



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## FORT ATKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Mission

To professionally and effectively work in partnership with our community to protect life, property and order.

### Vision

The safest community in Wisconsin to live, work and visit

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# A QUICK REVIEW OF 2017



## ■ Operations:

- Calls for Service decreased 2% from 10,482 in 2016 to 10,226 in 2017. As a result of these calls for service Officers wrote 1,841 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 2017. We set a goal to address 100 properties that were a visual blight on neighborhoods in our community. Officers and CSOs were able to address and work with owners at 178 properties in 2017.

## ■ Training Highlights:

- With a focus on community needs our agency became one of the very first to train 100% of all its employees in Dementia Crisis Response. This resulted in obtaining the Dementia Friendly rating through Dementia-Capable Wisconsin Initiative.
- Our agency continues to work toward certifying sworn personnel in Crisis Intervention. Since 2015 our agency has been able to certify 13 of our 19 officers through NAMI's CIT course. This Nationally recognized course allows our department to more effectively respond and assist people in mental health related crisis.

## ■ A Few Highlights of Services Offered:

- Prescription Drug Drop Off resulted in the proper collection and disposal of over 400 pounds of prescription medications in 2017.

## ■ Grants & Donations:

- Jones Dairy Farm: Equipment Donation: Less Lethal platform upgrade that will provide for a more dynamic approach to resolving violent encounters with effective less lethal force when appropriate.
- Spacesaver: Equipment Donation: In 2017 our agency received 2 equipment donations from Spacesaver. A refrigerated evidence locker system to secure and preserve DNA related evidence as well as a new storage system called the LevPro was incorporated into our garage for officers to store equipment used during the shift.
- Generals Baseball Equipment Donation: With donated funds the agency was able to update the officer uniform 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. 3 officers received vests in 2017.

# Personnel Changes For 2017



## New Team Members



Officer William Becker was sworn in and joined our team in May 2017



Telecommunicator Amber Zupet joined our team in September 2017



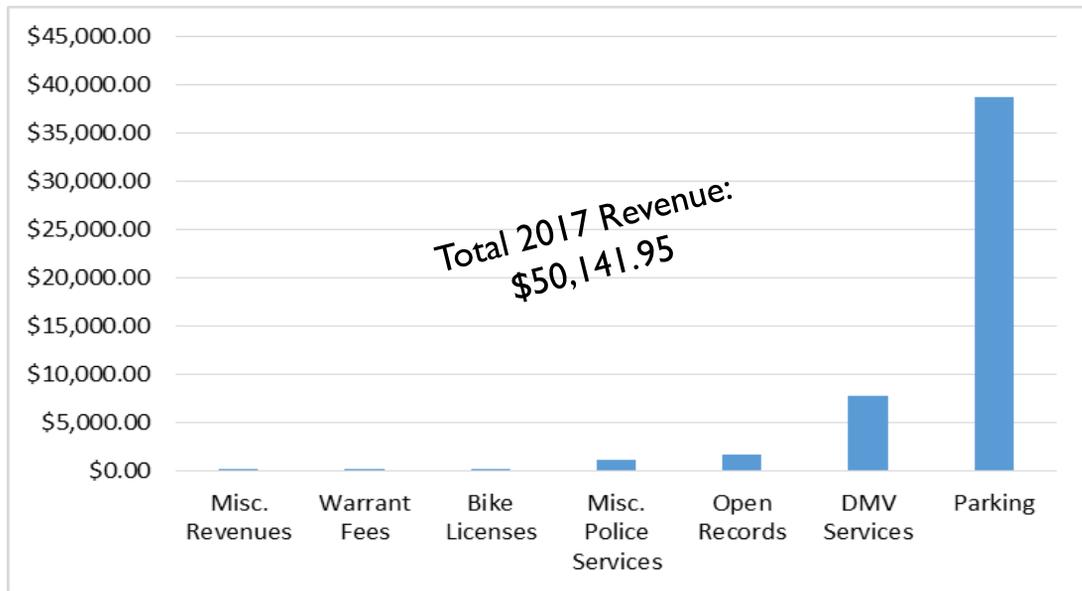
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Telecommunicator Deb Gerstner joined our team in September 2017



