

Village of Lake Hallie Police Department 2012 Annual Report



The Lake Hallie Police Department provides 24 hour coverage for the Village. The department will also respond for emergencies into the Town of Hallie. The 2010 U.S. Census listed the village population at 6,486 people.

In 2012 the department staff was unchanged from the previous year with 7 full-time officers and 6 part-time officers. It is organized with 1 Police Chief, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 4 Full-Time Officers, 6 Part-Time Officers plus 2 Reserves, and 1 Full-Time Office Clerk with 1 Part-Time Office Clerk.

Current staffing allows the department to have one patrol officer on duty from 3:30am to 7:00pm and two patrol officers on duty from 7pm to 3:30am. Patrol officers are responsible for conducting their own investigations during regular scheduled shifts regardless of the type of crime investigated.

Training in Law Enforcement is very important. Each officer is required to have a minimum of 60 college credits or an Associate Degree and attend the basic Police Recruit Academy (currently 520 hours). Yearly in-service training and specialized training is also mandatory by Wisconsin Statutes. Lake Hallie Police staff completed 915 training hours in 2011.

2011-10 Annual Activity Comparisons

Complaints and Activities

<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	
314	342	Accidents	118	192	Alarms/911 Misdials
204	159	Animal Complaints	347	332	Assist Citizen/Motorist
157	100	Assist other Agencies	120	125	Battery/Disorderly Conduct
82	79	Bartender License/Background Cks	180	193	Burglary/Theft/Robbery
47	43	Damage to Property/Vandalism 119	73		Civil Dispute
60	38	Extra Attention Requests	130	107	Family Troubles
70	56	Fraud/Identity Theft	58	54	Juvenile Related Issues
123	109	Highway Hazards	64	60	Loud Noise/Music Com
18	17	Mental Commitments	172	161	Rescue/Fire Calls
34	41	Sexual Assaults/Abuse of Vulnerable	248	231	Suspicious Circumstances
199	230	Traffic Complaints	47	35	Unsecure Buildings
18	26	Court Order/Probation Complaint	28	21	Drug Related Complaints
25	37	Recreational Related Complaints	143	109	Neighborhood & Parking Issues

Total – 3,125 2,970

Total activity and complaints handled by the Police Department are not completely reflected by these numbers. Due to computer reporting software and ease of reading, these numbers and categories have been condensed.

