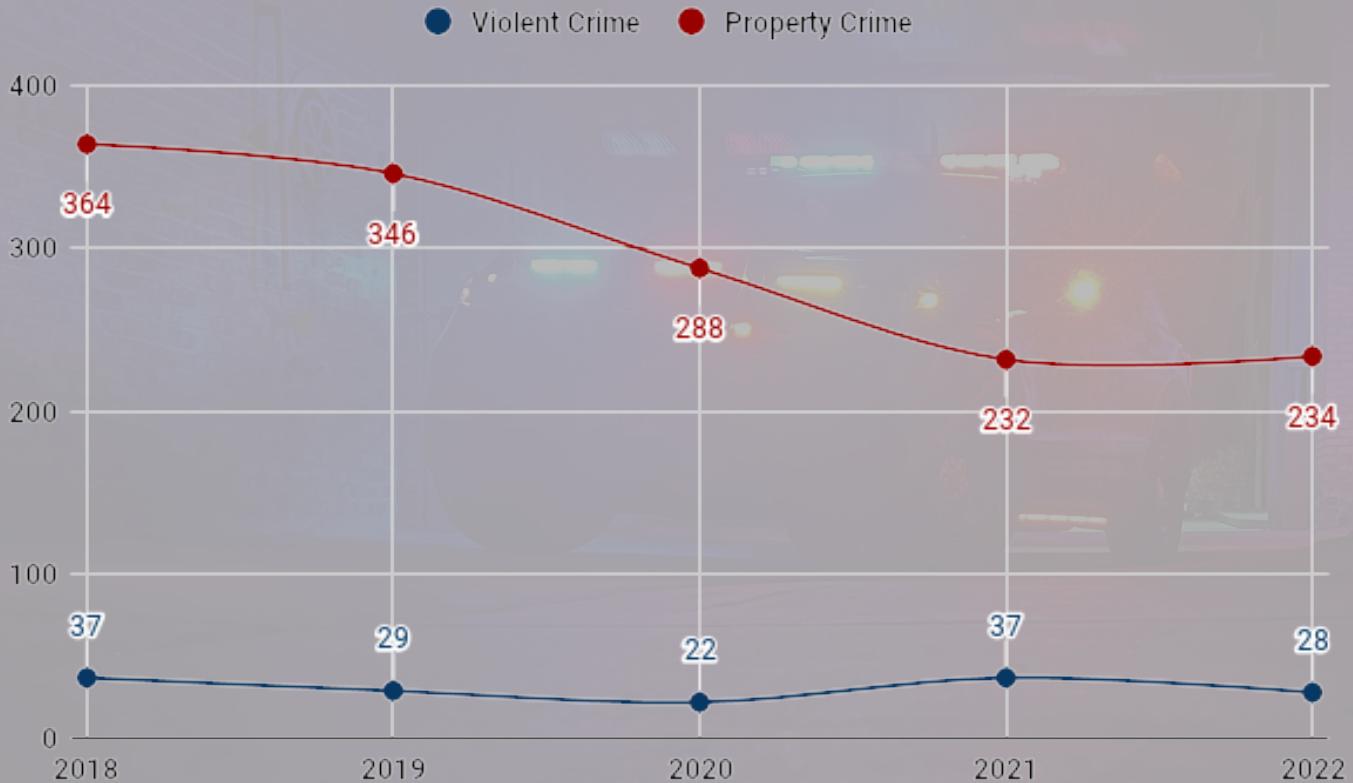
Traffic Crashes resulting in property damage were up approximately 9% in 2022.

Hit and Run incidents have increased approximately 29%.

Personal Injury Crashes decreased approximately 22%.



