



## ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Racine Police Department  
**TRUSTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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# CORE VALUES

Integrity - Ethics - Professionalism - Leadership - Service - Diversity

## Vision Statement

To create a safe and secure environment where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

## Mission Statement

In our pursuit of creating an environment where people feel safe, we continue to embrace the community policing philosophy.

In partnership with the community, we will:

- Prevent and Deter Crime
- Enforce Laws
- Maintain Order & Safety
- Solve Problems
- Be Visible and Accessible





# CITY GOVERNANCE



JOHN DICKERT  
Mayor

## BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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## CITY OF RACINE COMMON COUNCIL

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District #8	Q.A. SHAKOOR		





## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

### *Serving with Honor*

On behalf of the sworn officers and civilian support staff members who collectively serve our community, it is once again my honor and privilege to share this annual progress report with the community. For an unprecedented fourth consecutive year, Part I Crime in the City of Racine dropped to a new low. After historic record-breaking reductions in 2013, 2014 and 2015, in 2016, Part I Crime in Racine dropped to the lowest level on record since Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics were introduced in 1965.

While encouraged by the multi-year downward trend and current historic low in Part I Crime, we are mindful that, behind the data and statistical summaries are real people whose lives are impacted by crime and disorder. For this reason, while we pause to acknowledge the significant progress made to date, we remain vigilant, as our mission remains a work in progress. We are mindful that additional work and new challenges remain ahead. Through the professionalism of the men and women who serve as sworn officers, and with the ongoing support of area residents, local businesses, elected officials, church organizations and others, we are well-positioned to meet the challenges ahead and the changing public safety needs of our community.

In pursuit of our goals, we continue to engage with our community partners in an intentional manner, cultivating meaningful strategic community partnerships to accomplish our core mission. One such partnership is the new COP in schools initiative, introduced to transfer the success of the COP philosophy from the neighborhood level to the school environment.

In addition to serving with honor in the field, our members continue to serve on local boards, coach youth sports programs, mentor RUSD students and more, promoting community service and demonstrating servant leadership in the process.

We look forward to working with our community partners to build upon our success to date.

**ART HOWELL** *Chief of Police*





### Deputy Chief John Polzin - Patrol Division

It is an honor to serve as Deputy Chief of the Patrol Division; working in the community where I was born and raised. The Patrol Division is the largest division within our agency, encompassing many shifts, units and teams, including; patrol officers, COP officers, traffic investigators, K-9 units, SWAT, Crowd Control Team and the Crisis Negotiations Team. All members of the division work collectively in cooperation with other divisions, local government, private partners and area residents to improve the quality of life and to provide a safe environment for the residents of our community.

Our vision statement as an agency is to: "create a safe and secure environment where residents enjoy a high quality of life." I would like to commend the men and women of the Racine Police Department Patrol Division for their continued commitment to the residents we serve. Their devotion to our community is revealed in the hard work and diligence demonstrated on a daily basis. As an agency, we recognize the importance of the support and commitment our citizens provide. We are grateful for the many community partners who share in our organizational success.



### Deputy Chief Mark Schulz - Support Services Division

It is an honor to serve as Commander of the Support Services Division. This Division is responsible for oversight of the Records, Court, and Evidence/Property Sections, Abandoned Vehicles, Technology, Radio Communications, Resource Department and Community Service Officer Section. The department's annual budget is also prepared under this Division, We also prepare grant applications and complete reporting requirements for state and federal grants awarded to the department.

In 2016, with the support of the City's Information Systems and Finance Departments, our Support Services team introduced on-line payment options for parking and municipal citations. This option provides a more convenient way for individuals to pay municipal and traffic citations. CSO Officers further responded to approximately 3,000 calls for service in 2016, capturing 1,232 stray animals, towing 1,107 abandoned vehicles, issuing approximately 308 Municipal Code Citations, and over 12,000 parking citations in the process.



# DIVISION COMMANDERS

## Deputy Chief Todd Schulz - Investigative Division

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Commander of the Investigative Division. This division includes General Investigations, the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and the Major Crimes Unit. SIU personnel oversee drug and gang investigations and human trafficking investigations. General Investigations personnel handle a broad range of investigations, including robberies, burglaries, white collar crime, assaults, thefts, domestic abuse, sexual assaults, crimes against children, missing person cases and other investigations. With the increase in opioid deaths nationwide in 2016, local detectives targeted trafficking suspects, resulting in the arrests of numerous individuals.

Also during 2016, Gang Unit personnel conducted a yearlong investigation into the Maniac Latin Disciple street gang. Maniac Latin Disciple gang members and their associates were involved in drug trafficking, robberies, money laundering and violent gang activity. A major round up was conducted in October of 2016, resulting in the arrest of thirty individuals on federal charges. Also in 2016, our Human Trafficking task force recovered (56) trafficking victims. The task force also initiated an investigation into labor trafficking as well.

I am proud to work with the members of the Investigative Division who served the Racine community with dignity, professionalism and compassion.



## Deputy Chief Charles Weitzel - Professional Standards Division

The Professional Standards Division is comprised of three units; Internal Affairs, Planning and Training, which collectively provide services vital to the Mission and Vision of the department. Internal Affairs Unit personnel oversee citizen complaints, compliance audits and disciplinary procedures. Training Unit staff members oversee the recruitment and field training of new recruits. Training Unit personnel also oversee annual in-service training as well as specialized training, ensuring that all officers maintain certifications for a wide range of state mandated training.

The Planning Lieutenant is responsible for coordinating a number of special events each year. The Planning Sergeant serves as the voice of the department as the Public Information Officer. In addition to communicating with the media on a daily basis, the Planning Sergeant manages the departments social media content, and reviews and updates policies and procedures that guide the department's operation. The members of the Professional Standards Division are committed to continuous improvement in order to meet the changing needs of the citizens we serve.







### Deputy Chief Al Days - New School Safety & Security Division

As one of the very first D.A.R.E. Officers to serve our community with the Racine Police Department, I am truly humbled and honored to finish my career in a position that allows me to once again serve the students of our community. In order for students to reach their full potential academically, athletically and socially, it is important that they are provided with a safe and secure environment where learning is not disrupted by crime and disorder.

As an extension of the community oriented/problem-solving policing philosophy, the new School Safety and Security Division was created in 2016. This division was added to the organizational chart to transfer the best practices from the successful neighborhood implementation of the COP philosophy to the school district.

Similar to the manner in which high crime neighborhoods were targeted for renewal in the early 1990s, RUSD High Schools (and some Middle Schools) will now have designated school-based COP officers working in schools on a proactive basis.

