



2024

Annual Report



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VISION STATEMENT

The Tomah Police Department is devoted to reducing crime, ensuring public safety, and protecting property while operating within the framework of the U.S. Constitution. Through problem solving and dedicated leadership, we will continue to deliver high quality police services to our community. We are determined to develop and strengthen our relationships within the community by employing educated, highly trained professionals that hold themselves to the highest standards.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Tomah Police Department is committed to providing professional and ethical police services to the public. We will treat all with dignity and respect, while serving with integrity and honor.

CORE VALUES

Professionalism in our interactions with the public and our colleagues.

Integrity through upholding strong moral standards.

Service with a commitment to help our community.

Character by using sound judgment in every aspect of our lives.



CITY COUNCIL

Paul Dwyer
John Glynn

Mayor
President of the Council

ALDERPERSONS

Travis Scholze
Richard Yarrington
John Glynn
Shawn Zabinski
Mitch Koel
Patrick Devine
Nellie Pater
Dean Peterson

First Aldermanic District
Second Aldermanic District
Third Aldermanic District
Fourth Aldermanic District
Fifth Aldermanic District
Sixth Aldermanic District
Seventh Aldermanic District
Eighth Aldermanic District

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Darren Price
John Cram
Oakley Moser
Dennis Koranda
Jeremy Weyer

Commission Chair
Commission Vice Chair
Commission Secretary
Commissioner
Commissioner