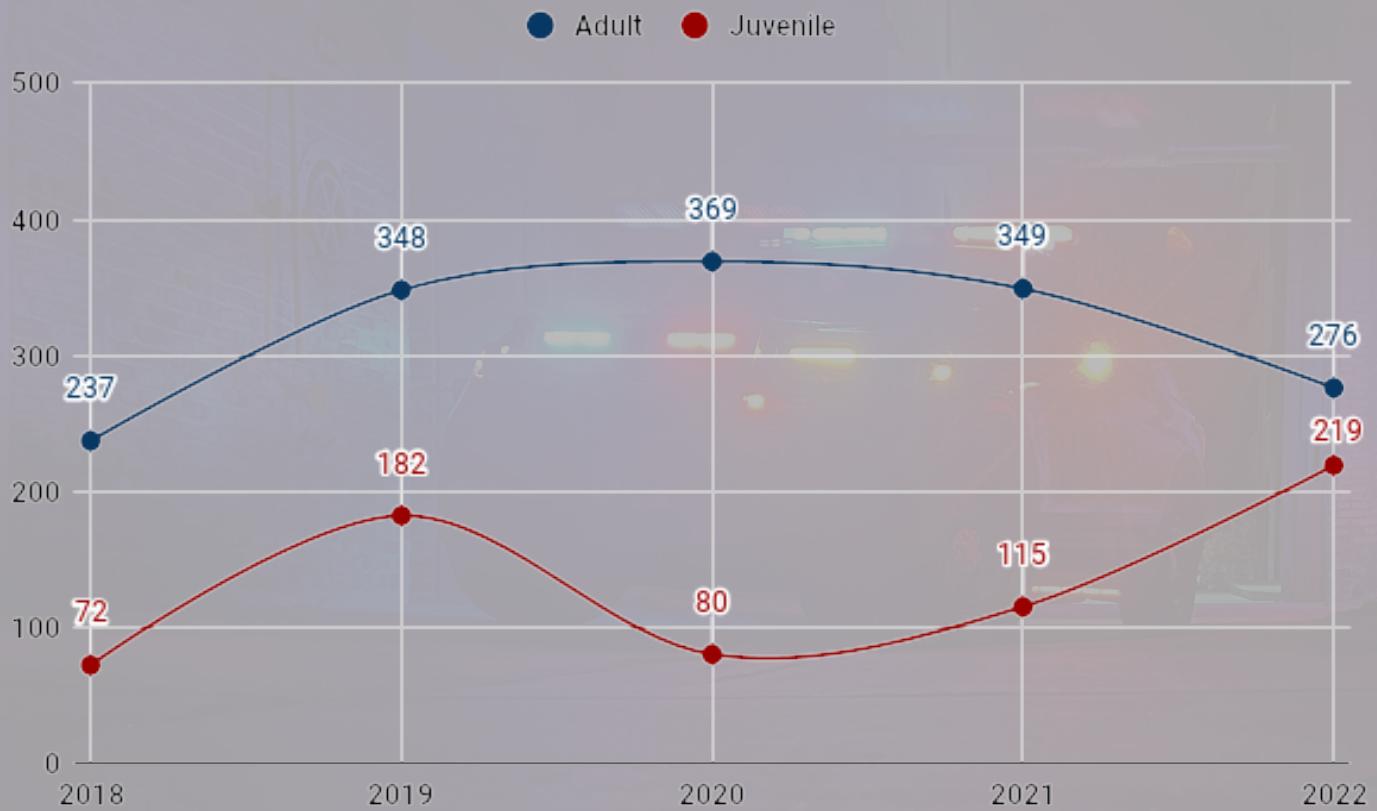
South Milwaukee 5-Year Crime Trends



In 2022, South Milwaukee experienced a 24% decrease in violent crimes. Property crimes showed a very slight increase (<1%).

