2018 Annual Report

Fort Atkinson Police Department



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A FEW 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Operations**:
- Calls for Service increased by 306 from 10,226 in 2017 to 10,532 in 2018. As a result of these calls for service Officers wrote 1,846 reports which equals approximately 2 reports per shift per officer. This is in addition to traffic enforcement, accident investigations, community policing initiatives, random community patrol and other situations where officers are interacting with citizens in the community. Written reports are significant as they reflect time when officers are off the road completing required paperwork.
- Nuisance Abatement was a focus in 2018. We set a goal to address 50 properties that were a visual blight on neighborhoods in our community. Officers and CSOs were able to address and work with owners at 80 properties in 2018.

- **Prescription Medication Disposal**:
- Prescription Drug Drop Off resulted in the proper collection and disposal of 507 pounds of prescription medications in 2018.

- **Grants & Donations**:

- Jones Dairy Farm: Equipment Donation: Dynamic Entry Tools and a Ballistic Shied to help officers be safe and prepared. Crowd Control Safety Gear.

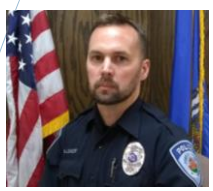
- Generals Baseball Equipment Donation: With donated funds the agency was able to update the officer uniform hat badge that was previously in service for over 20 years.

- US Department of Justice Ballistic Vest Grant: Match Grant that pays for half the purchase price of ballistic vests for our officers. 4 officers received vests in 2018.
- **Agency Web Site Fully Updated**: The agency web site was completed after year long updates. The web site includes operation information, Historical Information, Resource Links for our citizens and a number of pictures that showcase our employees and the great things they do in our community.

- **Fort PD Facebook reaches 3000 followers**: In just three years we have connected with 3000 community followers that stay in touch with our agency on Facebook. Consider joining our group to stay involved and in touch.

Personnel Changes For 2018

New Team Members



Officer Ben Lindsey was sworn in and joined our team in April 2018



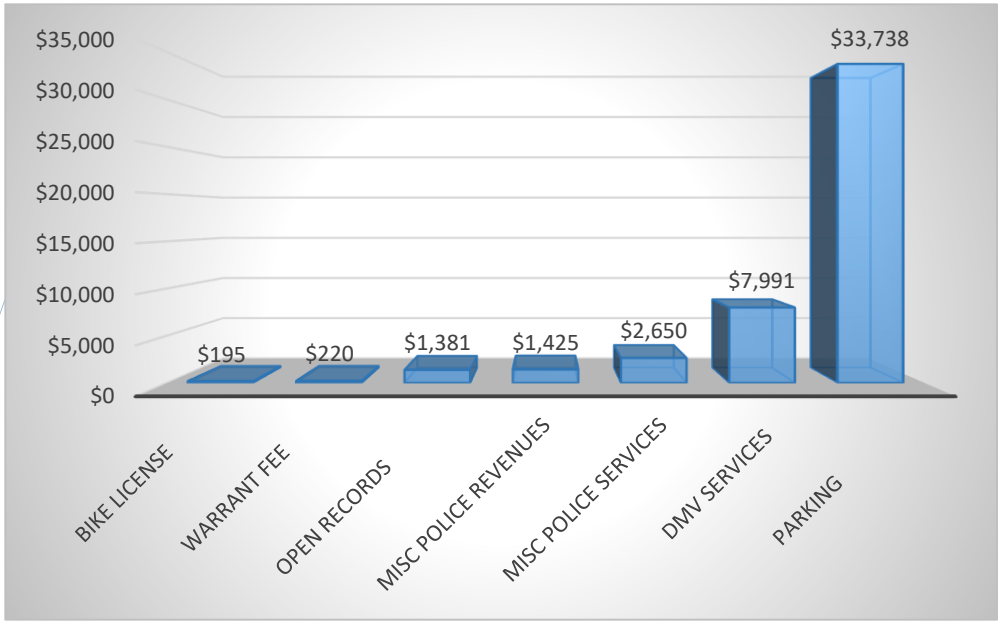
Officer Timothy Rue was sworn in and joined our team in July 2018