PERSONNEL

As of January 1, 2025



OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Scott Holum—Police Chief

Rhonda Culpitt—Admin Assistant

SWORN PERSONNEL

Eric Pedersen—Assistant Police Chief

Jarrod Furlano—Patrol Lieutenant

Paul Sloan—Investigative Lieutenant

Adam Perkins—Sergeant / K9 Handler

Wilbert Steinborn—Sergeant

Cody Paulson—Sergeant

Brandon Kuhn—Sergeant

Alex Brueggeman-Sergeant

Brittnay Westpfahl—Investigator

Lindsey Stoughtenger—Investigator

Melanie Marshall—School Resource

Steve Keller—Patrol Officer

Justice Blackhawk-Patrol Officer

Jayden Olson-Patrol Officer

Audra Gomez-Patrol Officer

John Reigel-Patrol Officer

Ethan Pedersen-Patrol Officer

Brandon Bellacero-Patrol Officer

Brad Hoffman-Patrol Officer

Kaden Kaufman-Patrol Officer

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

Ashley Bankhead—Clerk

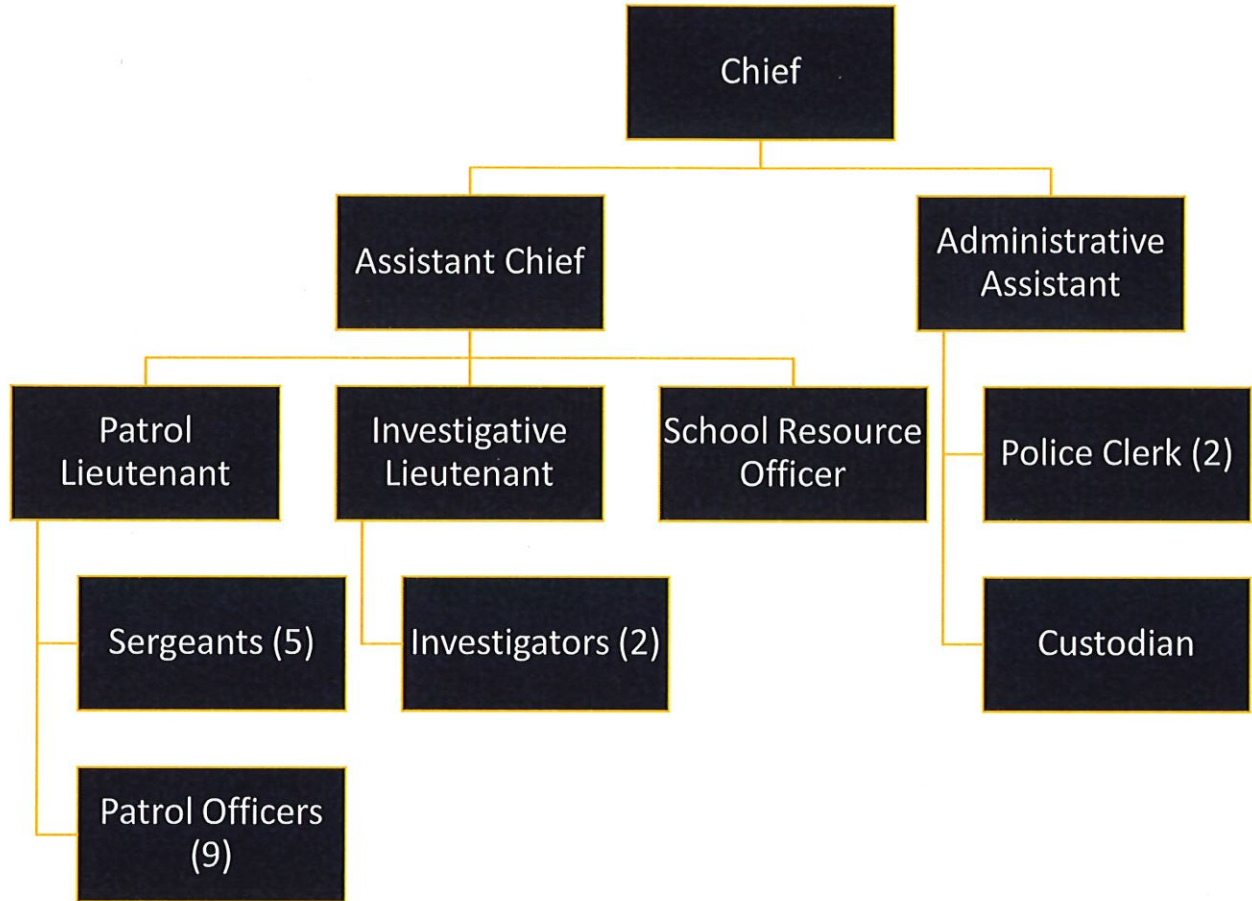
DeAnn Batten—Clerk

Mark Nicholson—Evidence Custodian

Earl Evans-Custodian



PERSONNEL





NEW MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Officer Brandon Bellacero was hired by the department on January 2, 2024. Officer Bellacero completed the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Officer Bellacero has completed the first four steps of the FTO process. Officer Bellacero is currently on Step V – solo patrol and is assigned to Green Team Night Shift.



Officer Brad Hoffman was hired by the department on June 3, 2024. Officer Hoffman completed the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Academy through Western Technical College Sparta Campus. Officer Hoffman has completed the first three steps of the FTO Process. Officer Hoffman is currently on Step V- solo patrol and is assigned to Blue Team Night Shift.



2024 DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Funded and Installed 7 Flock camera systems
- Successfully transitioned to Central Square records management system
- Acquired new Axon Body 4 cameras for all patrol staff
- Implemented PACE online scheduling system
- Hired three new patrol officers to join our team

2025 DEPARTMENT GOALS

- Locate and source grant funding to help equip and train staff
- Retain all of our staff in a highly competitive market
- Add a 2nd dual purpose K9 Unit to our team



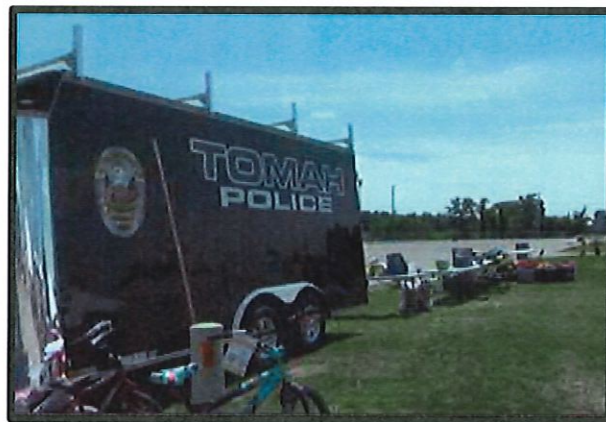
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

National Night Out

The Police Department, with the help of Tomah Health, Wal-Mart Super Center, and Wal-Mart Distribution Center held National Night Out. This year the event was held at Recreation Park. Organizations from around the area came to showcase resources available to the community that make Monroe County a safer place to live, work and play.

The Police Department's Bike Rodeo was held in conjunction with National Night Out. More than 250 children participated in the Bike Rodeo and received a prize purchased by donations from community businesses and civic organizations.

This event would not be possible without support and donations from the public.



School District Events

At the middle school, Officer Marshall teaches GREAT to sixth grade students in the school district.

The high school holds a "Reality Check" event during the school year. This would be similar to a game of LIFE in which students are responsible for maintaining a budget to care for their "families" while also dealing with life type situations.

Officer Marshall attends special school events throughout the school year such as homecoming activities, prom, and graduation. Officer Marshall chaperones for the Monroe County School Safety Patrol trip where 5th grade students get the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Community Events



Officer Gomez made several presentations at the Senior Center throughout the year on various safety topics. This included personal safety, internet and phone scams and situational awareness. She also participated in relationship building by playing various games with those in attendance.

The Tomah Police Department visits the Boys and Girls Club to build relationships with the youth. TPD put together a Halloween activity for the kids to enjoy while they discussed how to be safe while Trick or Treating.



Downtown Thursday Nights

The Tomah Police Department assists with local community events like Downtown Thursday Nights. The event allows the community to enjoy live music while also providing opportunities to local businesses. Officers enjoy the chance to interact with the local community and youth.



COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES



Cops on Roof Tops

The Special Olympics Cops on Roof Tops event was held at Dunkin Donuts in Tomah. Officers from the City of Tomah, City of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin State Patrol, Tomah Ambulance, Tomah Fire Department and Wilton Fire Department all participated in this event. Some of the Special Olympians came out to help collect donations. In 2024, the Tomah Police Department raised \$995.00 for the Special Olympics. Since 2014 we have assisted in raising over \$36,000 in donations to support the Special Olympics.