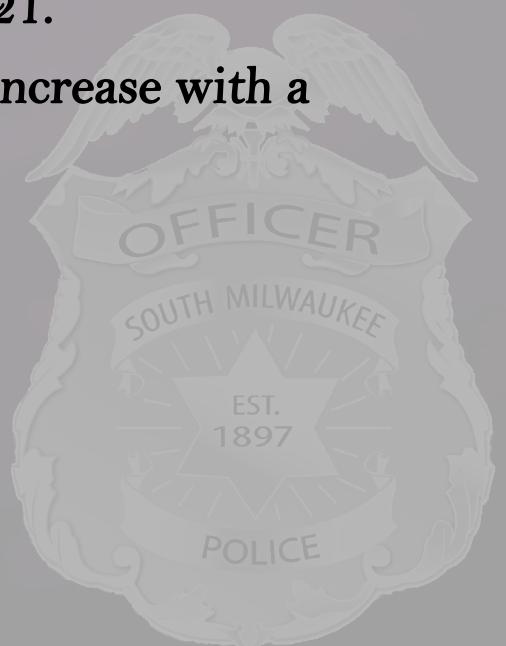


Arrest Statistics

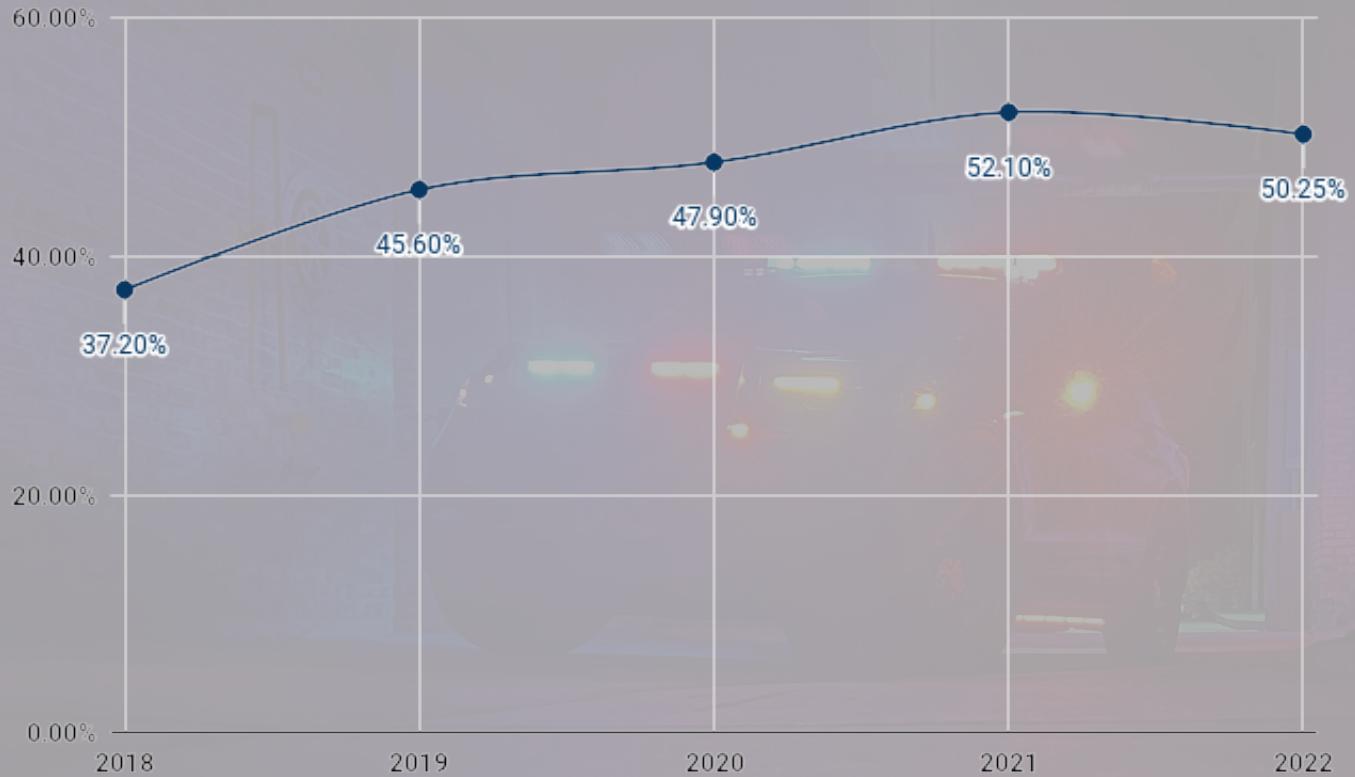


Adult arrests have decreased 21% from 2021.

Juvenile arrests have showed a very large increase with a 90% increase from 2021.