Community Service Officer Dylan Strese joined our team in May 2017

# Revenues for 2017



**Bike Licenses:** We sold 54 licenses in 2017. This is 23 less licenses than we sold in 2016. Bike licensing is \$5.00 per bike. (\$270.00)

**Warrant Fee:** In 2015 our agency implemented a warrant handling fee of \$20.00. Anytime our agency helps clear another agencies warrant through arrest, the wanted person pays a \$20.00 handling fee for that service. (\$260.00)

**Misc. Revenues:** 2017 Misc. Revenues are funds raised for the Explorer Post which include our Bike Auction and the temporary sale of “We Back The Badge” signs. (\$259.80)

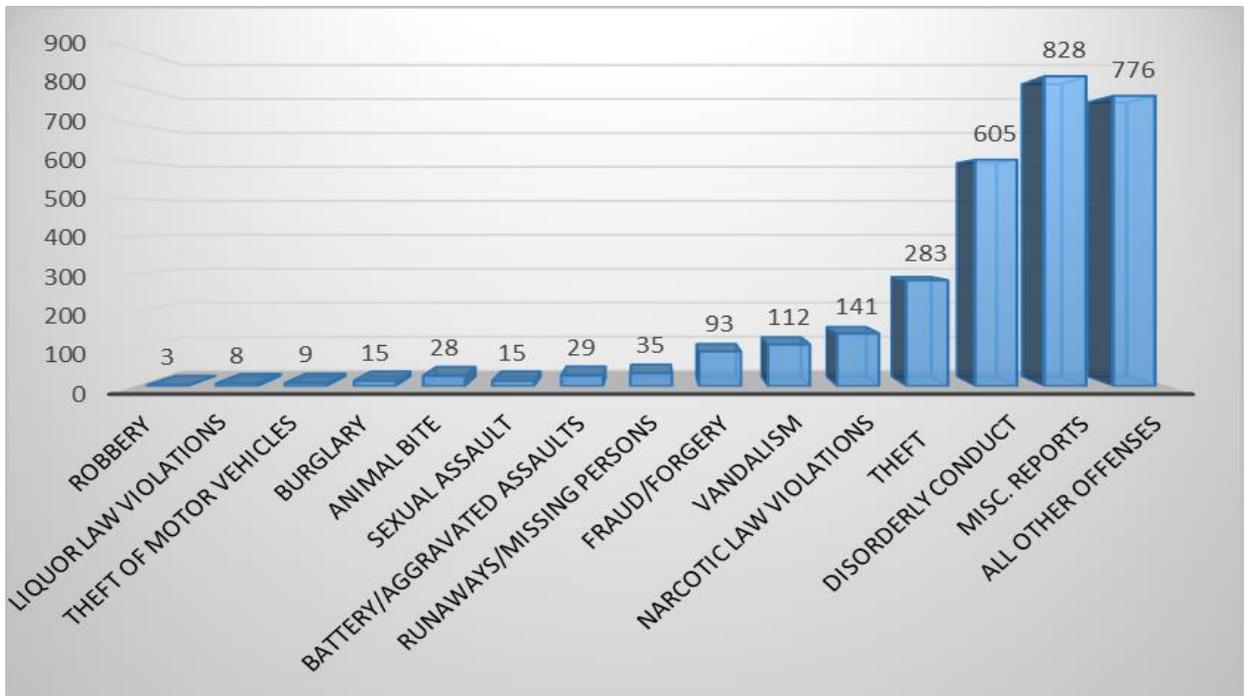
**Open Records:** Revenue generated to recoup costs associated with releasing open records. This may include copies of reports, pictures or video. (\$1,749.25)

**CVR:** DMV related transactions. Renewal of registration plates and titles at our remote DMV authorized site. (\$7,735.50)

