

# LAKE HALLIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 2010 Annual Activity Report

Submitted by Chief Cal D. Smokowicz

<u>Squad Mileage</u>	<u>End of 2010</u>	<u>Start of 2010</u>	<u>Miles in 2010</u>
2004 Trailblazer	95,616	89,703	5,913
2005 Marked Crown Vic (05)	143,920	137,122	6,798
2007 Marked Crown Vic (07)	81,345	64,263	17,082
2008 Marked Crown Vic (08)	60,664	33,601	27,063
2010 Marked Crown Vic (09)	27,273	new	27,273
2010 Marked Crown Vic (10)	12,174	new	12,174

**Miles Patrolled Total – 96,303**

### Complaints and Activities

314 Accidents	118	Alarms/911 Misdials
204 Animal Complaints	347	Assist Citizen/Motorist
157 Assist other Agencies	120	Battery/Disorderly Conduct
82 Bartender License/Background Checks	180	Burglary/Theft/Robbery
47 Damage to Property/Vandalism	119	Civil Dispute/Stand Bys/Escorts
60 Extra Attention Requests	130	Family Troubles
70 Fraud/Identity Theft	58	Juvenile Related Issues
123 Highway Hazards	64	Loud Noise/Music Complaints
18 Mental Commitments	172	Rescue/Fire Calls
34 Sexual Assaults/Abuse of Vulnerable	248	Suspicious Circumstances
199 Traffic Complaints	47	Unsecure Buildings
18 Court Order/Probation Complaint	28	Drug Related Complaints
25 Recreational Related Complaints	143	Neighborhood & Parking Issues

**Total – 3,125**

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.

### Arrests/Citations

22 No Driver License Violations	65	Operate while Intoxicated
111 Suspended/Revoked License Violations	440	Speeding
16 Criminal Damage to Property	62	Vehicle Registrations
54 Underage Drinking/Related Offenses	26	Warrant/Probation/Parole Arrest
78 Miscellaneous Traffic Citations	25	Other Ordinance Violations
135 Battery/Disorderly Cond/Resisting/Obstruct	48	Theft of Property/Vehicle
11 Burglary/Robbery/Trespass to Dwelling	8	Financial Crimes
38 Drug Related Arrests	45	Too Fast/Inattentive/Too Close
60 Failure to Obey Sign/Signal	13	Sexual Assault/Child Crimes
70 Child/Seatbelt Violations	15	Reckless/Disorderly Driving
12 Hit and Run/ Failure to Notify	53	Other Criminal Violations

**Total – 1,407**

**Written Traffic Warnings: 849**

**Issued Parking Citations: 139**

**Amount of Property Damaged/Stolen: \$327,170.26** **Property Recovered: \$119,074.16**

Village of Lake Hallie Police Department

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## **Noteworthy activities of the police department in 2010:**

**January** - Police Department gas purchases were previously required to be made at the Holiday Station located on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 120<sup>th</sup> Street. New gas cards were assigned to each vehicle. Gas purchases now can be made at any Holiday Station with the transaction completed at the pump. The current agreement is for a 3 cent a gallon discount with the Holiday gas station. Holiday also will automatically give credit for the Federal Tax discount for a credit of .183% (Regular) .243% (Diesel).

- The Police Front Office (Dispatch) was reorganized and the old metal dispatch console was replaced by two used matching desks received from the Village Clerk's office. The changes improved not only the work space efficiency but the overall "look" of Betty and Gina's office space.

**February** - A 2010 dark gray Crown Vic Police car was purchased as a replacement for the 2005 police squad. The purchase price was \$21,379.00, which is \$50.00 less than the car purchased in 2009. We saved \$65.00 by not ordering the rear vinyl seat as we installed a plastic seat in the rear of the 2009 squad.

- The Police Commission picked Dan Sokup as the full-time replacement for Mike Ternberg who resigned December of 2009. Dan accepted the position and started full-time on February 14, 2010.
- A reimbursement check from a DOT Grant in the amount of \$5,000 was received for the 2009 Kustom Signals ION Digital Squad Recorder.
- Updating of our evidence processing and storage began. It is expected this reorganization will take a year or more.
- Chippewa County Sheriff's Office agreed to allow one of their firearm instructors to assist our department with range training on a regular basis.
- The record management system that we are currently using is becoming outdated and we are starting to look at other systems.