The student and staff population of the local school district is the size of some small cities. The public safety needs of this unique population are however quite different, requiring policing strategies that are unique in nature and tailor-made for the school environment. In order to meet the unique and changing needs of our student population, RUSD and RPD administrators collaborated to create the new School Safety and Security Division.

School-based COP officers operate much like neighborhood COP officers; doing so during school hours. On a daily basis, school-based COP officers identify and solve problems, building positive relationships with students in the process.

As I conclude a long career with the Racine Police Department, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who supported me throughout my career.

All the best to the new generation of officers, commanders and supervisors who will lead our organization to the next level.

Regards



# SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY



The year 2016 was a transformational period for school safety and security. Through a strategic partnership established between the Racine Police Department and the Racine Unified School District, a new School Safety & Security Division was created. Under this unique collaboration, our core public safety mission remained intact, with the addition of the following mutual goals:

- We will work in collaboration with RUSD officials to provide and maintain a safe, healthy and productive learning environment, where our officers serve as positive role models
- We will transfer the successful problem-solving Community Oriented Policing philosophy from the neighborhood level to the school environment
- We will build and cultivate positive relationships and interactions with the student body
- We will, where appropriate and productive, utilize alternative solutions to criminal sanctions

*The first initiative introduced under the new police/school partnership was the Students Talking it Over with Police (S.T.O.P.) Program. During this 8-week course, officers meet with students to educate them on the proper way to conduct themselves during traffic stops or other police encounters. During this exchange, officers learn from the students as well, building trust and respect in the process.*



# DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS



R.L. Woods



Art Rader

Greetings from the Chaplains,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve as Chaplains for the men and women of the Racine Police Department. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the sworn members who serve and protect our community, performing selfless acts worthy of the highest honor in the process.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the loved ones of those who serve, as family members regularly sacrifice quality time as their loved ones are called upon to keep watch over the citizens of our great city. The personal sacrifice officers make on a daily basis is appreciated, honored and saluted.

It is our prayer that all members of the law enforcement profession are protected as they confront the crime and disorder that threatens the safety, security and prosperity of the public. Through working collectively under the community policing philosophy, our beloved city on the lake will continue to grow healthy, prosperous and safe.

Blessings!

Chaplains Art Rader & R.L. Woods

## POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

Lord, I ask for courage...  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears  
Courage to take me where others will not go  
I ask for strength...  
Strength of body to protect others  
Strength of spirit to lead others  
I ask dedication...  
Dedication to my job to do it well  
Dedication to my community to keep it safe  
Give me, Lord, concern and compassion...  
Concern for all those who trust me and  
Compassion for those who need me  
And, please, Lord, through it all, be at my side



# SHIFT/UNIT COMMANDERS

Patrol Division



Lieutenant Steve Wagner  
1<sup>st</sup> Shift Patrol Commander



Lieutenant Mark Esch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Patrol Commander



Lieutenant William Macemon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Patrol Commander



Lieutenant Michael Smith  
COP Unit Commander

Professional Standards Division



Lieutenant Martin Pavilionis  
Training Unit



Lieutenant Richard Toeller  
Internal Affairs



Lieutenant David Wohlgenuth  
Planning

Investigative Division



Lieutenant James Zuehlke  
General Investigations Commander



Lieutenant Michael Polzin  
Special Investigations Commander



Lieutenant Kurt Maurer  
Technology

Support Services Division

# HONORABLE SERVICE RETIREMENTS 2016



Investigator Brent Hutchison  
Hired: 5/26/1992  
Retirement Date: 8/22/2016



Investigator Mark Sorensen  
Hired: 9/2/1986  
Retirement Date: 7/16/2016



Sergeant John Schneider  
Hired: 5/31/1994  
Retirement Date: 3/5/2016

## NEW HIRES

*Officer Dana Andersen*

*Officer Colin Powell*

*Officer Don Lewis*

*Officer Kathy Knudtson*

*Officer Jacob Mauer*

*Officer Bennett Thill*

## COP HOUSE OFFICERS

Richard V. Polzin COP Office  
*Officer Bryant Petersen*

Ernest & Bernice Styberg COP House  
*Officers Sarah Zupke & Chad Andersen*

William Wadewitz COP House  
*James Pettis/Jon LeGath*

Thelma Orr COP House  
*Officer Rob Ortiz/Geoffrey McClendon*

West 6<sup>th</sup> COP House  
*Officer Tim Cisler*

Robert Quintanilla COP House  
*Officer Jessie Shapiro*

## COP BEAT OFFICERS

*Officer Ted Batwinski*

*Officer Ryan Bodner*

*Officer Juan Garcia*

*Officer Craig Klepel*

*Officer Angelo Sackman*

*Officer Michael Seeger*

*Officer Rob Thillemann*



# 2016 PROMOTIONS



Charles Weitzel  
Promoted to Deputy Chief



Aldred Days  
Promoted to Deputy Chief



Richard Toeller  
Promoted to Lieutenant



Robert Thillemann  
Promoted to Sergeant



Hanns Freidel  
Promoted to Sergeant



Nicholas Contreras  
Promoted to Investigator



Sarah Zupke  
Promoted to Investigator



Joshua LaForge  
Promoted to Investigator



Kellen Gullifor  
Promoted to Traffic Investigator



# POLICE AWARDS 2016



## UNIT CITATION (2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Patrol)

Lieutenant Mark Esch  
Sergeant Ryan Comstock  
Sergeant Terrance Jones  
Sergeant Timothy Koetting  
Sergeant Michael Mahnke  
Sergeant Walter Powell  
Investigator Nicholas Contreras  
Investigator Joshua LaForge  
Traffic Investigator Kellen Gullifor  
Traffic Investigator Alfonso Nudo  
Officer Dana Andersen  
Officer Joshua Baclawski  
Officer Jennifer Ball  
Officer David Beal  
Officer Steven Beal  
Officer Elizabeth Boehrns  
Officer Buddy Buchanan  
Officer Christopher Carson  
Officer Dennis Cecchini  
Officer Douglas Cecchini  
Officer Timothy Cisler  
Officer Joshua Diederich  
Officer David Funderburk  
Officer Aaron Henry  
Officer Matthew Johnson  
Officer Jerome King  
Officer Kathy Knudtson  
Officer Sean Kras  
Officer Don Lewis  
Officer Thomas Lyle  
Officer Michael Lodygowski  
Officer William Lojeski  
Officer Daniel Neumann  
Officer Geoffrey McLendon  
Officer Sarah Nuttall  
Officer Kyle Owens  
Officer Gregg Pellegrino