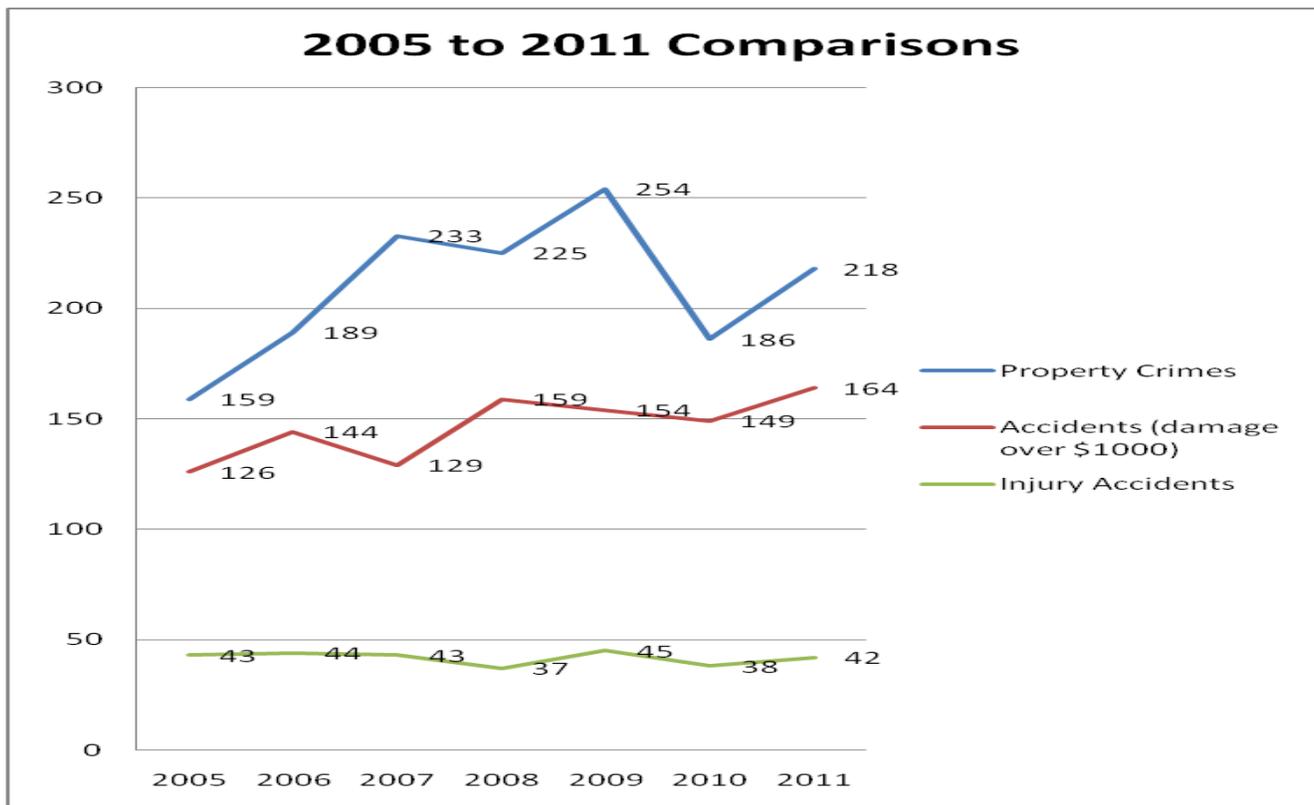


Chart Numbers obtained from the Department of Transportation and the Uniform Crime Reporting System.

The Village of Lake Hallie is a small police agency, yet very busy. The following are arrest and citation comparisons between 2010 and 2011. The below listed charges were made by members of the department. The criminal charges investigated and made were done so by uniformed patrol officers as the department does not have any plain clothes detectives.

It is noteworthy that the village participated in a Traffic Highway Safety Grant that reimbursed the Village \$9,740.88 in wages and an additional \$4,999.00 in equipment.

Arrests/Citations

<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	
133	171	Drivers Lic (Susp/Revoke/None)	65	54	Operate while Intoxicated
0	101	Insurance Related Violations	440	462	Speeding
16	8	Criminal Damage to Property	62	53	Vehicle Registrations
54	31	Drinking/Tavern (underage) Offenses	26	54	Warrant/Probation/Parole Arrest
78	54	Miscellaneous Traffic Citations	25	23	Other Ordinance Violations
135	118	Battery/Disorderly/Resisting/Obstruct	48	64	Theft of Property/Vehicle
11	8	Burglary/Robbery/Trespass	8	17	Financial Crimes
38	42	Drug Related Arrests	45	24	Too Fast/Inattentive/Too Close
60	72	Failure to Obey Sign/Signal	13	5	Sexual Assault/Child Crimes
70	108	Child/Seatbelt Violations	15	7	Reckless/Disorderly Driving
12	13	Hit and Run/ Failure to Notify	53	40	Other Criminal Violations
Total – 1,407			1,529		

<u>Written Traffic Warnings:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Issued Parking Citations:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
	849	778		139	243

The village maintains a patrol fleet of 5 vehicles. The primary patrol vehicle currently used is the Ford Crown Victoria. Our marked patrol vehicles are Titanium Gray with red, white and blue reflective decals. We also have one unmarked Chevy Trail Blazer which is 4 wheel drive. While all 5 vehicles are rarely used at one time, quite often vehicles may be needed for multiple tasks at any given time. Those tasks in addition to patrol duties include, court, training, following up to investigations, and when vehicles break down.

<u>Squad Mileage</u>	<u>End of 2011</u>	<u>Miles in 2010</u>	<u>Miles in 2011</u>
2004 Trailblazer	102,435	5,913	6,819
2005 Marked Crown Vic (05)	143,920	6,798	Out of Service
2007 Marked Crown Vic (07)	102,590	17,082	21,245
2008 Marked Crown Vic (08)	81,694	27,063	21,030
2010 Marked Crown Vic (09)	61,285	27,273	34,012
2010 Marked Crown Vic (10)	31,006	12,174	18,832
Miles Patrolled Total		96,303	101,938