**March** – Squad 09 (2010 Crown Vic) was placed into service on the night shift. This squad will only be using E85 Gas.

- The Village received the \$300.00 cash forfeiture from the drug search warrant that was served by our Department in November 2009.

**April** – The Department received the second new RADAR unit acquired under a DOT grant. The reimbursement was \$965.00.

**May** - We received our State Grant reimbursement check for the Police radios which were purchased. The check was for 75% of the total cost and equaled \$3,795.35.

- A re-conditioned color printer was purchased from EO Johnson in the amount of \$875.00. The final cost of the new printer was \$424.00 after the trade-ins.
- In an attempt to reduce attorney and court cost, Police Clerk Gina Stokke started attending first appearance hearings with Sgt. Taylor at the Court House. Her attendance is planned to speed up the process.
- On May 27, 2010 a Special Meeting was held by the Village Board. At that meeting the Village Board approved the adding of a 7<sup>th</sup> full-time officer to the Police Force. The Board instructed that 2080 part-time hours be exchanged for the creation of the new full-time officer. The Police Commission had previously established that the next candidate on the eligibility list was Travis Hakes. Travis was offered the position and accepted. He was promoted to his full-time employment status to begin June 20, 2010.

**June** - The Village's Police Intern Mitch Bowe started on June 8, 2010. He will be working 16 hours a week, for 10 weeks. During that time he will be completing several projects for school. Mitch is a student with Chippewa Valley Technical Institute.

- The Village received approval for one new mobile command radio. This grant from the Office of Justice Assistance-OJA has a value of \$3400.00.

**July** - Changes were made regarding the storage of personal duty equipment in the highway department garage where the squad cars are parked. The area and equipment were cleaned and reorganized for better use of the area. Two shelves in a wooden cabinet and 12 (school type) lockers have been cleared for the storage of briefcases, squad bags, and other carrying cases used by officers.

**August** - The company called "Smart" that sold the Sheriff's Office their Record Management System has closed. The County has explored its options and has decided to accept a proposal from past employees of "Smart" plan to continue to maintain the system under a new name (TAC10). The Village is currently taking no action.

**September** – We received confirmation from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership regarding the Village of Lake Hallie being awarded \$2,805.00 towards the purchase of 8 bullet resistant vests. This grant is intended to pay up to 50% of the Village's cost towards the purchase of vests for officers. The Union contract requires that the Village purchase vests for full-time officers every 5 years. The cost for an authorized vest is \$695.00 each.

- Numerous problems had been occurring with the current emergency light bar control units in the squads. Problems included lights bars and sirens not turning off unless the battery cable was removed. After months of dealing with this problem our emergency light vendor convinced the parent company to replace our problem units at no cost.

**October** – On October 20, 2010 the Police Department was presented with a Preliminary Breath Tester at no cost to us. The Department of Transportation paid for the unit and we became eligible due to our involvement in traffic safety programs throughout the year. The unit is valued at \$500.00.

- The Police Commission approved two positions within the Department. The first was to participate in the UW-Stout Intern program as a hosting agency. An intern is required to work 16 hours a week, for 8 weeks in the Department. William Prindle of Eau Claire was interviewed and approved. The Commission also decided to allow our previous intern Mitch Bowe to serve as a volunteer Police Auxiliary Member as outlined in the Police Support Ordinance.

**November** – The Village received a 2010-11 Highway Safety Grant. This award allowed the Village to be eligible for \$10,000 in funds for overtime and \$5,000 for purchase of equipment for the total Grant of \$15,000.

- Lake Hallie Police Department was awarded a Highway Safety Grant for the purchase of two Mobile Computers. The grant will pay \$7,000.00 for “Rough Book” type Lap Top Mobile Computers and mounting equipment. Our Department will need to pick up costs for training and supplies. The computers allow for citations and warnings to be issued electronically.

**December** -Benjamin Plummer of Holcombe resigned as a part-time police officer as of 11-24-10. Officer Plummer was first hired as a Reserve Officer on 02-18-10, and was promoted to Part-time Officer on 06-20-10. Officer Plummer secured a full-time position with the Ladysmith Police Department.