Officer Amelia Adsit was sworn in and joined our team in October 2018

Telecommunicator Barb York joined our team in August 2018

Revenues for 2018



Bike Licenses: We sold 39 licenses in 2018. This is 15 less licenses than we sold in 2017. Bike licensing is $5.00 per bike. ($195.00)

Warrant Fee: Anytime our agency helps clear another agencies warrant through arrest, the wanted person pays a $20.00 handling fee for that service. ($220.00)

Misc. Revenues: 2018 Misc. Revenues are funds raised for the Explorer Post from our Bike Auction and K9 T-Shirt fundraising sales. ($1,425.00)

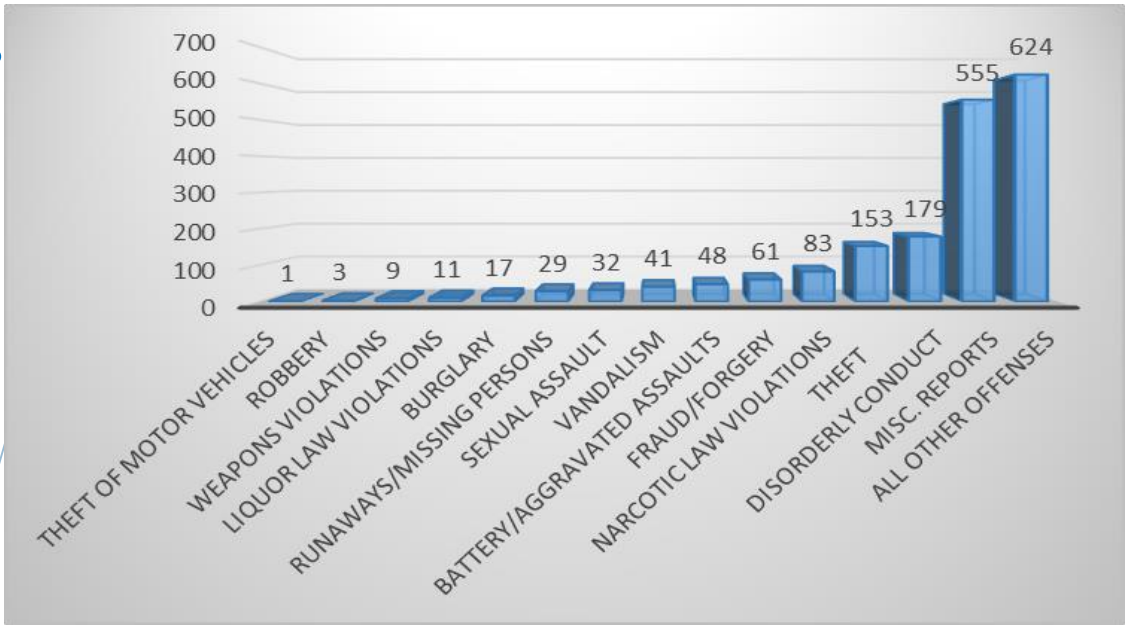
Open Records: Revenue generated to recoup costs associated with releasing open records. This may include copies of reports, pictures or video. ($1,381)

Misc. Police Services: These funds include fees collected for doing fingerprinting or administering PBT tests in the lobby for people who are required by the court to provide samples. ($2,650.00)

DMV Services: DMV related transactions. Renewal of registration plates and titles at our remote DMV authorized site. ($7,991.00)

Parking Tickets: Payments received from issued parking tickets generated from our community. ($33,738.00)