**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. (\$1,185.00)

**Parking Tickets:** Payments received from issued parking tickets generated from our community. (\$38,682.40)

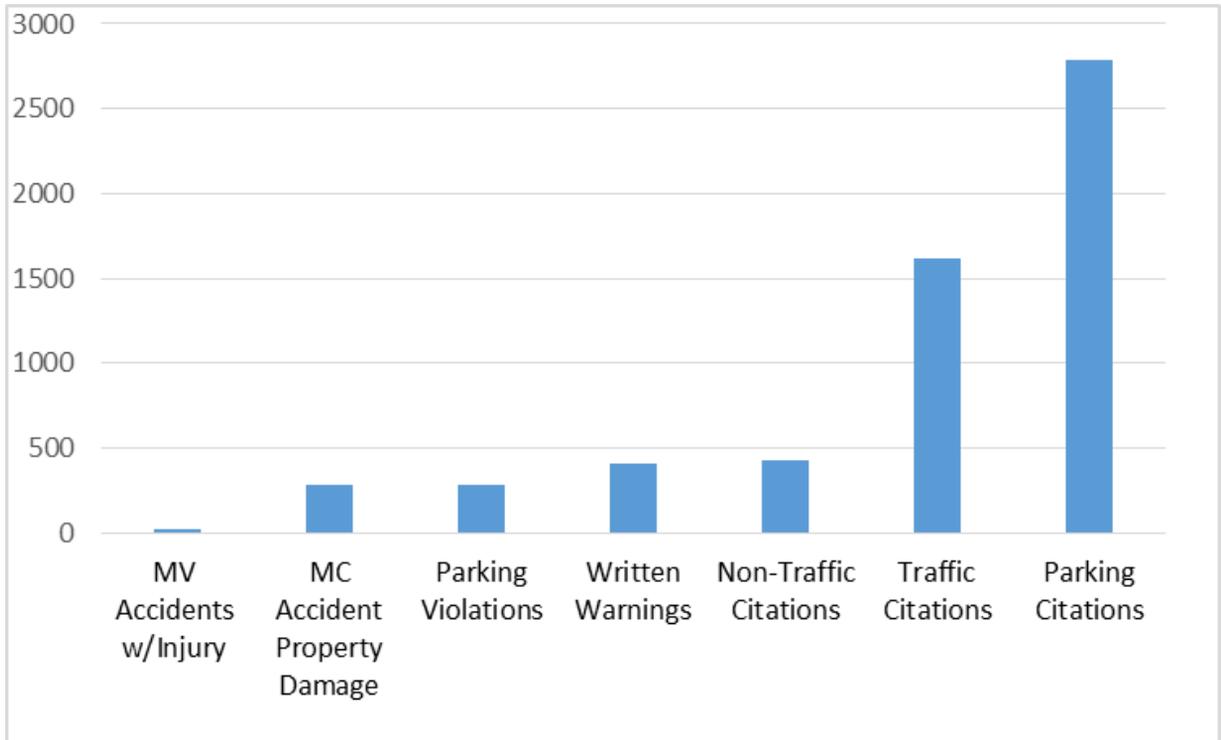
# 2017 Cases With Reports



Separate from traffic related activity, Officers were busy addressing and responding to offenses that include Disorderly Conduct (605), Theft Complaints (283) and the catch all categories off “All Other Offenses” (776) & Misc. Reports (828) which are a combination of the many other situations officers deal with to include emergency detentions, death investigations, Warrant Arrests, Medical Calls, Nuisance Complaints (178) and aiding outside agencies to name a few.

Note: The above graph and numbers do not reflect every case handled or report an officer completed. In 2017 the Fort Atkinson Police Department logged 10,226 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 10,226 case numbers were generated in 2017, officers actually wrote 1,841 written reports. With our below average officers per capita, this is a significant amount of output and case load per officer.

# 2017 Traffic Enforcement Activity



The total Traffic Enforcement Activities for 2017 was 5830. That is a 7% increase in traffic enforcement related activities compared to 2016 where we had 5009. Additionally the 2016 numbers reflected a 9% increase from 2015. This increase of 821 cases reflects numbers normally seen in past years.