Officer Colin Powell  
Officer Richard Prince  
Officer Jermaine Pumphrey  
Officer Jason Rich  
Officer Michael Riemer  
Officer Konner Scott  
Officer Jared Shortess  
Officer Andrew Simon  
Officer Richard Stettner  
Officer Daniel Tredo  
Officer Rachael Tredo  
Officer Aaron White  
Officer Matthias Zinnen

## LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer Ryan Bodnar  
Officer Richard Ropiak

## EXEMPLARY OFFICER AWARD

Lieutenant Michael Smith  
Officer Jason DeBruin  
Officer Juan Garcia  
Officer Stephan Jaskowiak  
Officer Bryant Petersen  
Officer Justin Schmidt-Quist  
Officer Michael Seeger

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

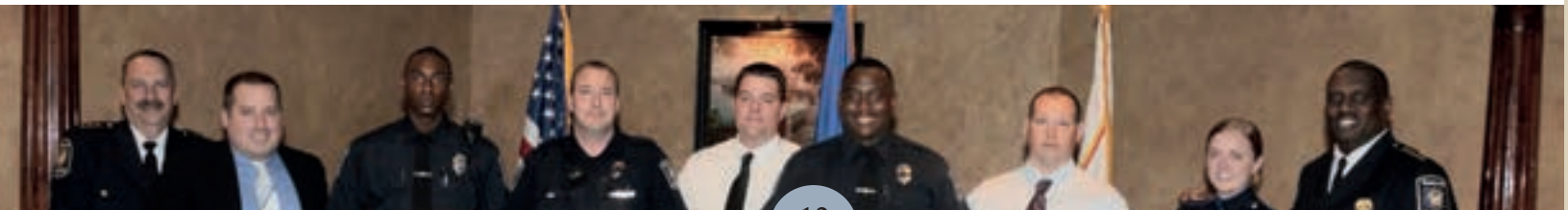
Sergeant John Pomeroy  
Sergeant Robert Thillemann  
Investigator Chad Stillman  
Traffic Investigator Kellen Gullifor  
Officer Dustin Biermann  
Officer Peter Boeck  
Officer William Burinda  
Officer Douglas Cecchini  
Officer Timothy Cisler  
Officer Matthew Johnson  
Officer Craig Klepel  
Officer Chad Melby  
Officer Jared Shortess  
Officer Donald Veselik

## OUTSTANDING POLICE SERVICE AWARD

Lieutenant William Macemon  
Lieutenant Kurt Maurer  
Investigator Mark Sorensen  
Officer Kristy Brietchaft  
Officer Christine Forsman  
Officer James Pettis



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# MLD INVESTIGATION

## Special Investigations Gang Unit



### CHIEF'S LEADERSHIP COMMENDATION

Lieutenant Michael Polzin  
Oversight of MLD Gang Investigation  
Drug and Gang Unit Leadership

### UNIT CITATION (GANG TASK FORCE)

Lieutenant Michael Polzin  
Special Agent Jack Felske (FBI)  
Special Agent Michael Sheen (FBI)  
Sergeant Jessie Metoyer  
Investigator Robert Christman (RCSO)  
Investigator Kevin Klinkhammer  
Investigator Daniel Langendorf  
Investigator Jessie Lewis (RCSO)  
Investigator Stephen Mueller  
Investigator David Rybarik  
Investigator Chad Stillman  
Officer John Studebaker (MPPD)  
Crime Analyst Woodeen Ziese

### COLD CASE AWARD

Investigator David Derks  
Assistant District Attorney  
Sharon Riek  
1994 Andre McKinstry  
Homicide Investigation

### CIVILIAN AWARD

Brenda Cushman  
Investigative Support  
Crime Analysis





## SHIFT LEVEL ACTIVITY/BURGLARY REDUCTION

Since being identified as one of the department's top-5 focus areas, burglary reduction continues to remain a high priority for all patrol shifts.

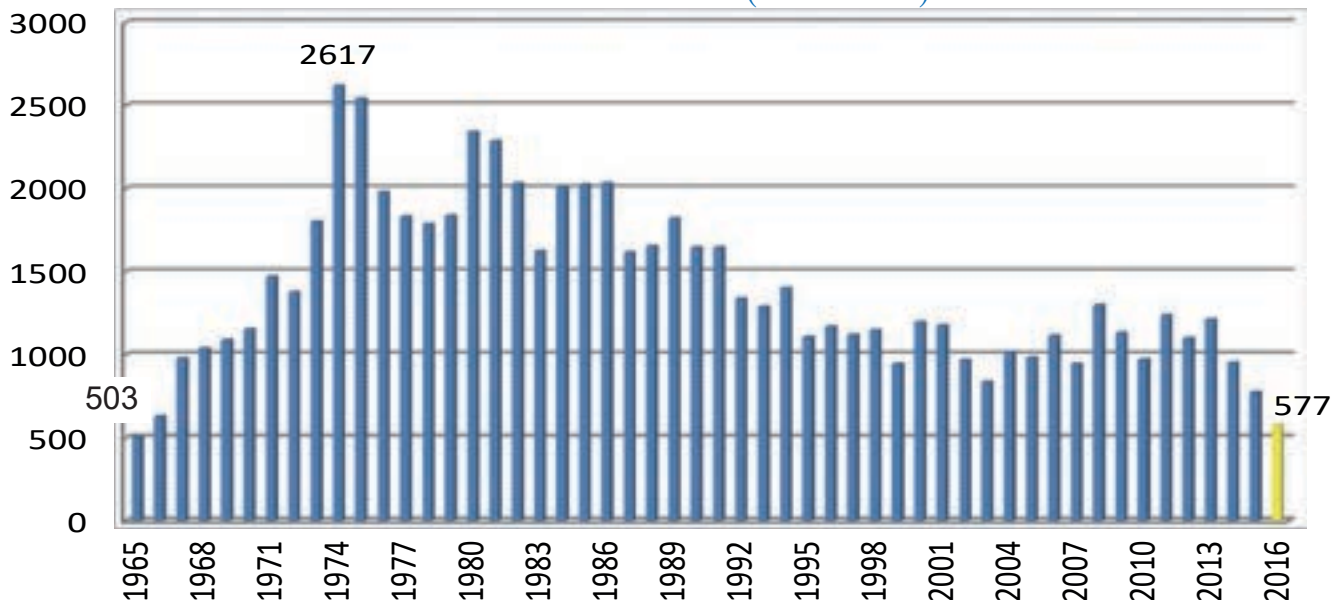
While the majority of burglaries occur during daylight hours, patrol officers from all three shifts and our burglary investigative team have worked together to contribute to the the significant reduction in burglaries. In 2016, burglaries reached the second lowest total on record since Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics were introduced in 1965. In 1974, burglaries reached an all-time high of 2617. In 2016, this number was reduced to 577, the lowest total on record since 1965 when 503 incidents were reported.