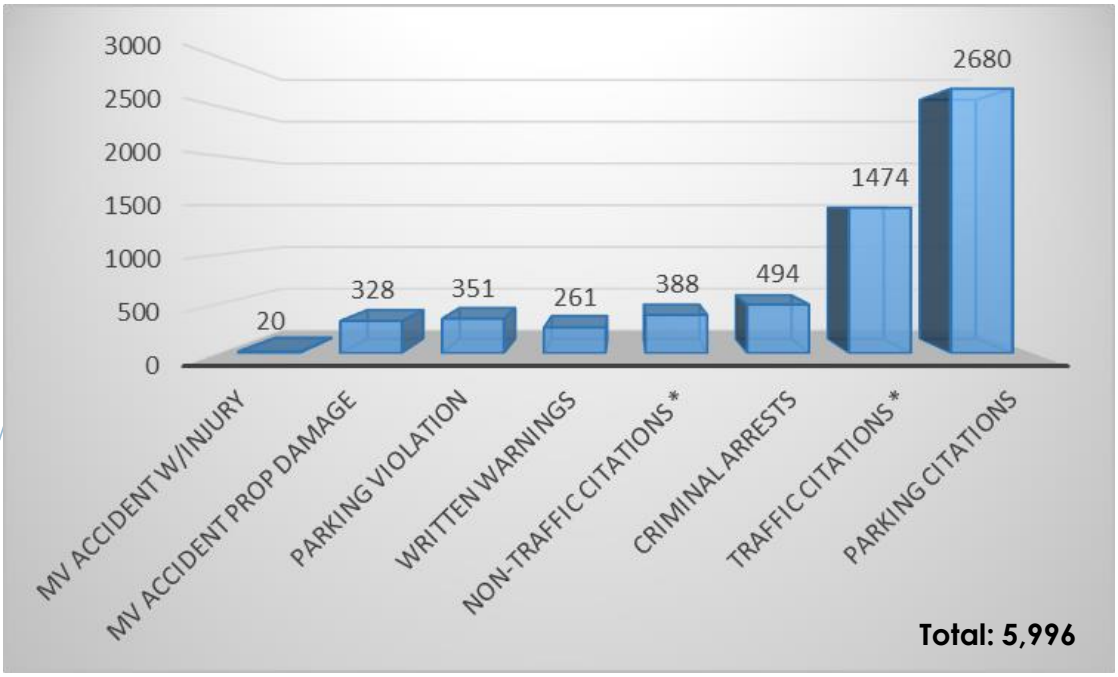
2018 Cases With Reports



Separate from traffic related activity, Officers were busy addressing and responding to offenses that include Disorderly Conduct (179), Theft Complaints (153) and the catch all categories off "All Other Offenses" (624) & Misc. Reports (555) which are a combination of the many other situations officers deal with to include emergency detentions, death investigations, Warrant Arrests, Medical Calls, Nuisance Complaints (80) and aiding outside agencies (18) to name a few.

Note: The above graph and numbers do not reflect every case handled or report an officer completed. In 2018 the Fort Atkinson Police Department logged 10,532 case numbers. Within these cases Officers documented and wrote initial reports, investigative follow-up reports and supplemental reports to primary officer reports. These reports are added into the department records keeping system and result in a significant amount of officer on-duty time. So although 10,532 case numbers were generated in 2018, officers actually wrote 1,846 written reports. With our below average officers per capita, this is a significant amount of output and case load per officer.