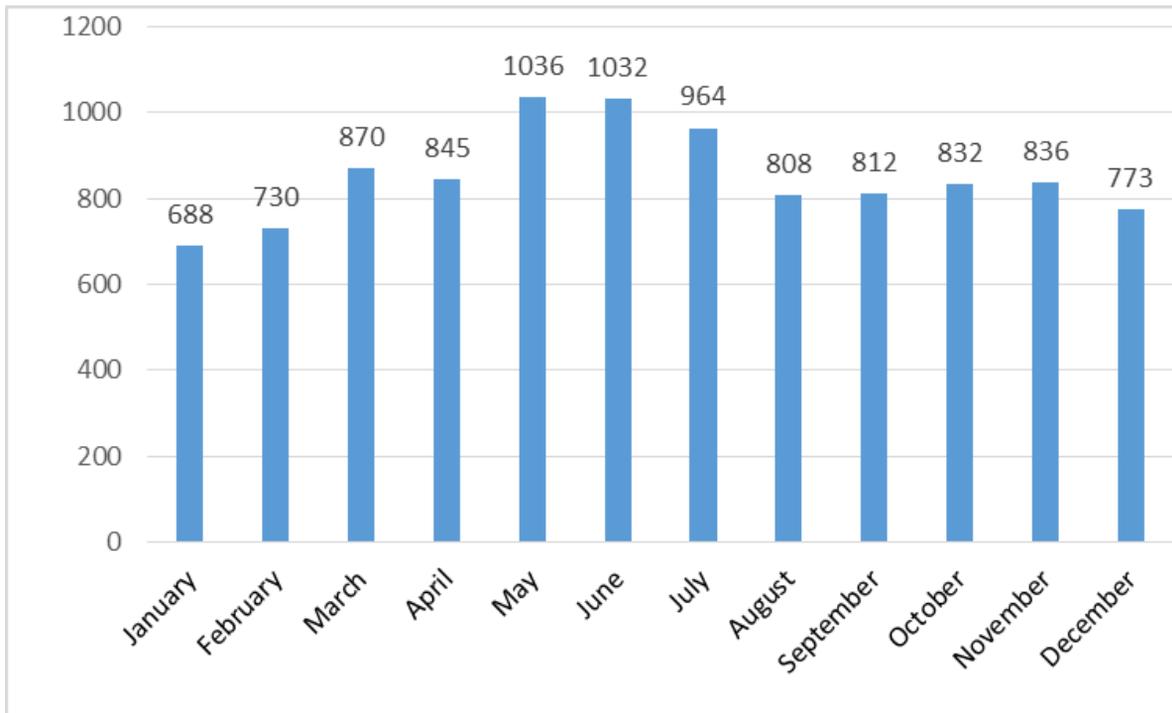
Traffic Contacts and Arrests make up a large portion of officer activity in our community. Often-times proactive traffic enforcement has a residual impact on nuisance crimes and property crimes through preventive contacts and presence deterrence. Traffic enforcement and the visibility in the community 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.