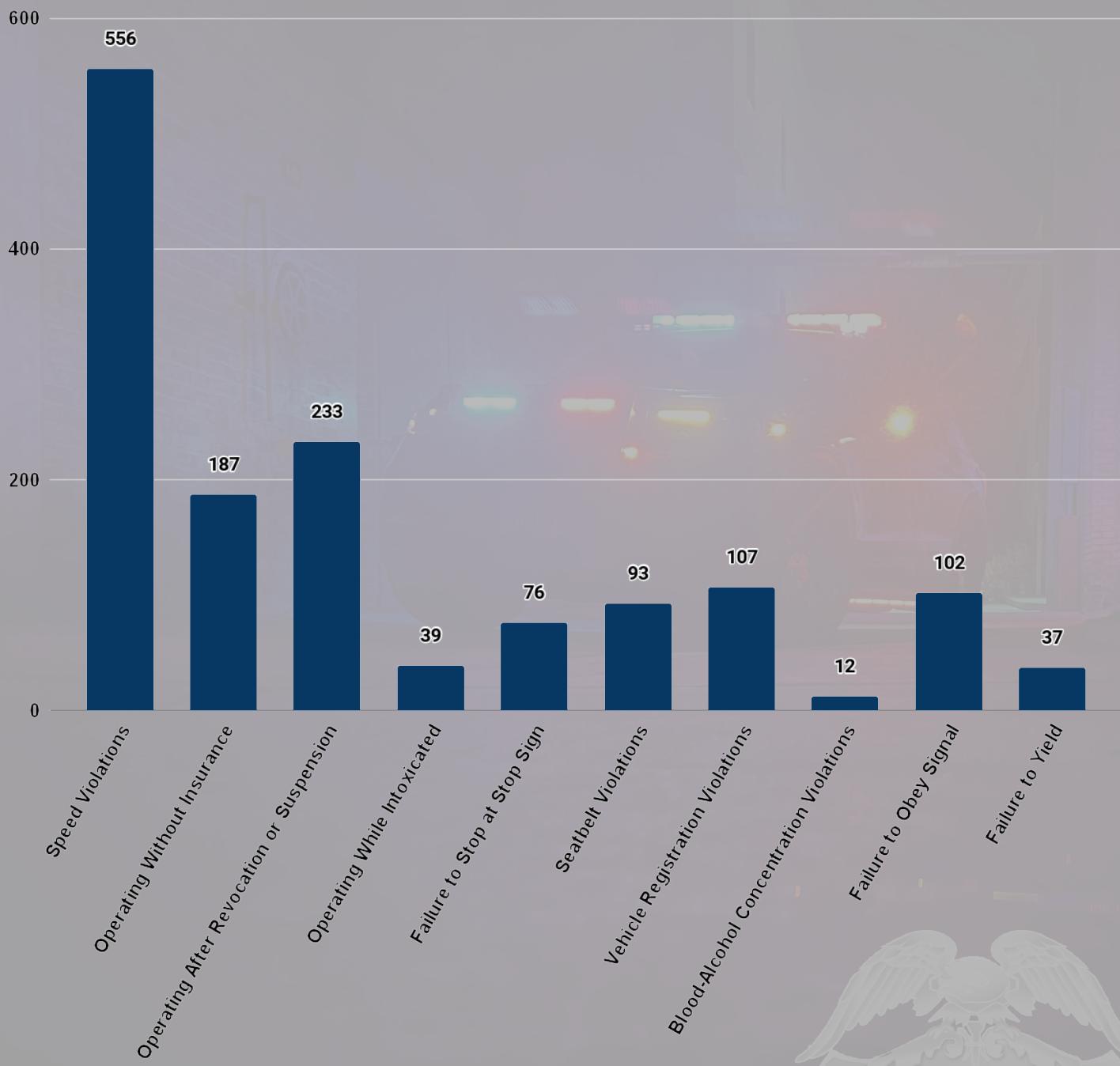
Clearance Rates



SMPD clearance rates remained very high with a 50.25% clearance rate.