2018 Enforcement Activity



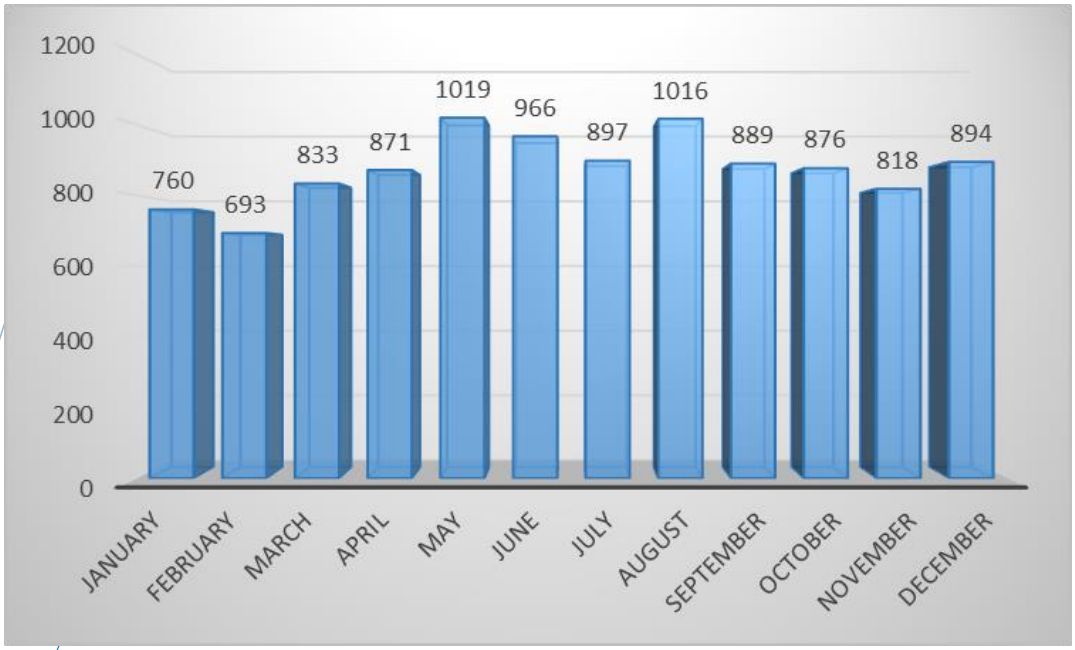
The total Enforcement Activities for 2018 was 5996. That is a slight increase in arrest and enforcement related activities compared to 2016 & 2017 (2016: 5009. 2017: 5830).

Traffic Contacts and Arrests make up a large portion of officer activity in our community. Often-times proactive traffic enforcement has a residual impact on nuisance crimes and property crimes through preventive contacts and presence deterrence. Traffic enforcement and the visibility in the community helps keep our community a safer place for people to live, work and visit.

Note: In the above graph, Parking Violations refer to complaints by citizens regarding issues related to parking that officers helped mediate or address. Parking Citations are actual citations issued to vehicles related to violations of the City's parking ordinances.

2018 Services by Month

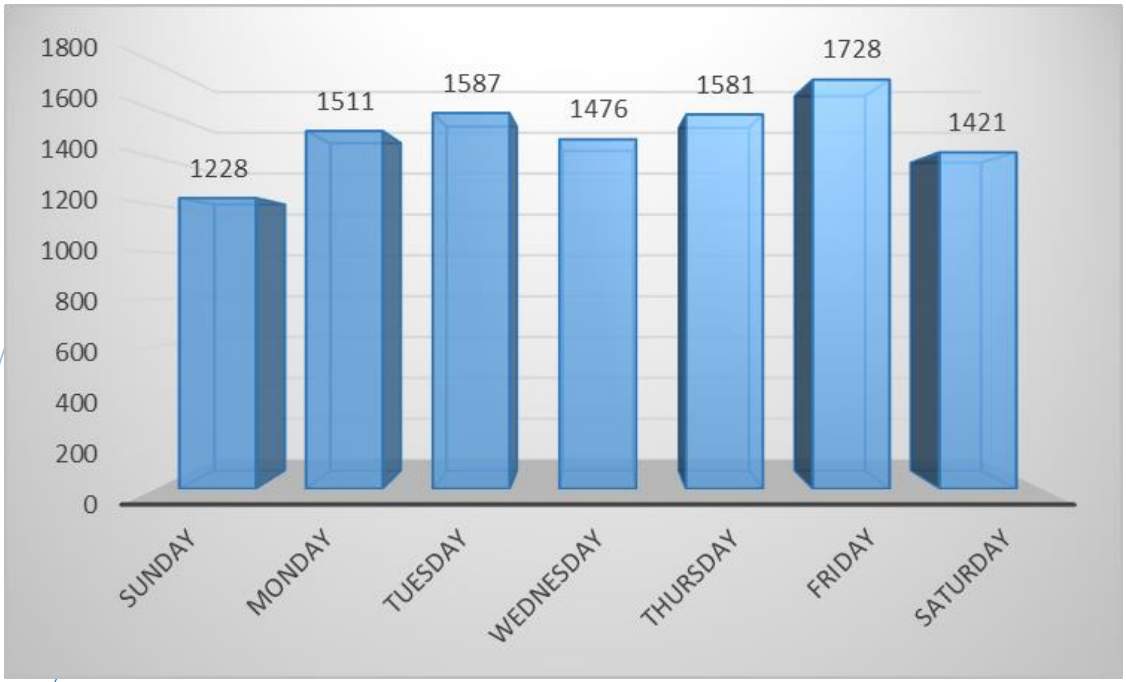
(10,532 Calls for Service)