# 2017 Services by Month



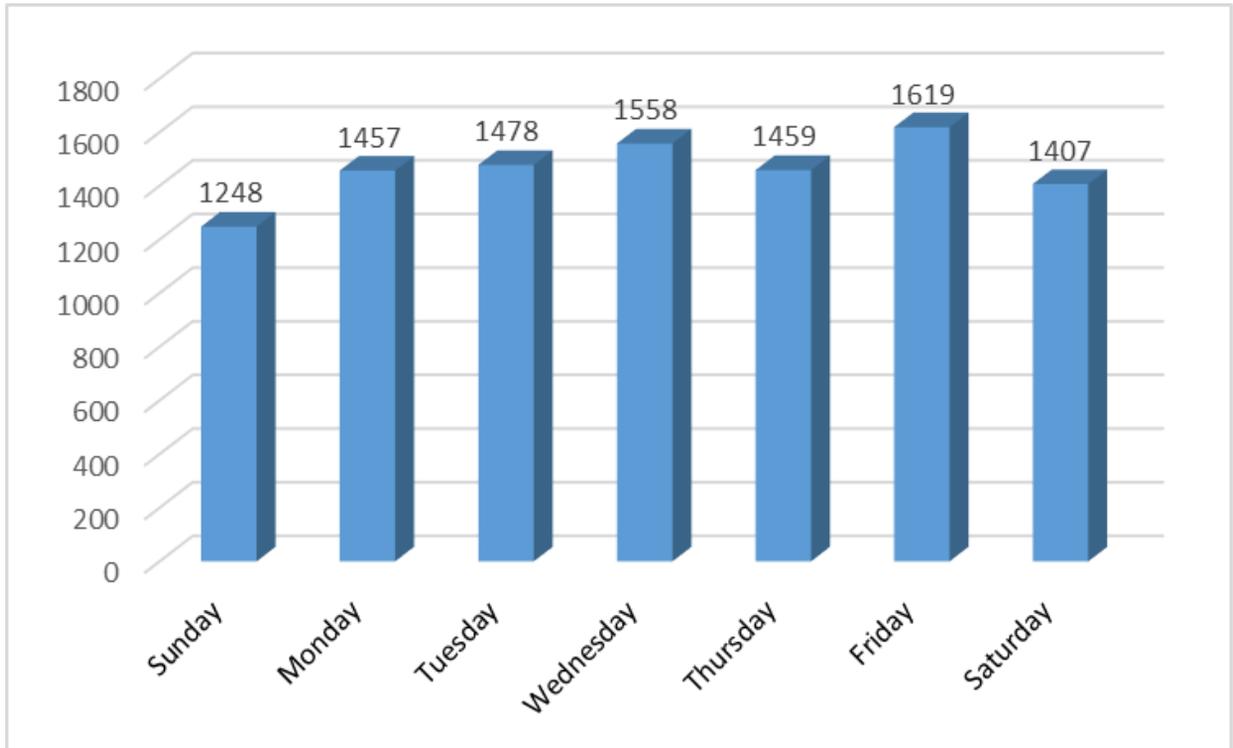
(10,226 Calls for Service)