- The Police Commission approved the re-hiring of the following LTE employees.

Part-time Officers

Adam Meyers (Since 10/2008)

Michael Hudson (Since 2/2010)

Timothy Bowman (Since 2/2010)

David Peck (Since 2/2010)

Shannon Becker (Since 5/2010)

Samuel Eaton (just promoted, Reserve Officer (2/2010)

Reserve Officers

Nick Gray (12/10)

Auxiliary Officer

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

Interns

Zachary Franks (Starting in January)

Tiffany Peterson (Starting in February)

Current Full-time Staffing in 2010 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

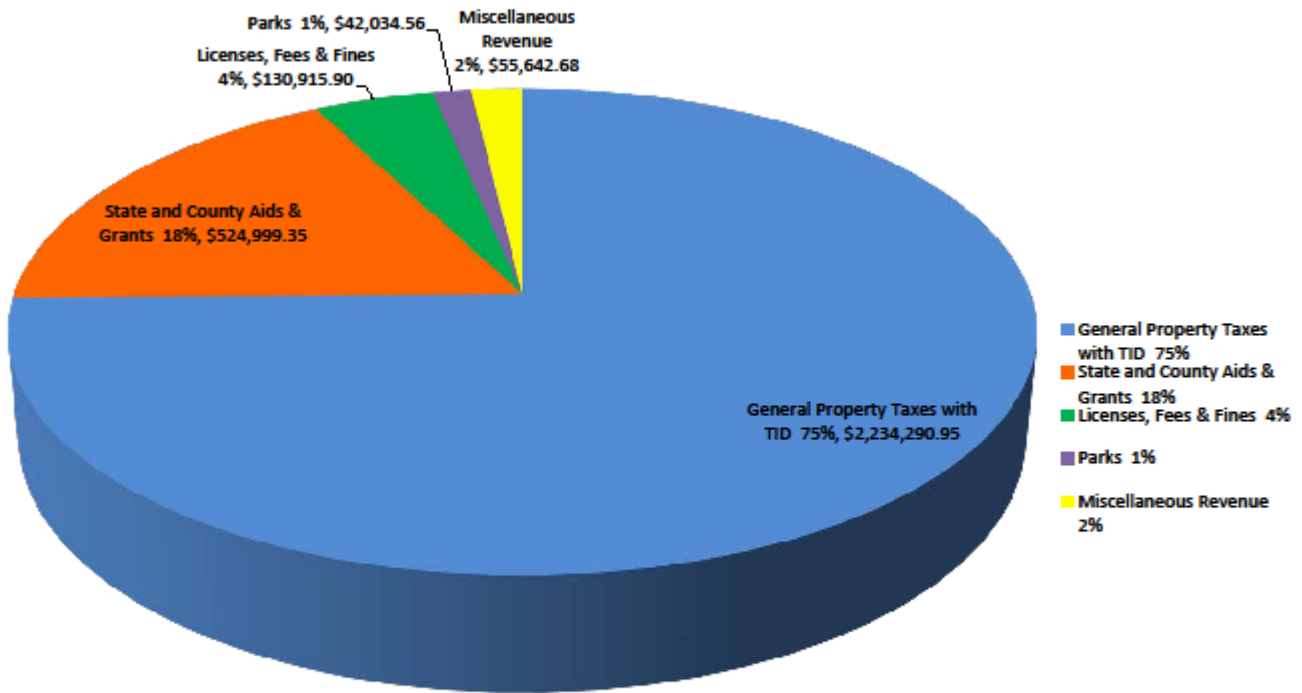
The following charts have been provided by the Lake Hallie Village Clerk's Office to assist in explaining how property taxes paid are distributed.

**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

## 2010 Village of Lake Hallie Revenues



During 2010 the Village collected the following revenues directly related to the Police Department.

\$48,478.62 was collected in fines from citations issued.

\$10,000 received towards wages for a DOT Highway Safety Grant.

\$5,000 Grant to replace outdated traffic RADAR equipment.