"Calls for Service" and "Reports Taken" totals are not the same. The reason for this is that not every call for service results in a written report or generation of a case number. Services such as school safety checks, bar checks, field interviews, community policing activities, vacation home checks and parking citations are all services provided but not captured through the dispatched calls for service records.

A services distribution by month does not indicate any significant trends. The busy months continue to be in the spring and summer months when people are most active. Late winter and early spring months continue to see lower calls for service. This is a trend consistent with other agencies in the Mid-West.

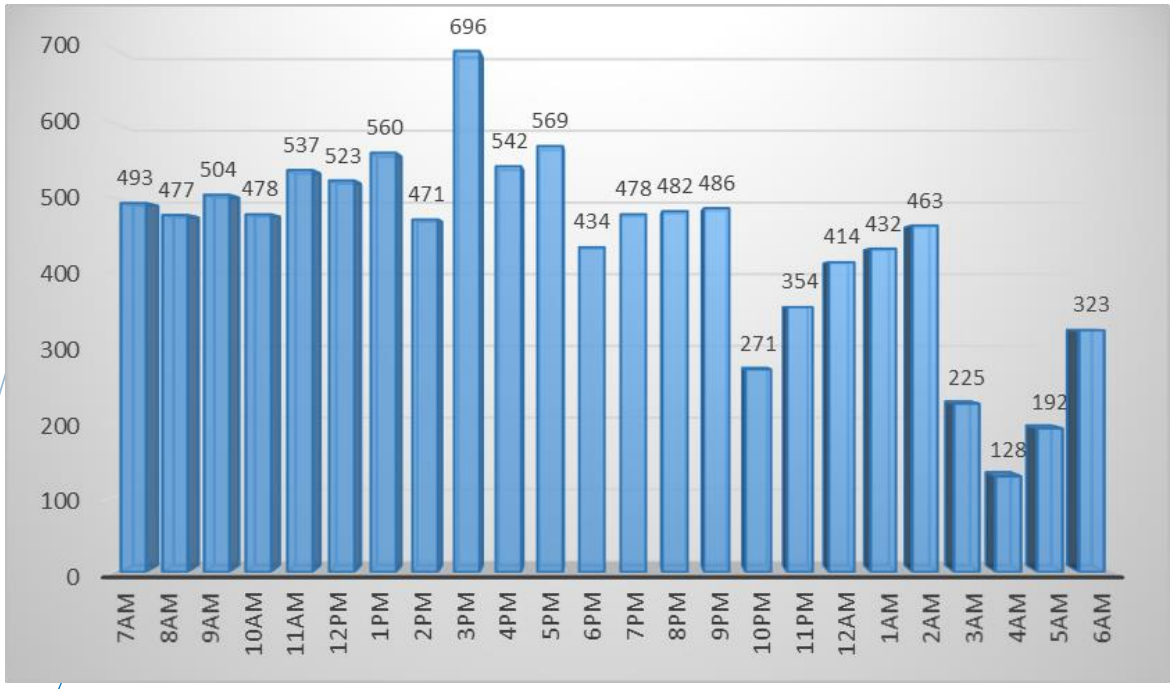
Days Of Week Comparison



The bar graph above shows the distribution of calls for service by the day of week for the entire year. The busiest day of the week is Friday with 1728 calls for service. The least busy day of the week is Sunday with only 1228 calls for service through the year.