“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

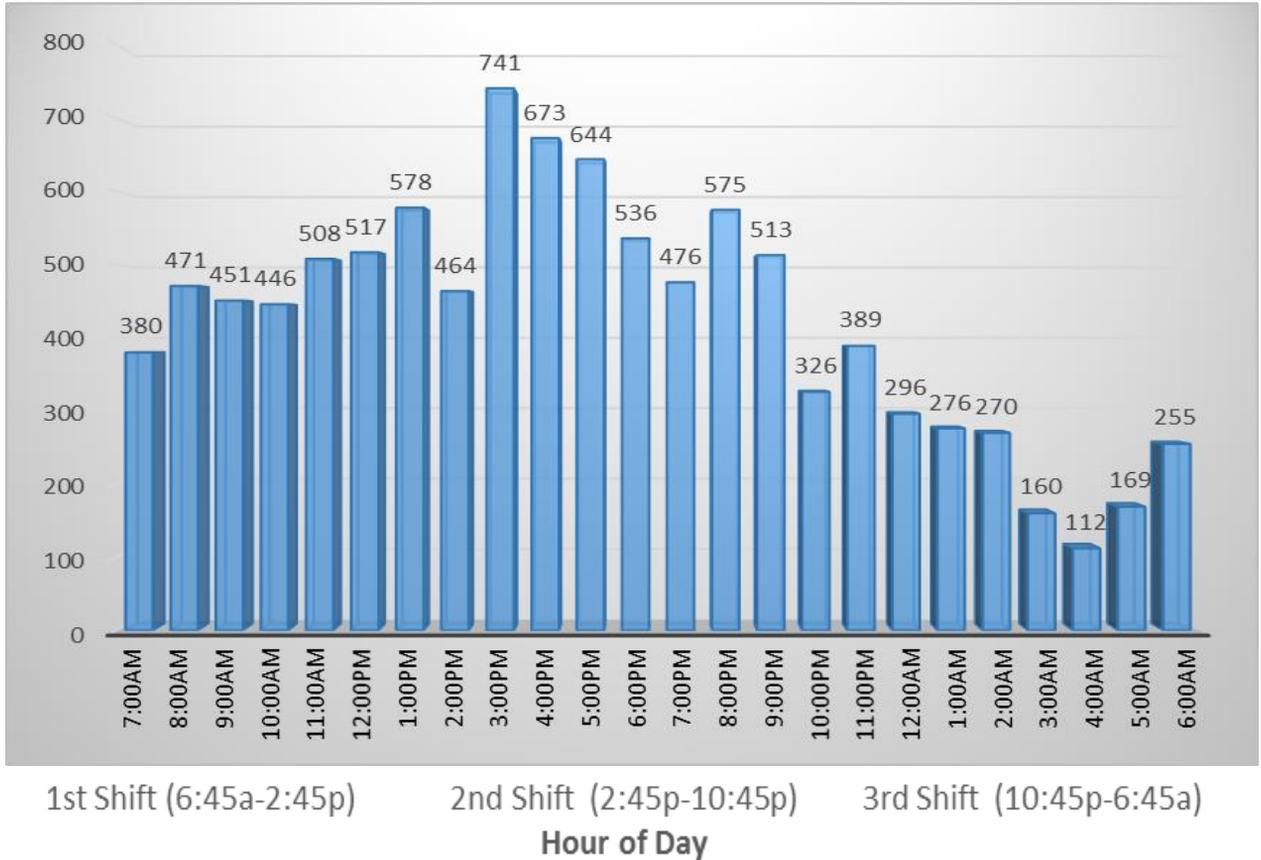


The bar graph above shows the distribution of calls for service by the day of week for the entire year. The busiest day of the week is Friday with 1619 calls for service. The least busy day of the week is Sunday with only 1248 calls for service through the year.

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.