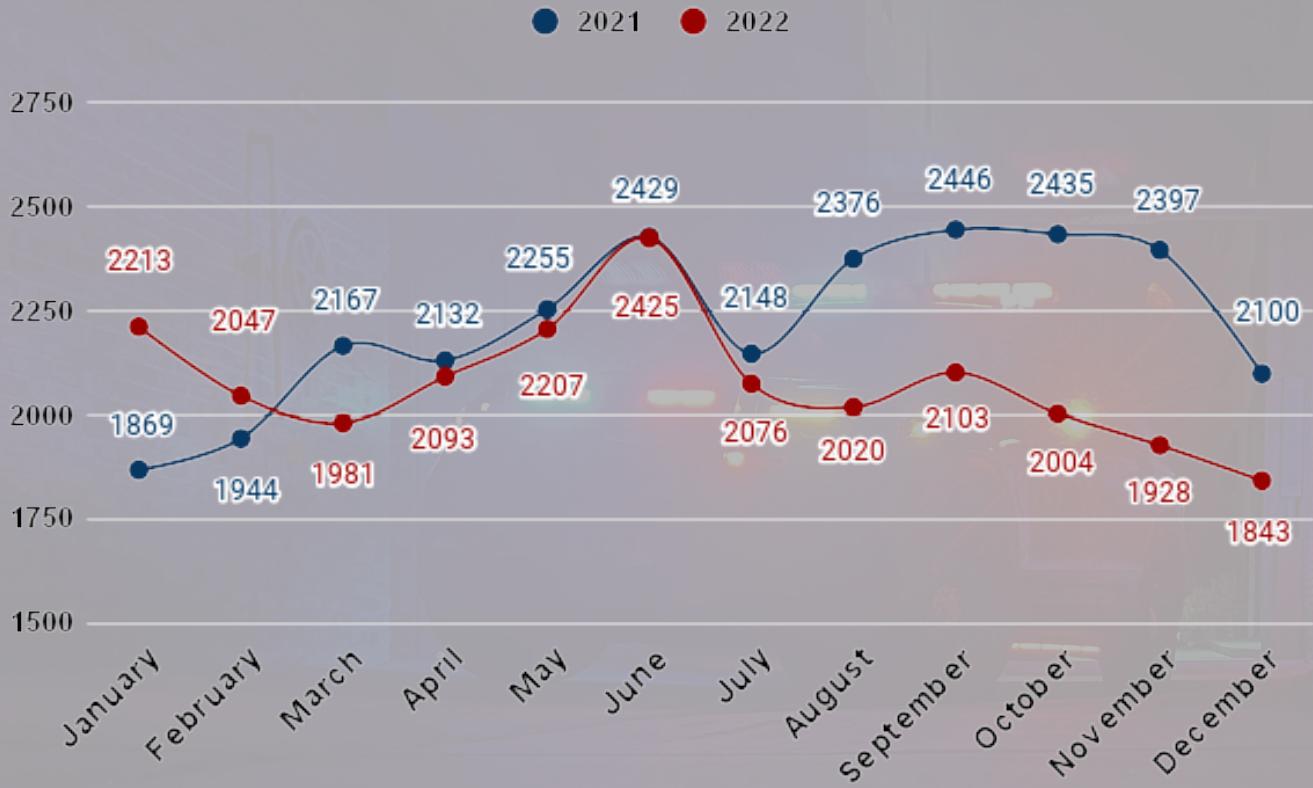


Traffic Citations



Officers use discretion with the issuance of traffic citations. In addition to written and verbal warnings, the above are some of the most common traffic citations issued.