The significance of this chart is that it allows the department to focus on days of the week where more visibility and presence is needed based on past call volume and needs. This will help focus resources on traditionally busier days of the week.

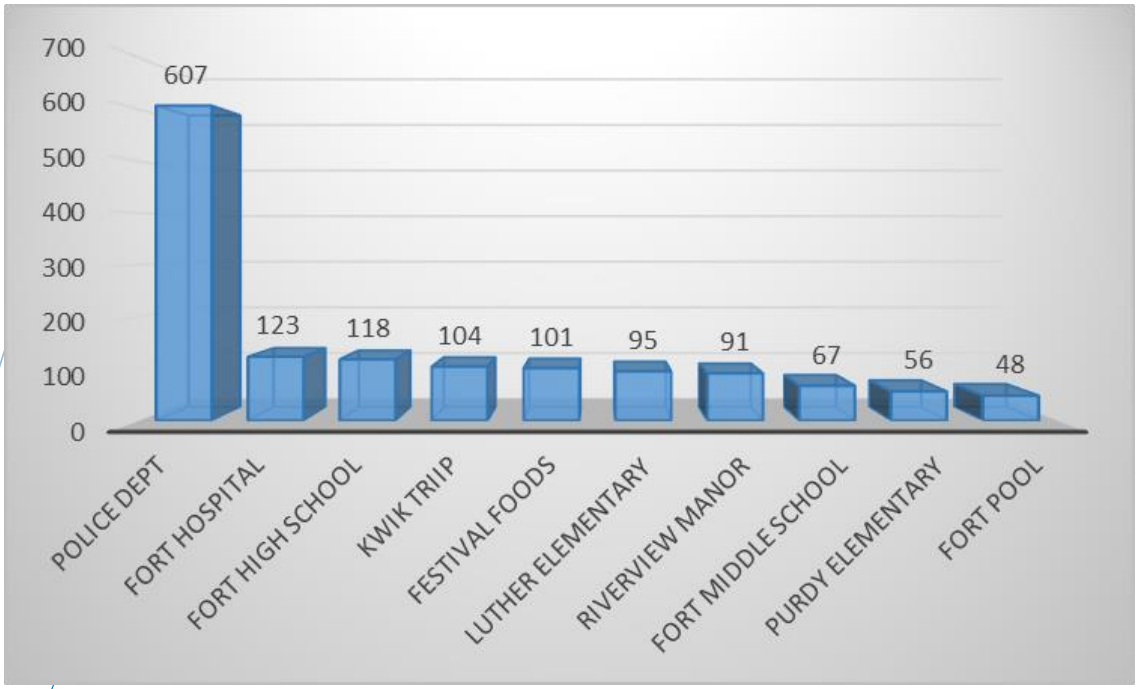
Dispatched Calls For Service
Time Of Day And Shift (10,532)



Dispatched calls for service increased 1% from 2017 to 2018. The peak times were from 9a-5p where we saw 4,880 calls for service. The 1st Shift saw the greatest volume of calls with 4,043, which represents 38% of the total calls for service during 2018. 2nd Shift was responsible for handling 3,958 calls or 37% of the total calls for service in 2018. The distribution of calls for service validates our distribution of police officers with the AM and PM overlap shifts. The AM overlap shift works from 10:45 AM to 6:45 PM and the PM overlap shift works from 6:45pm PM to 2:45 AM. This overlap provides the greatest amount of coverage at the needed times.

Comparing previous years data we are seeing a strong trend where 1st Shift is becoming increasingly more busy. This shows we have a very busy/active community during the business day.