Noteworthy Activities during 2012

1. Part-time Officer Adam Meyers has been picked as a Field Training Officer for our department. Officer Meyers completed the required 40 hours of Certification Training at CVTC while at his full-time position as a Security Officer at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire. He has been employed with the Village since October 8, 2008. Currently only Corporal Prokopinski is FTO training. I am hoping to add an additional full-time officer to this team in the future.
2. The Village has received the State Training Re-imbusement for the 2011-12 year. This re-imbusement is based on the number of officers we employ. This year we received \$1,920.00.
3. William Pech who was a Reserve Officer with the department resigned as of March 1, 2012. Officer Pech was with the department since August 8, 2011. He was also a Chippewa Fire District full-time paramedic. He has accepted a position with the City of Janesville Fire Department.
4. The Police Commission authorized the hiring of Melinda Duncan as a Reserve Officer with the department on March 6, 2012. Melinda has completed more than the minimum 60 college credits and has also completed the basic 520 hour Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy. Melinda lives with her husband (Ray) in the Village.
5. The department has completed and submitted the grant paperwork for the "COPS Hiring Program". This is the same program that we have applied for the past two years. If the grant is successful the Village would be required to spend \$69,000 over three years with the Federal share being \$125,000. The three year grant has a requirement that the position be retained for at least one additional year. Below is the "Initial Request Letter" provided to the Department of Justice
6. Service on 2004 Trail Blazer. The transfer case control module malfunctioned and needed to be replaced and reprogrammed. This was done for a cost of \$448.71 at Osseo Chevrolet. Last year the blazer had \$1,014.59 in repairs and service. The Police Department only budgets \$2,100 in "vehicle repairs" per year, so large bills like these are troublesome. I plan on replacing the trailblazer with the new SUV squad when it is delivered. The question that remains is will the Village use the trailblazer to replace the 2002 "service car" (old squad) or sell it outright. Current mileage 105,501.
7. Corporal Prokopinski received a non-life threatening knife wound in the left thigh area that required 5 staples to close and he was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital. The subject used a switch blade knife and the Taser was deployed twice to bring him under control. The subject had slammed the residence door shut on Corporal Prokopinski and Officer Hakes and a struggle ensued for control of the door. The officers initially did not see any weapons. Officer Hakes indicated that he saw the subject swinging a switch blade stiletto knife towards Corporal Prokopinski so he deployed the Taser a second time. Corporal Prokopinski was off from regular duty for three days.

8. The Police Department was notified by Krista Computers that we were not paying the actual yearly antivirus cost for all department computers. Krista was able to get the additional licenses at the “renewal” price instead of the “new license” price. As a result we are paying \$29.00 each versus the full price of \$45.00 for a total of \$230.00.
9. Body Armor vests were purchased by the village for full-time officers David Prokopinski and Jeremiah Rathke. By contract agreement, the Village purchases a replacement vest every 5 years (warranty life expectancy of vests). The vest packages purchased were as follows:
 - One GH Lite X IIIa vest (model# 063AM5)
 - Two vest carriers for that vest.
 - One front pocket and one soft trauma plate.
 - Cost \$700.95 per package.

Some additional items that could be purchased (out of pocket) by officers are listed below.

- 1) Rear pocket on both carriers (\$20.00 each) for a total of \$40.00.
- 2) Additional 5” X 8” Soft Trauma Plate - \$35.75
- 3) Additional 5” X 8” Hard Trauma Plate - \$35.75
- 4) Additional 5” X 8” Special Threat Trauma Plate - \$99.95

Part-time Officers Adam Meyers and Michael (Tony) Hudson also purchased body armor vests. A Federal OJA grant covered \$348.00 towards each vest for a total amount expected to be returned to the Village of \$1,392.00. The officers made a combined purchase of \$713.47, in additional items out of pocket. The final body armor cost to the Village after reimbursements will be \$801.03. An amount of \$79.00 (Meyers \$50.00, and Prokopinski \$29.00) was also used from the 2011 private grant donation. (Donator was notified of the purchase and responded “Money well spent”.)

10. Public Safety Building Supplies – Items used and ordered for use in the Police Department are paid for through the police budget. These items include towels, toilet tissue, garbage bags and such. The Board decided that starting in 2011 the police department budget was to absorb these costs. We just ordered \$181.45 worth of supplies at a greatly reduced price. Sgt. Taylor was able to negotiate prices through a new vendor, Schilling Supply Company. We also negotiated a means that the Fire District can also place orders at the same time and receive the same cost/discounts and free shipping.
11. The department has changed the manner in which we dispatch and request towing services for Village ordered tows. Sgt Taylor worked on and accepted “bids” and established a list of towing services that will be used by this department. The bids were based on several things including time response and cost factors. Each squad is outfitted with a “ranking” list of the top 7 companies to be contacted. Previously towing bills for “seized” vehicles ranged from \$125.00 to \$250.00. The low cost towing service is now \$85.00.

12. The in-squad (2009 ION) digital recording unit's microphone was malfunctioning. After looking into repairing the old unit at a cost of \$225, I decided to replace the unit. The old system is no longer being manufactured. The new unit (and transmission system) is costing \$694.00. I will be able to submit the amount of \$271 as part of the 2012 Highway Safety Grant for a final Village cost of \$423. The new microphone has been installed. The new unit has a much greater distance and building penetration distance than the replaced unit. Officer Sokup recently sent me the following email about the new unit:

“Just wanted to let you know how well the new mic is working. I assisted the Sheriff's Dept. last night in Lafayette. A subject had an injured hand and refused medical attention. At the jail, he accused officers of not offering medical assistance to him. I was about a city block from my squad car with the mic in my shirt pocket and recorded the entire conversation including the subject's refusal of medical attention.”