In 2016, third shift patrol officers continued the special assignment activity initiated in 2015, increasing investigatory field stops by 57 percent over 2015. Through focusing on proactive crime prevention strategies and order maintenance activities and through working in partnership with the community, a number of street-level crimes were prevented or reduced.

Initiated in 2013, the Tavern Enforcement Squad experienced its largest impact to date, with a 14% decrease in calls for service at taverns. Since its inception, this proactive initiative has achieved a 26 percent reduction in calls for service at local licensed establishments. Working in concert with responsible tavern owners and area residents, public safety has been significantly enhanced.

Overall, all patrol shifts work dilligently to create an environment where people feel safe and enjoy a high quality of life.

### BURGLARY DATA (1965-2016)





# K-9 UNIT



## OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST FRIEND

In support of the Patrol Division, General Investigations, and the Special Investigations (gang and drug) Units, K-9 Unit personnel responded to 3,291 calls for service in 2016. Due to the special capabilities of K-9 teams, they are regularly called upon to respond to burglaries in progress, robberies, open doors, alarms, narcotics in progress, fleeing suspects, wanted parties, and calls involving firearms and other weapons.

In connection to the many calls for service K-9 teams responded to in 2016, K-9 handlers conducted 528 searches of buildings, homes, vehicles, yards and fields. These searches resulted in 69 drug finds with multiple firearms being located. While performing an article search, K-9 Dozer located a firearm used in an attempted homicide case, a find that would have been significantly more difficult without K-9 assistance.

Through assisting officers in reaching peaceful conclusions under dangerous conditions, our department's K-9's increase officer safety and, by extension, our K-9 partners significantly enhance public safety.



## COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

Our Policing Philosophy at the Neighborhood Level

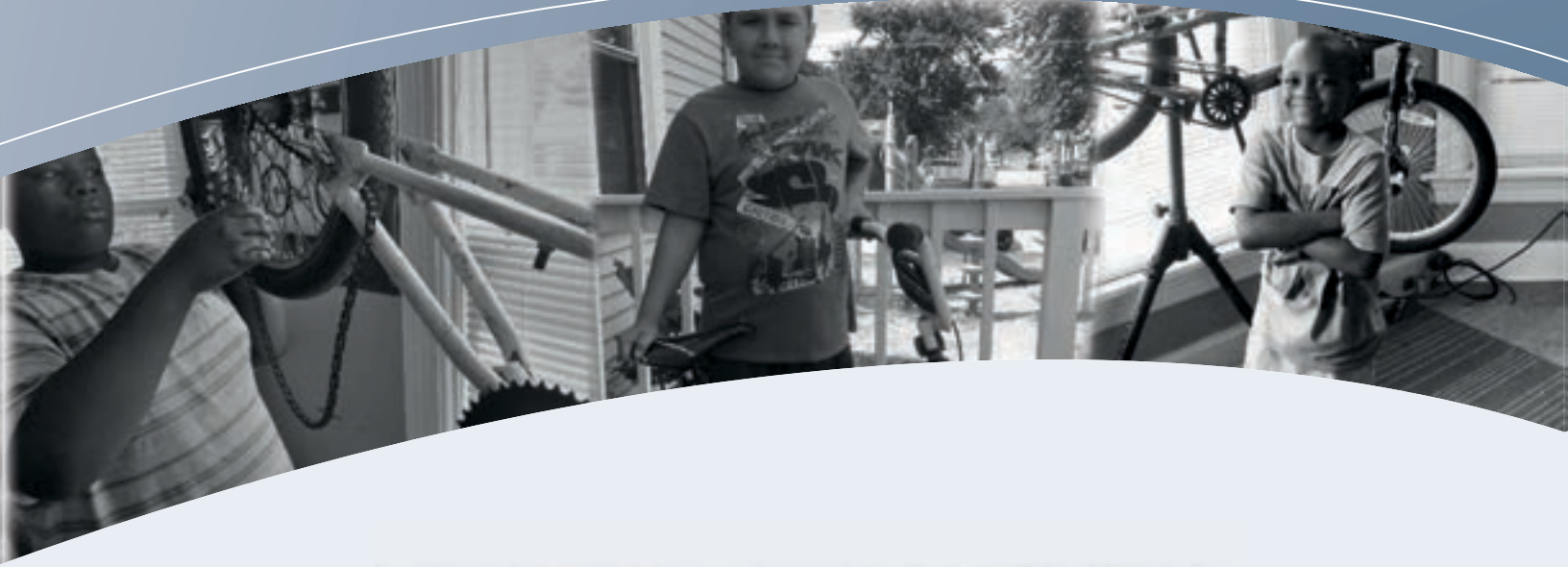
Community Policing in Racine remains an organizational philosophy, and not a policing strategy. In support of the overall goals, objectives and mission of the department, the officers assigned to the COP Unit contribute to the success of this philosophy on a daily basis.

Through the combined effort of the sworn members who serve our community, the Racine Police Department has received national recognition for the outcomes achieved under the community policing philosophy. In an era where law enforcement agencies across the nation are seeking to establish better police community relations, our department has become a model for what can be accomplished through the power of community partnerships and intentional community engagement.

In 2016, officers assigned to the COP Unit engaged in a great deal of teamwork, displaying integrity and leadership while carrying out their duties at the neighborhood level. In addition to addressing crime and disorder in designated COP neighborhoods, officers are instrumental in supporting a number of community engagement initiatives, including National Night Out, Juneteenth Day, Rotary Post Prom, Fourth Fest, First Fridays, and the Annual Cops N' Kids Fishing tournament to name a few.

At the neighborhood level, COP house officers continue to develop unique initiatives that meet the needs of specific communities. In 2016, West 6<sup>th</sup> Street COP Officer Tim Cisler continued to build on the long history of positive police-community relationships through engaging with area youth on a personal level. From a special outing to East Troy to learn about hunting safety, to the in-house bicycle repair shop where area youth learn how to repair their own bicycles, Officer Cisler and other members of the COP Unit are building trust and improving the quality of life for area residents.





## WEST 6<sup>th</sup> STREET COP HOUSE

Neighborhood COP Officer Tim Cisler







## HONOR WALL & LOBBY MUSEUM PROJECT

After the successful completion of the department's "Legacy Book" publication, featuring the organizational history of the Racine Police Department, the historical museum project was launched in 2016. After months of planning, the new museum and Honor Wall project (located in the lobby of the Safety Building) is now complete.