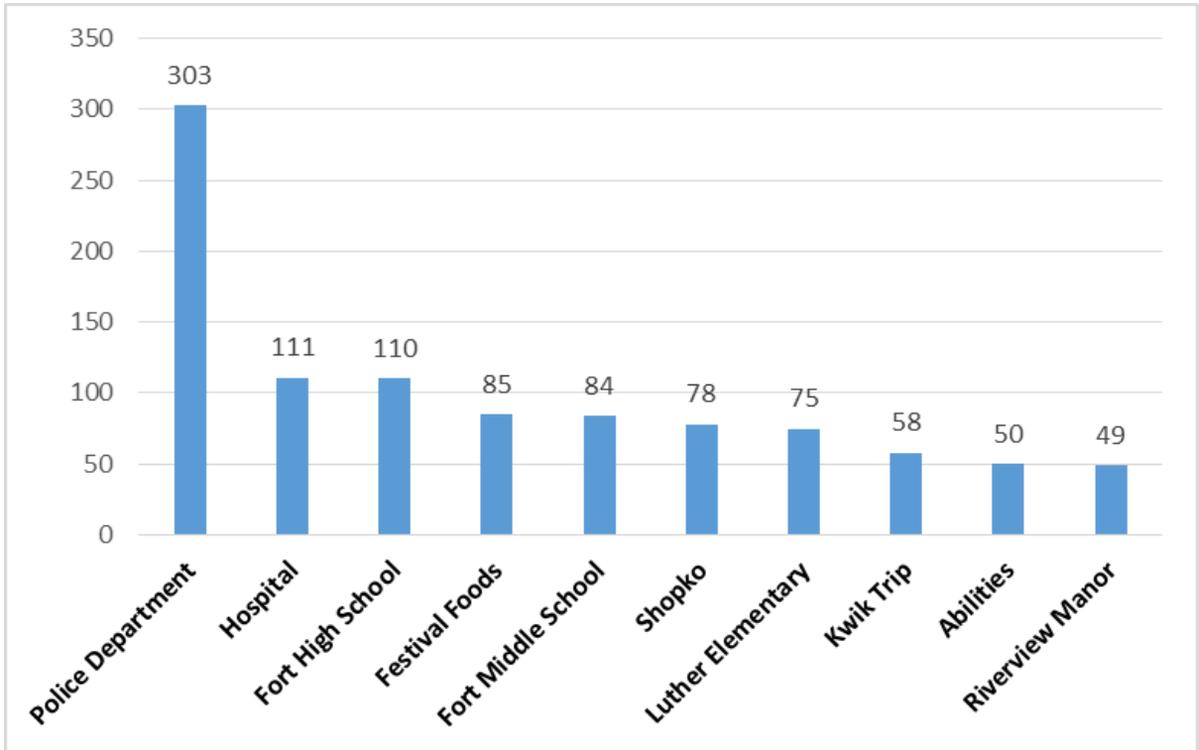


# DISPATCHED CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TIME OF DAY AND SHIFT (10,226)



Dispatched calls for service decreased 2% from 2016 to 2017. The peak times were from 3-8 PM where we saw 4158 calls for service and 8AM -1PM where we saw 2,971 calls for service. The 2nd Shift saw the greatest volume of calls with 4484, which represents 44% of the total calls for service during 2017. First shift was responsible for handling 3,815 calls or 38% of the total calls for service in 2017. 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.

# Top 10 Calls for Service by Location

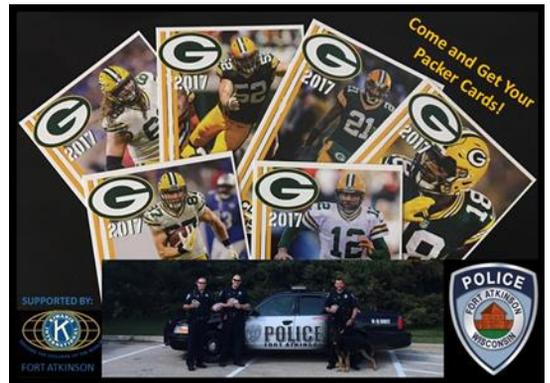


The “Calls for Service by Location” chart above lists the 10 locations that Fort Atkinson Police Officers were dispatched to most often in 2017. Below is a description of each location:

- 101 S. Water Street WI: Police Department (Walk-In Complaints)
- 611 Sherman Avenue East: Fort Memorial Hospital
- 925 Lexington Boulevard: Fort Atkinson High School
- 328 Washington Street: Festival Foods
- 409 S High Street: Fort Atkinson Middle School
- 1425 Janesville Avenue: Shopko
- 205 Park Street: Luther Elementary School
- 1565 Madison Avenue: Kwik Trip
- 218 W Blackhawk Dr.: Abilities CBRF
- 217 S Water Street E: Riverview Manor

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

## Community Policing Team



Since 2014 the Police Department has been working to build a stronger involvement in the community. The overall 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 2017 the agency was able to add the Safe Exchange Zone program and become a Dementia Friendly agency. Two more programs to help us maintain our strong community bond by being Community focused.

### Our current programs and initiatives include the below programs:

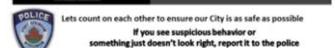
- DARE
- Read with an Officer
- Fort Fleet Watch
- Oops! Card Initiative
- Run, Hide, Fight
- If You SEE Something SAY Something
- Bigs in Blue
- Coffee with the Cops
- Packer Cards Program



920-563-7777 or 911  
ANONYMOUS TIP LINE: 920-563-7793



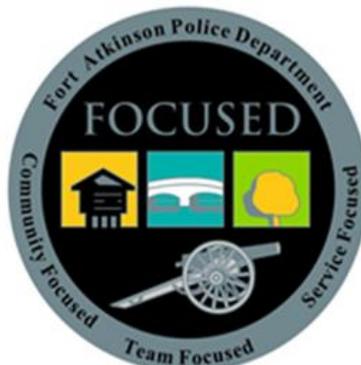
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# 2018 AND BEYOND...



- 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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