Top 10 Calls for Service by Location



1410 Calls - 13% of our service calls

The "Calls for Service by Location" chart above lists the 10 locations that Fort Atkinson Police Officers were dispatched to most often in 2018. Below is a description of each location:

- 101 S. Water Street WI: Police Department (Walk-In Complaints)
- 611 Sherman Avenue East: Fort Memorial Hospital
- 925 Lexington Boulevard: Fort Atkinson High School
- 1565 Madison Avenue: Kwik Trip
- 328 Washington Street: Festival Foods
- 205 Park Street: Luther Elementary School
- 217 S Water St East: Riverview Manor
- 409 S High Street: Fort Atkinson Middle School
- 719 S Main St: Purdy Elementary School
- 1300 Lillian St: Fort Aquatic Center

Community Outreach Programs & Initiatives

Community Policing Team

RUN › HIDE › FIGHT
SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT

D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST DRUGS AND VIOLENCE.

FORT FLEET WATCH
THIS CITY EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATES WITH
LAW ENFORCEMENT



Fort Atkinson Police Department continues to build stronger involvement in the community. The goal is to build relationships in our community so we can work together to reduce crime. We want to empower citizens to stand up and stand beside law enforcement to help reduce crime in Fort Atkinson. In 2018 the agency was able to add Neighborhood Liaison Officer program. One more programs to help us maintain our strong community bond by being Community focused.

Our current programs and initiatives include the below programs:

DARE Read with an Officer Fort Fleet Watch Oops! Card Initiative

Run, Hide, Fight If You SEE Something SAY Something Bigs in Blue

Coffee with the Cops Packer Cards Program Neighborhood Liaison Officer

SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE
Property Exchange, Child Custody Exchange & On-Line Purchase Exchanges
24 HOUR MONITORING
Provided By:
FORT ATKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE FORT ATKINSON WISCONSIN
920-563-7777 or 911
ANONYMOUS TIP LINE: 920-563-7793

Fort Atkinson PD EXPLORERS Post #226

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

if you SEE something SAY something
Report suspicious activity to
FORT ATKINSON POLICE
920-563-7777
EMERGENCY: 911
TIP LINE: 920-563-7793

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2019 AND BEYOND…

- We will continue to proactively enforce our new Chronic Nuisance Ordinance to reduce calls for service at locations that drain community resources in Fort Atkinson.

- We will continue to support and market Crime Stoppers so our citizens can anonymously and effectively report crimes which will allow citizens to help the Police Department prevent, address, and solve crimes in Fort Atkinson.

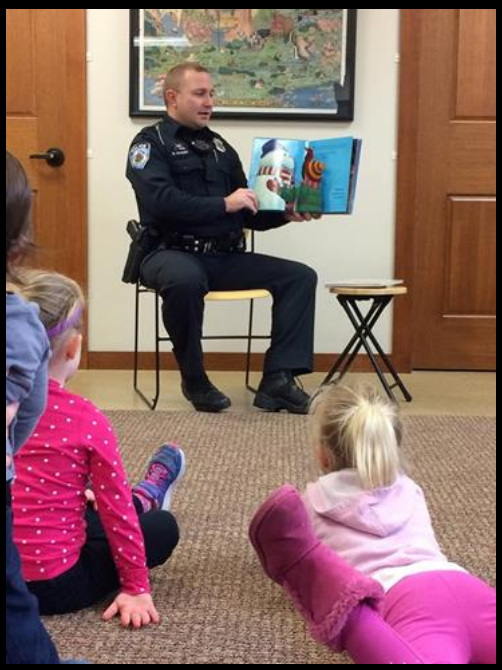
- We will continue to expand on our efforts to address illegal drugs in our community through enforcement and education.

- We will continue to pursue alternate means of funding to include grants, multi-jurisdictional opportunities, and collaborative efforts with community stakeholders.

- We will continue to proactively implement Crime Prevention initiatives and Community Policing Programs to ensure our city is safe and its citizens are prepared to help law enforcement prevent crime and improve the quality of life in Fort Atkinson.

- We will continue a proactive stance and help abate public nuisances within the city in an effort to assist city officials in their mission to maintain a beautiful City.











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