Thanks to a generous donation from SC Johnson, a Family Company, our Fallen Officer Memorial was upgraded from a small modest display to a new ten foot tall Honor Wall that pays tribute to those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our community. Additionally, the small police historical display case previously located in the main lobby was upgraded to a multi-section museum quality exhibit. Through photos, videos and a number of historical items, the rich history of our organization is now on full public display for years to come.

Special thanks to our corporate and community partners whose donations made this special project possible!



# PRESERVING OUR ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

New Honor Wall & Police Museum



## Historical Museum Committee Members

Lieutenant William Macemon  
Chairperson

Chief Art Howell  
Lieutenant Kurt Maurer  
Investigator Mark Sorensen  
Officer Chris Forsman  
Officer James Pettis  
Officer Kristy Brietchaft

## Museum Donors

SC Johnson  
The Johnson Foundation  
Butter Buds  
Paul Rohland  
Liz & Patrick Powell  
Connie & John Shannon  
Marge & Jim Kozina



## OUR COMMUNITY



## BACKS THE BADGE

The year 2016 was a particularly difficult year for the law enforcement community with the tragic deaths of five officers in Dallas, Texas and three officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There were 135 line of duty deaths in 2016, the highest number recorded in 5 years.

In an effort to boost the morale of local officers in the aftermath of these tragic events, a group of police spouses initiated the "Adopt-A-Cop" officer appreciation initiative. Within a short period of time after launching this effort, the community responded in a meaningful way, adopting and providing every officer on the department with special personal gift baskets. What a great morale boost for our sworn members!

Equally significant was the special gifts made for officers by 8-year old Marcelino McKinney and his brother Michael McAllister. The two brothers created special crosses and blue and black wrist bands to honor and show support for local officers. To show their appreciation, several officers took the brothers out for pizza.

As demonstrated by these random acts of kindness, our community truly backs the badge.

## CROSSES FOR COPS







ADOPT-A-COP APPRECIATION INITIATIVE





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Convoy of Hope Community Service Collaborative

The Convoy of Hope event is a national initiative where area residents assemble to serve and to make a difference within their community. Through establishing partnerships between local church organizations, the business community, healthcare providers, and other community resources, the Convoy of Hope is designed to meet the needs of many within the community.

During this 1-day event, families are provided with information on employment and career opportunities, no cost medical services and health screenings, back to school hair cuts, family portraits, spiritual support and more. This all-volunteer event brings communities together to strengthen families and to improve the quality of life for all area residents.

The 2016 event was held on the grounds of Walden III school and in the adjoining Franklin Park, and this event served hundreds of area residents.

Special thanks to Danny D'Acquisto (mission director, Grace Baptist Church) for his leadership in bringing this event to Racine. Also, special recognition is in order for Officer TJ Bodnar (volunteer security coordinator for this event), Officers Tom and Ryan Bodnar, and the complement of other officers, investigators and commanders who volunteered their personal time in uniform to ensure the safety and security for all in attendance. Thanks to all of our community partners who made this event possible!





# CONVOY OF HOPE® 2016

September 17, 2016

## Convoy of Hope Volunteers

Lieutenant William Macemon  
Lieutenant Richard Toeller  
Investigator James Pettis  
Investigator Sarah Zupke  
Officer Chad Andersen  
Officer Theodore Bodnar  
Officer Thomas Bodnar  
Officer Ryan Bodnar  
Officer Pete Boeck  
Officer Joseph Burinda  
Officer Thomas DeBaker  
Officer Geoffrey McLendon  
Officer Kyle Owens  
Officer Kevin Sell





## FIGHT TO END EXPLOITATION



Through the leadership of the Racine Dominicans, in late 2012, the issue of human trafficking was brought to the forefront of our local consciousness. With the support of the Dominican Sisters, a small community awareness meeting quickly evolved into a community-wide movement in the fight against human trafficking.

In 2013, the Racine Coalition Against Human Trafficking (RCAHT), a group of volunteers led by Karri Hemmig, was founded to support the Racine Police Department in the fight against human trafficking.

Through a generous startup grant from the Racine Community Foundation, the RCAHT has assisted over 150 victims locally (56 victims in 2016). Working with various community partners including, but not limited to sexual assault services, SANE nurses, counselors, hospitals, USAO, legal advocates, school districts, churches and Crime Stoppers of Racine County, Inc., significant progress in the fight to end human trafficking has been achieved. Additional work remains ahead.

In order to assist law enforcement in the fight against sex and labor trafficking in Racine County and beyond, in early 2016, the RCAHT became FIGHT TO END EXPLOITATION.

To our community partners and to the Dominican Sisters, THANK YOU for your support and leadership in the fight against human trafficking!



# VOICES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Bought & Sold: Traveling Art Display In Racine

May 7, - May 25, 2016





# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Beginning in 1995 and continuing each year since, the officer members of the Racine Police Athletic Association (RPAA) have engaged in a number of activities to build and foster positive relationships with area youth. The following are just a sampling of the various youth engagement strategies:

- Cops N' Kids Fishing Tournament
- Police Pals Mentoring Program
- Shop with a Cop Christmas Outing
- Polzin COP Office Boys Group
- Golden Touch RPAA Boxing Club
- Police Pals Recording Studio
- School Backpack Project
- Squad Car Book Program
- Peace on the Streets Community Event







Cops N' Kids Book Event



## Shop With A Cop 2016



## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Becky Von Haden

The mission of the Racine Police Department is supported by many. From frontline officers and police administrators, to civilian support staff, to citizens at the neighborhood level, our organizational success is achieved through shared vision and teamwork.

One member of our dedicated team is Becky Von Haden. Becky serves as one of two property clerks responsible for managing the large volume of evidence booked into the property management system annually.

When not working hard in the property room, Becky enjoys spending time gardening and enjoying nature. In an effort to brighten-up the workplace environment, Becky decided to plant a small garden near the 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance of the Safety Building. What started as a modest project grew into something much larger, as other members of our public safety family were inspired to support this project as well.

The centerpiece of the garden is a handcrafted "Thin Blue Line" Honor Sign crafted from re-purposed pallet materials by Becky and her husband. An American flag adorns this display, as well as decorative stones that pay tribute to our military personnel and local first responders.

Special thanks to Becky for your leadership on this project. Also, thanks to veteran Officer Don Veselik for your military service to our country and for your contribution to the garden (U.S. Marines stone). Also, thanks to our firefighting neighbors for donating the new hose to keep this garden healthy for years to come!





## HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS & MILITARY PERSONNEL





# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

## Parking Citations

	2016	2015	% Change
Meter Violations	12	47	-74%
Overtime Parking	0	8	-100%
No Parking Area	225	331	-32%
Loading Zone Area	17	124	-86%
Street Storage	30,395	25,871	17%
Parking Prohibited	496	372	33%
Restricted Parking	104	138	-25%
Improper Parking	720	1,576	-54%
Abandoned Vehicles	1,366	1,134	20%
Winter/Snow Violations	333	27	1,133%
School Zone Violations	22	16	38%
Tow Away Zone	83	117	-29%
Misc. Violations	348	374	-7%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,121</b>	<b>30,135</b>	<b>13%</b>

## Uniform Traffic Citations

	2016	2015	% Change
Vehicle Registration Violations	1,607	2,073	-22%
Operators License Violations	6,029	5,600	8%
Improper Lane Usage	462	382	21%
Right of Way - (FYRW)	390	404	-3%
Right of Way-Pedestrian (FYRW)	43	59	-27%
Turning & Stopping Violations	275	317	-13%
Required Stops Violations	405	550	-26%
Restrictions on Stopping Parking	81	31	161%
Speeding Violations	1,893	953	99%
Reckless Driving	167	174	-4%
O.V.W.I. - Violations	158	240	-34%
Accident Report Violations	325	378	-14%
ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS	347	373	-7%
Radio Amplification Violations	36	32	13%
Seatbelt Violations	1,591	584	172%
Equipment Violations	1,366	1,572	-13%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15,175</b>	<b>13,722</b>	<b>11%</b>

## Part I Crime

2016                      2015                      % Change

### Violent Crime Reported

Homicides	6	5	20%
Rape	16	16	0
Robbery	133	154	-14%
Aggravated Assault	212	190	12%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>1%</b>

### Property Crime Reported

Burglary	577	774	-25%
Theft	1,510	1,528	-1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	100	96	4%
Arson	7	5	40%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART 1 CRIME</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>-7%</b>

52-Year Low

## Investigative Clearance Rates

2016

2015

	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate
Homicides	6	100%	4	80%
Rapes	10	63%	11	69%
Robbery	62	47%	69	45%
Aggravated Assaults	185	87%	168	88%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>69%</b>

2016

2015

	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate
Burglary	258	45%	329	43%
Theft	654	43%	686	45%
Motor Vehicle Theft	42	42%	39	41%
Arson	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>TOTAL PART I CLEARANCE</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>47%</b>

### Area 1

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	2	2	0%
Rape	3	2	50%
Robbery	13	14	-7%
Agg. Assault	19	20	-5%
Total	37	38	-3%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	65	91	-29%
Theft	156	102	53%
Auto Theft	12	7	71%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	234	200	17%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	78	48	63%
Weapons Vio.	8	14	-43%
Disturbances	853	878	-3%
Police Req.	812	585	39%
Total	1751	1525	15%

### Area 2

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	2	-100%
Rape	2	2	0%
Robbery	25	28	-11%
Agg. Assault	30	21	43%
Total	57	53	8%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	63	95	-34%
Theft	88	61	44%
Auto Theft	14	11	27%
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	165	167	-1%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	92	57	61%
Weapons Vio.	26	16	63%
Disturbances	954	982	-3%
Police Req.	778	424	83%
Total	1850	1479	25%



## Patrol Area STATISTICS

### Area 3

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	0	Und
Rape	1	0	Und
Robbery	8	8	0%
Agg. Assault	13	15	-13%
Total	23	23	0%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	20	30	-33%
Theft	46	48	-4%
Auto Theft	4	3	33%
Arson	2	0	Und
Total	72	81	-11%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	29	29	0%
Weapons Vio.	11	12	-8%
Disturbances	388	445	-13%
Police Req.	395	433	-9%
Total	823	919	-10%

### Area 4

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	2	1	100%
Robbery	12	14	-14%
Agg. Assault	15	21	-29%
Total	29	36	-19%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	51	82	-38%
Theft	136	112	21%
Auto Theft	7	11	-36%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	195	205	-5%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	73	42	74%
Weapons Vio.	22	22	0%
Disturbances	1091	1127	-3%
Police Req.	709	624	14%
Total	1895	1815	4%

### Area 5

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	1	0	Und
Robbery	13	14	-7%
Agg. Assault	24	21	14%
Total	38	35	9%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	50	63	-21%
Theft	106	66	61%
Auto Theft	5	6	-17%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	162	135	20%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	47	37	27%
Weapons Vio.	21	20	5%
Disturbances	683	633	8%
Police Req.	372	299	24%
Total	1123	989	14%



Area 6

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	2	3	-33%
Robbery	18	23	-22%
Agg. Assault	25	26	-4%
Total	45	52	-13%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	71	101	-30%
Theft	156	173	-10%
Auto Theft	14	10	40%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	242	284	-15%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	78	71	10%
Weapons Vio.	23	24	-4%
Disturbances	937	898	4%
Police Req.	753	562	34%
Total	1791	1555	15%

Area 7

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	1	1	0%
Robbery	6	8	-25%
Agg. Assault	21	13	62%
Total	28	22	27%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	69	71	-3%
Theft	155	59	163%
Auto Theft	14	8	75%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	239	138	73%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	78	42	86%
Weapons Vio.	14	18	-22%
Disturbances	686	651	5%
Police Req.	533	407	31%
Total	1311	1118	17%

Area 8

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	1	0%
Rape	2	2	0%
Robbery	25	30	-17%
Agg. Assault	28	29	-3%
Total	56	62	-10%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	104	145	-28%
Theft	198	206	-4%
Auto Theft	12	19	-37%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	315	370	-15%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	106	87	22%
Weapons Vio.	41	33	24%
Disturbances	1357	1419	-4%
Police Req.	951	805	18%
Total	2455	2344	5%



Area 9

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	0	Und
Rape	0	1	-100%
Robbery	4	5	-20%
Agg. Assault	17	14	21%
Total	22	20	10%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	48	61	-21%
Theft	192	139	38%
Auto Theft	6	6	0%
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	246	206	19%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	47	41	15%
Weapons Vio.	10	13	-23%
Disturbances	600	540	11%
Police Req.	583	516	13%
Total	1240	1110	12%

Area 10

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	0	Und
Rape	2	4	-50%
Robbery	9	10	-10%
Agg. Assault	20	16	25%
Total	32	30	7%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	46	70	-34%
Theft	269	246	9%
Auto Theft	12	13	-8%
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	327	329	-1%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	80	48	67%
Weapons Vio.	17	15	13%
Disturbances	1049	904	16%
Police Req.	800	689	16%
Total	1946	1656	18%