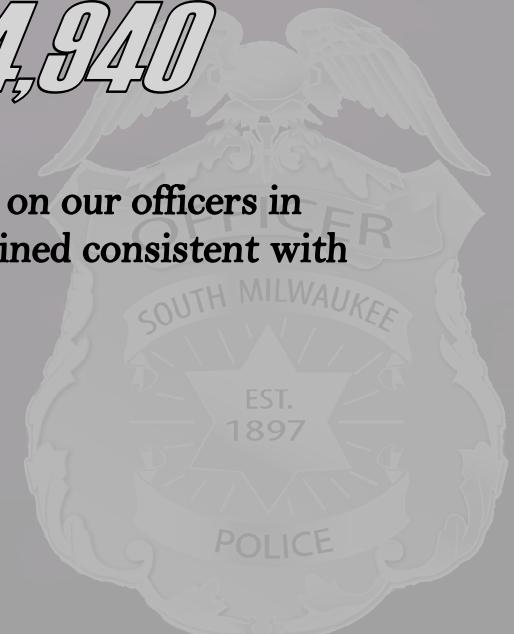
Calls for Service



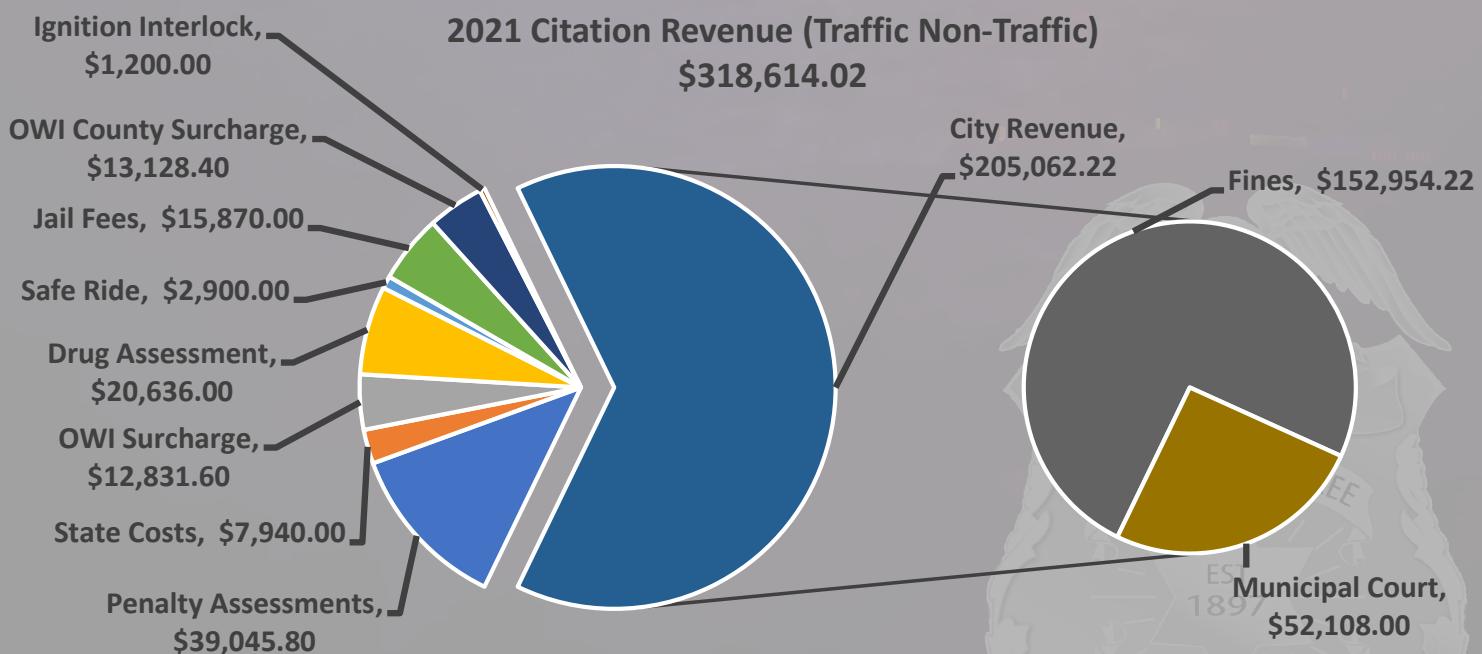
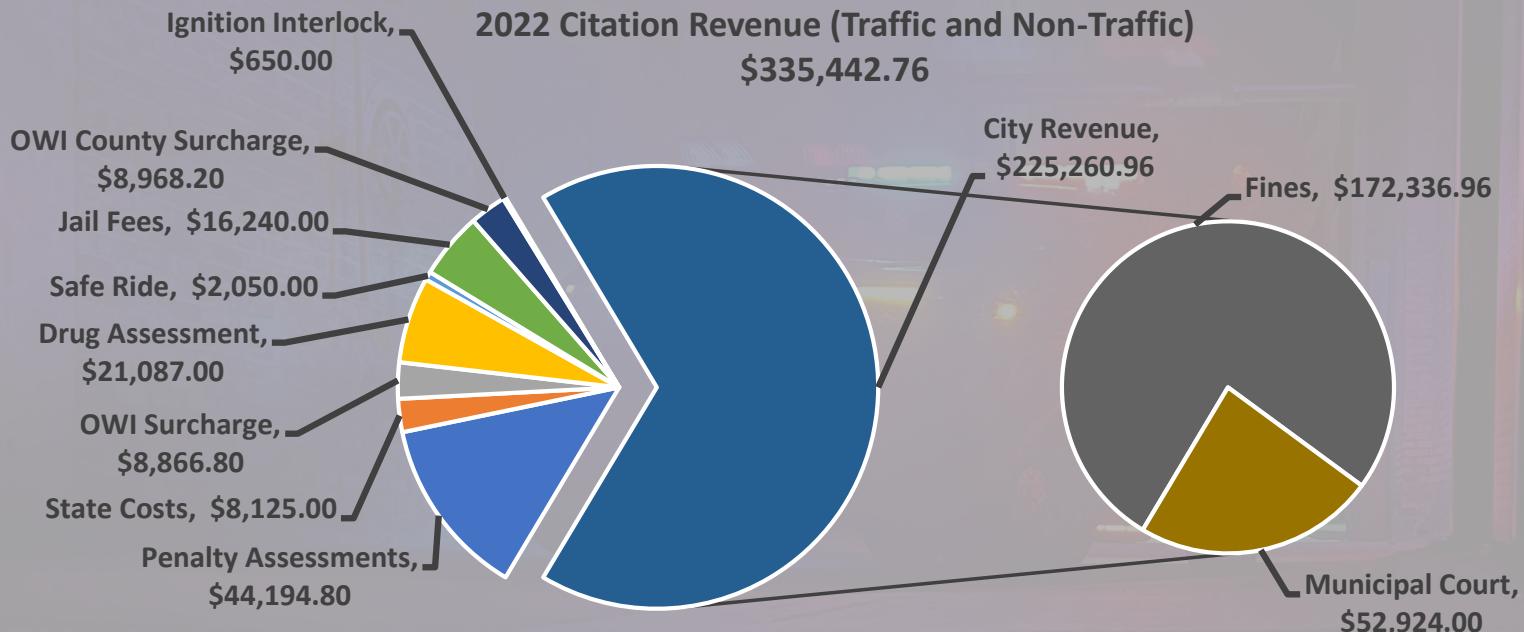
2021 Calls:
26,698