When the new squad arrives the digital unit we are purchasing for that vehicle will have the same (and interchangeable) microphone system as our recent purchase.

13. 2012 mid-year update on Animal Control - Between January and June the department captured 10 animals and returned those to owners. 12 animals were transported to Barron County Humane Association. 8 feral cats were euthanized and 1 deceased animal was disposed of. In 2012 the Village has collected \$7,590.00 and \$250.00 for pick-up fees for a partial year total of \$7,840.00. Last year (2011) the village collected \$8,200.00.
14. On May 21, 2012 the entire department qualified with both pistol and rifles. The training was facilitated at WITC (Rice Lake) and took place at the County Range in the Town of Tilden. (The villages of Boyd and Cadott also participated.) This training allowed our department to establish an “official” qualification course for the pistol and rifles, which mirrors the Wisconsin State Patrol.
15. Part-time Police Officer Miranda Jerdee has resigned from the department effective August 4, 2012. She was first employed as a LTE Reserve Officer on July 13, 2011. She was promoted to the part-time police officer position on October 21, 2011. She has left the department to work full-time for the St Croix Tribal Police.
16. The Police Commission picked Luke Gehweiler (age 33) of Lafayette for the position of Part-time Officer. Officer Gehweiler is married and works part-time for the Village of Stanley. He has completed the Police Academy and holds a two year degree which he obtained after serving 7 years with the U.S. Navy. The department currently has one remaining part-time officer and one reserve position available.
17. Reserve Officer Melinda Duncan was promoted by the Police Commission to a Part-time Police Officer effective October 21, 2012. She was first employed as a Reserve Officer on March 6, 2012. She and her husband are Village residents.

18. The Village received a check from the sale of the 2004 Trailblazer. The amount collected from the sale was \$3,795.95. The check has been turned over to the Village Clerk by Sold 4 U Auctions.
19. Parking Ticket fines collected for 2012 to date was \$2,230.00
20. Ford Utility (Squad 12) was put into service during the large snowfall on the 8th and 9th. There are a few small details that are being worked out yet, however the vehicle is 95% functional.
1. On Wednesday December 12, 2012 the Police Commission met and took the following actions.
 1. Tim Bowman has been promoted to a full-time Officer. This will take effect on January 13, 2013. No other promotions to part-time were approved at this time.
 2. Ben Plummer was not re-hired as a LTE part-time Police Officer for 2013. All other current LTE employees were re-hired for the year of 2013.
 3. The department will accept applications for LTE Part-time Officer positions until December 31, 2012. Starting in January, Corporal Prokopinski and Sgt. Taylor will “screen” applications and establish a list to be interviewed by the Police Commission in February.
 4. The Commission approved an UW-EC Intern position. Andrew Straszkowski will intern during the spring semester from January 22 to May 10, 2013.
 5. Also approved was a Special Awards Policy, numbered 119. More on this later.
21. Crime Prevention Funds – Circuit Court ordered two defendants convicted in a Drug case to forfeit a total of \$185.00 to the Lake Hallie Police Crime Prevention Fund. In an unrelated matter Wal-Mart also donated an additional \$200.00 toward this same fund. These monies were directed towards the fund account in hopes that someday Lake Hallie can use these to combat the unlawful use of drugs.

The Police Commission approved the employment of the following officers in 2011.

<u>Part-time Officers</u>	Adam Meyers (Since 10/2008)
	Michael Hudson (Since 2/2010)
	Timothy Bowman (Since 2/2010)
	Dave Peck (2/2010 to 8/20011)
	Shannon Becker (Since 5/2010)
	Samuel Eaton (Part-time 12/10, Reserve Officer 2/2010)
	Miranda Jerdee (Part-time 10/11, Reserve Officer 7/2011)

Reserve Officers Nick Gray (12/10) William Pech (8/11)

Auxiliary Officer Mitch Bowe (2010 summer intern, made Auxiliary 10/10)

Intern Spencer Prestebak (2011 Summer Intern)

Current Full-time Staffing in 2011 of the Village of Lake Hallie Police Department

Chief Cal Smokowicz
 Sergeant Ken Taylor
 Corporal David Prokopinski
 Officer Ryan Kringle
 Officer Jeremiah Rathke
 Officer Dan Sokup
 Officer Travis Hakes

The following chart have been provided by the Lake Hallie Village Clerk’s Office to assist in explaining how property taxes paid are distributed.

Out of \$1.00 of tax money
This is how the money is distributed



State of Wisconsin	\$0.01
Chippewa Valley Technical College	\$0.10
Village of Lake Hallie	\$0.19
Chippewa County	\$0.20
School District	\$0.50