# MUNICIPAL VIOLATIONS

## City of Racine Municipal Violations (UMCCs) 2016

Totals

CITY ORDINANCE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	2016	2015
All Alcohol Beverage Violations	4	6	12	6	11	10	14	9	15	1	2	4	94	121
All Other Liquor Violations	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	2
Entertainment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Animal License Violations	56	7	17	14	21	5	19	13	12	10	3	4	181	195
Animal Care/Control Viol.	6	16	9	7	14	5	11	11	12	6	2	4	103	199
Animal Rabies/Vaccination Viol.	54	7	12	9	11	5	10	7	7	4	3	4	133	140
Building Code Violation	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	7
Business,Occup,Profess-License	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5
Cemetery Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Audible Alarms Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment Viol - Nuisances Viol.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	8	4
Environment Viol - Weed control Viol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment Viol - All other Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Amplification -	2	3	3	2	3	7	7	5	5	2	9	0	48	56
Fire Prevention /Protection Viol.	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	3	0	3	2	0	16	23
Disorderly Conduct	46	53	62	64	79	40	37	22	46	33	33	30	545	680
Harassing Phone Calls	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	11
Weapons Violations	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	9	16
Obstruction of Public Ways	1	9	11	6	12	15	4	16	15	13	2	2	106	98
Trespassing Violations	4	9	4	23	7	15	12	8	15	8	6	5	116	84
Resisting Arrest	3	8	8	11	12	4	10	12	5	4	4	2	83	129
Failure to Aid Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Obstructing	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	5
Vandalism Violations	2	3	0	1	1	3	3	1	2	9	4	0	29	21
Theft	7	3	1	3	12	7	10	3	6	9	5	2	68	73
Possession Marijuana	3	2	4	5	4	3	4	3	1	0	2	2	33	33
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	5
Gambling Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Prostitution Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Disorderly House -	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Littering -	3	3	1	1	5	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	24	17
Curfew - Minor	19	12	10	27	12	41	23	34	28	14	5	12	237	256
Curfew - Parent	0	0	3	2	0	1	3	3	7	1	0	2	22	44
Picketing Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud - Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Works Violations	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	9
Skate Board Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
Worthless Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
911- Non-Emergency Use	5	2	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	2	5	5	45	49
Tobacco Products Poss. By Minor	0	4	2	5	0	1	5	0	1	6	3	2	29	40
Sale of Tobacco Products to Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	1
Truancy	62	85	53	63	40	3	0	0	14	53	26	32	431	409
Habitual Truancy	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	23
Park Violations	2	2	2	0	0	10	4	4	0	1	2	2	29	24
Snow on Sidewalk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Solid Waste Violations	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	7	3
ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	6	2	5	2	2	2	1	2	22	23
<b>CURRENT MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>2,825</b>

NOTE: THE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED VIOLATIONS ARE CITY ORDINANCES THAT ARE USUALLY ISSUED BY OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS



## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Traffic Accidents	2016	2015	2016 vs. 2015
Fatal Accidents	1	2	-50%
Injury Accidents	584	473	23%
Property Damage Accidents	1464	1479	-1%
Hit and Run Accidents	812	755	8%
Total Traffic Accidents	2861	2709	6%



Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	0	0	0%
Robbery	2	3	-33%
Agg. Assault	8	4	100%
Total	10	7	43%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	13	12	8%
Theft	10	10	0%
Auto Theft	2	2	0%
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	25	24	4%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	17	15	13%'
Weapons Vio.	18	13	38%
Disturbances	187	177	6%
Police Req.	57	54	6%
Total	279	259	8%

## WILLIAM WADEWITZ COP HOUSE

1750 Mead Street



## WEST 6<sup>th</sup> STREET COP HOUSE

1522 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street



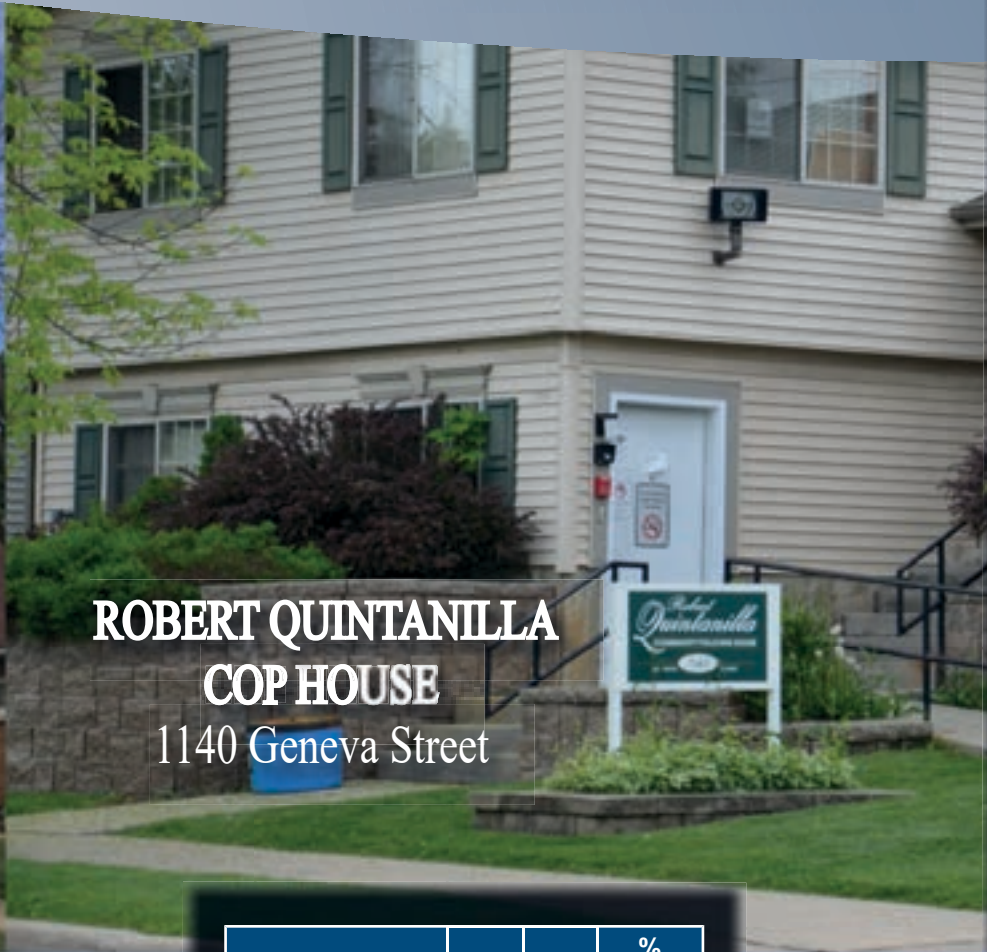
Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	0	1	-100%
Robbery	7	4	75%
Agg. Assault	12	10	20%
Total	19	15	27%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	28	21	33%
Theft	38	36	6%
Auto Theft	3	2	50%
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	69	59	17%'