2022 Calls:
24,940

Summer months are typically the most demanding on our officers in regards to call volume. 2022 calls for service remained consistent with previous years.



Assessments Paid and Revenue Collected



The South Milwaukee Police Department Budget

\$4,887,840 \$4,870,016



2021

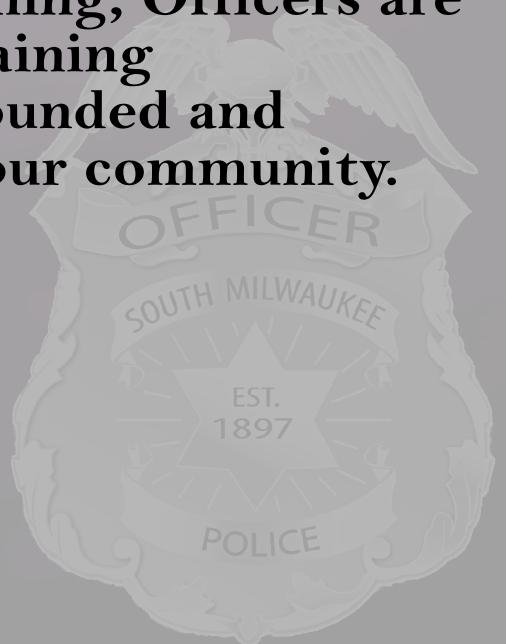
2022

	2021	2022
Salaries	\$2,669,950	\$2,731,235
Dispatchers	\$254,873	\$252,601
Custodial Wages	\$20,480	\$21,040
Fringe Benefits	\$1,420,518	\$1,357,121
Overtime	\$149,000	\$140,000
Comp Time	\$10,750	\$10,750
Holiday Pay	\$152,918	\$152,918
Physical Exams	\$2,850	\$2,850
Training Fees	\$14,550	\$14,550
Uniform	\$5,000	\$5,000
Allowances		
Conferences, etc	\$1,500	\$1,500
Operating Supplies & Expense	\$74,000	\$74,000
Narcotic Control	\$250	\$250
Private Ambulance Service	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues	\$1,600	\$1,600
Telephone	\$22,000	\$21,000
Heating Fuel	\$4,600	\$4,600
Maintenance of Office Equipment	\$14,000	\$14,000
Maintenance of Police Radios	\$13,000	\$14,000
Maintenance of Vehicles	\$55,000	\$50,000

SMPD Training



SMPD employees have completed over 2,944 hours of training in 2022. Training topics vary from Vehicle Contacts, Fair & Impartial Policing, Professional Communications, to Crisis Negotiation. In addition to SMPD in-service training, Officers are encouraged to apply for different training opportunities to make them more rounded and therefore more effective in serving our community.



Our Community



Officer Rodman shows off a squad car during Safety Days

Officer Feustel stops to take a photo with an aspiring fire fighter at Community Night Out



Our Community



Lt. Walker brushes up on his gift wrapping at Shop with a Cop

Officer Edwards supports a local small business and enjoys a refreshing lemonade at the same time



Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Unit responds to the diverse needs of our community in many ways, including organizing community policing events, conducting business and residential security surveys, assisting with neighborhood watch groups, and teaching civilian response to active shooter events (CRASE). In 2022, the Crime Prevention Unit organized SMPD's Community Night Out and Shop with a Cop. Crime Prevention Unit Officers also attended several other events, including LionsFest/Heritage Days, to engage with the citizens of the South Milwaukee Community.



South Shore Joint Tactical Unit



The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 32 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy police departments. This unit includes seven Crisis Negotiators, and three Snipers. By combining with the other two communities, we are able to pool our resources and training to develop an effective team.

The purpose of the unit is to serve search warrants and critical incidents, such as barricaded subjects and hostage situations. During 2022, the SSJTU served three search warrants.

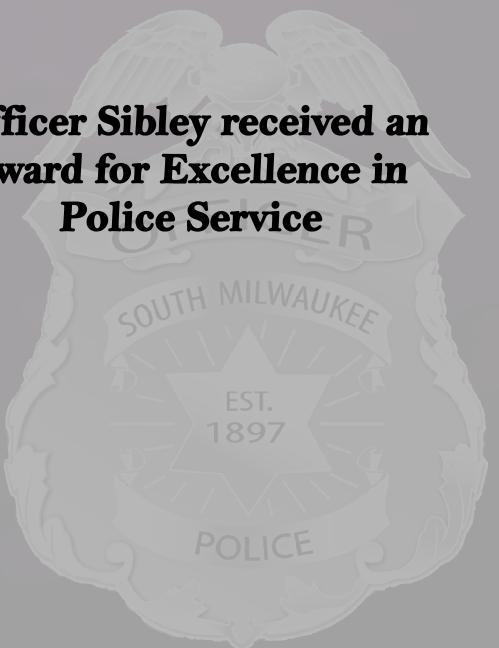


Awards

Officer Feustel and Officer Rodman received Lifesaving Awards



Officer Sibley received an award for Excellence in Police Service



Awards

Michael Vasudevan received a Citizen Recognition award for his heroic actions during a large residential fire



Alexandra Salisott accepted a Recognition award on behalf of the South Milwaukee Lions Club for their decades of partnership with the community

New Officers



Jakob Horsley graduated from South Milwaukee High School in 2015. He earned his Associates degree from MATC before joining SMPD. Officer Horsley enjoys spending time with his family and riding his motorcycle.



Officer Matthew Klecha (3rd from left) earned his Associates degree from MATC and enjoys powerlifting and fishing. Blake Reynolds (4th from left) spent 3 years in the Army before graduating from UW-Milwaukee. Officer Reynolds enjoys fishing in his free time.



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Officer James Rodman*