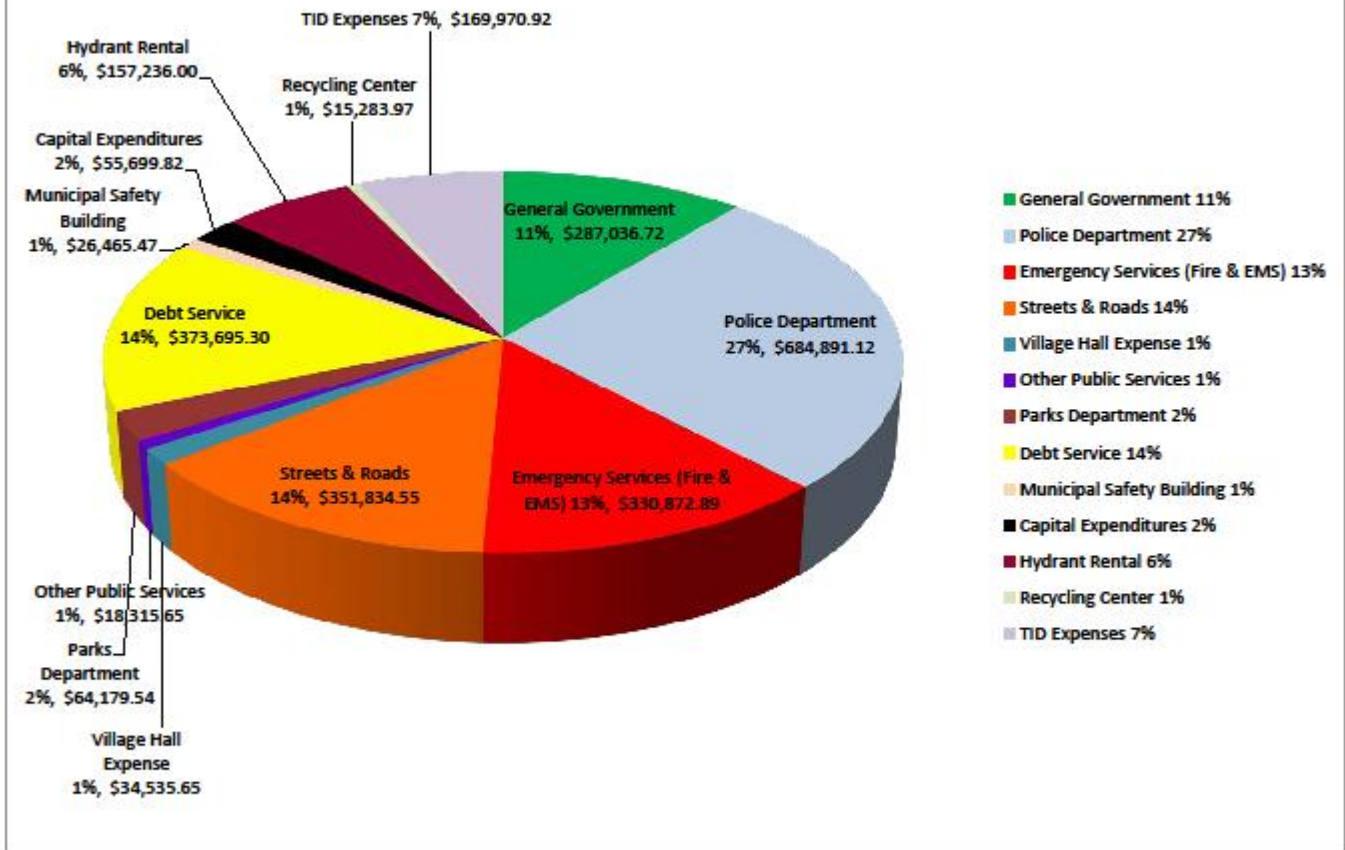
\$2,805.00 Grant from the Department of Justice for the purchasing of body armor for the officers.

The DOT also awarded the Police Department a Preliminary Breath tester valued at \$500.00.

A Squad Radio was acquired on a Radio Improvement Grant valued at \$3,400.00.

\$1,200 saving in Federal Tax related to the manner the department purchased its gas.

## 2010 Village of Lake Hallie Expenditures



The information in this report has been offered by Police Chief Cal Smokowicz with the assistance of Staff and the Village Clerk Leanne Addy.