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	31	21	47%
Weapons Vio.	38	47	-19%
Disturbances	374	347	8%
Police Req.	261	205	27%
Total	704	620	14%



# COP AREA STATISTICS



**ROBERT QUINTANILLA  
COP HOUSE**  
1140 Geneva Street

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	1	0%
Rape	0	0	0%
Robbery	9	6	50%
Agg. Assault	18	12	50%
Total	28	19	47%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	32	6	433%
Theft	36	24	50%
Auto Theft	4	1	300%
Arson	2	0	Und
Total	74	31	139%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	26	24	8%
Weapons Vio.	49	46	7%
Disturbances	370	345	7%
Police Req.	184	229	-20%
Total	629	644	-2%

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	1	0	Und
Robbery	2	3	-33%
Agg. Assault	7	10	-30%
Total	10	13	-23%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	14	9	56%
Theft	36	37	-3%
Auto Theft	2	0	Und
Arson	0	0	0%
Total	52	46	13%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	16	18	-11%
Weapons Vio.	8	11	-27%
Disturbances	250	252	-1%
Police Req.	154	150	3%
Total	428	431	-1%



**ERNEST & BERNICE STYBERG  
COP HOUSE**  
2437 Anthony Lane



## RICHARD V. POLZIN

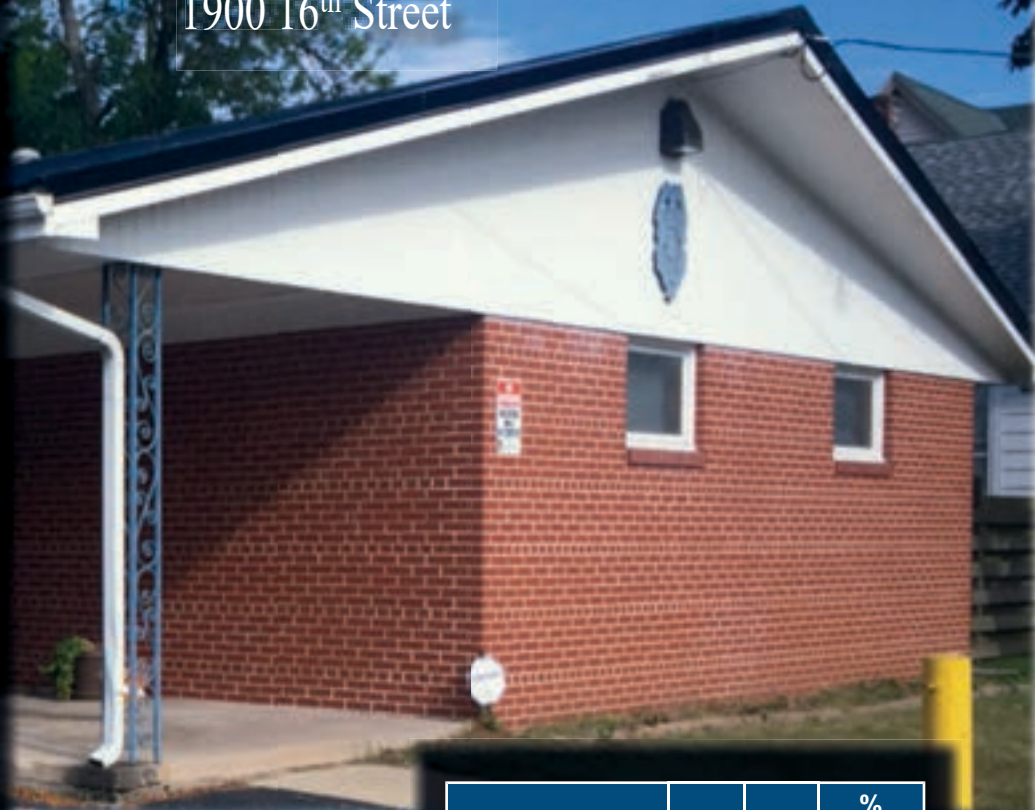
### COP HOUSE

1900 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	1	0	Und
Rape	3	0	Und
Robbery	15	9	67%
Agg. Assault	19	15	27%
Total	38	24	58%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	33	25	32%
Theft	54	52	4%
Auto Theft	4	1	300%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	92	78	18%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	34	33	3%
Weapons Vio.	19	14	36%
Disturbances	469	483	-3%
Police Req.	260	225	16%
Total	782	755	4%



Violent Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Homicides	0	0	0%
Rape	2	0	Und
Robbery	12	11	9%
Agg. Assault	14	24	-42%
Total	28	35	-20%

Property Crime	2016	2015	% Change
Burglary	50	40	25%
Theft	113	90	26%
Auto Theft	6	5	20%
Arson	1	0	Und
Total	170	135	26%

Miscellaneous	2016	2015	% Change
Simple Assaults	69	56	23%
Weapons Vi.	51	52	-2%
Disturbances	976	1008	-3%
Police Req.	633	544	16%
Total	1729	1660	4%

## THELMA ORR COP HOUSE

1146 Villa Street





# THANK YOU!



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# IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Chief Richard V. Polzin

January 24, 1942 - January 3, 2017



The 2016 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of pioneering community policing visionary Chief Richard V. Polzin.

After being appointed as Chief in March of 1992, Chief Polzin took steps to implement the problem-solving community oriented policing (COP) philosophy championed by Herman Goldstein. Standing out among his many accomplishments are the signature community policing houses strategically located in neighborhoods throughout the community.

Through Chief Polzin's vision and innovative leadership, formerly troubled neighborhoods were transformed. The record low crime rates we enjoy today were built on the early success of the community policing initiatives introduced in the 1990s. Our community is a better place today as a result of Chief Polzin's service, dedication and visionary leadership.



Chief Polzin's 36-Year  
Career with the  
Racine Police Department

1992-2000  
Chief of Police

1988-1992  
Detective Bureau  
Captain

1985-1988  
Patrol Division  
Captain

1980-1985  
Administrative  
Lieutenant

1969-1980  
Sergeant

1964-1969  
Patrol Officer