2024



YEAR IN REVIEW



13,463

Calls for Service



76

Use of Force Incidents



2,143

Traffic Stops



738

Traffic Citations



1,095

Traffic Warnings



362

Traffic Crashes



555

Criminal Referrals



654

Municipal Citations

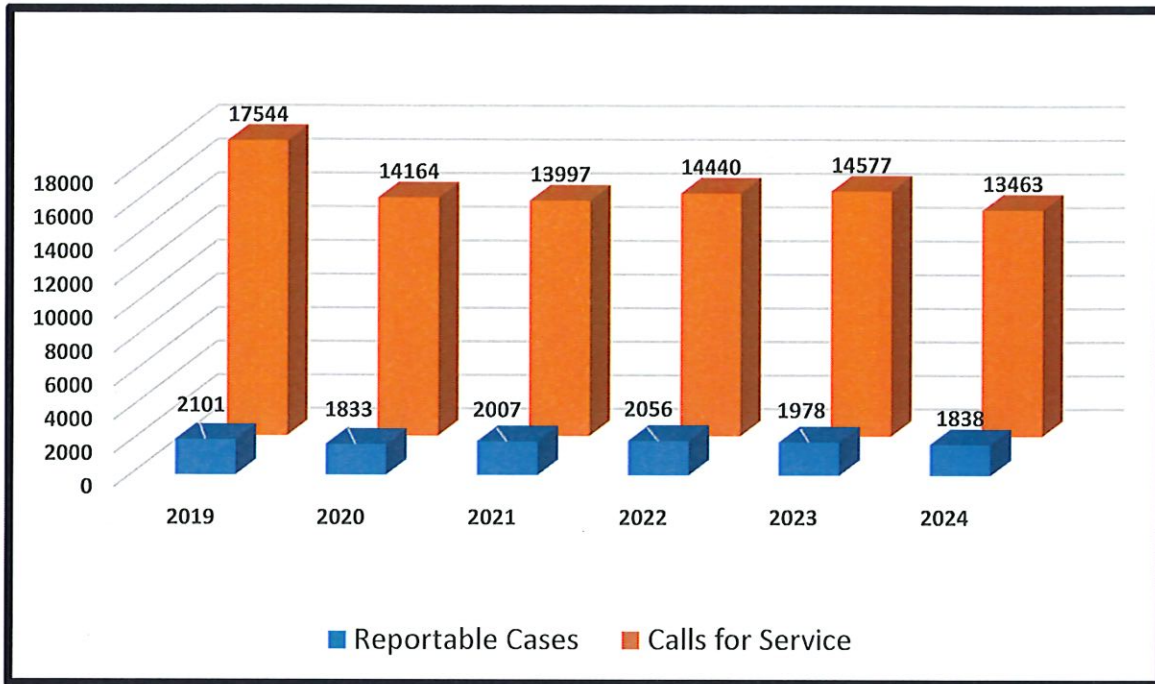


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Parking Tickets

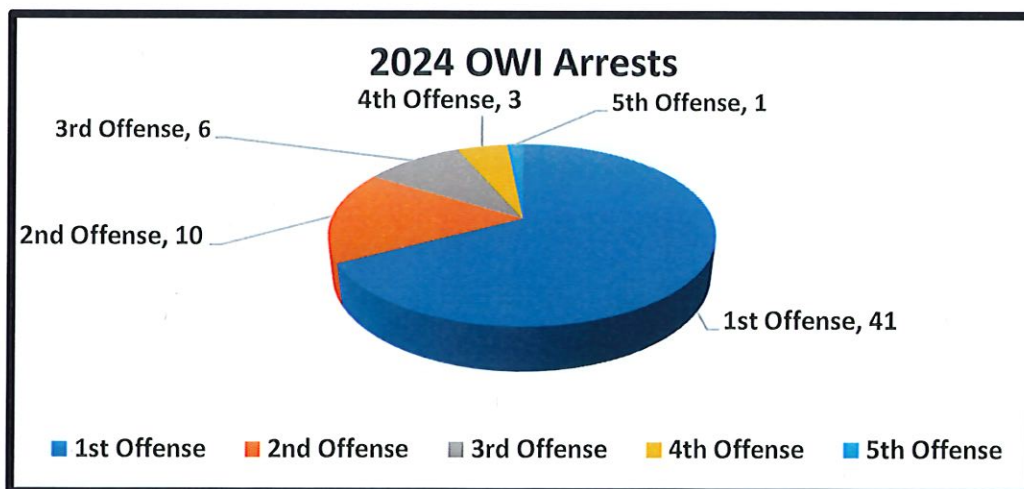


PATROL STATISTICS



The Tomah Police Department responds to approximately 15,000 calls for service per year. These calls vary significantly in the severity, scope of investigation, and resources needed to properly handle them.

In 2024, Tomah Police Department Officers made 61 OWI arrests with an average blood alcohol concentration of 0.175.





COMBINED TACTICAL UNIT INFORMATION

The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) is a Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team staffed by members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Sparta Police Department, Tomah Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol with tactical emergency medical support provided by Sparta Area Ambulance. The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit responded to five (5) full team call outs and three (3) partial team call outs in 2024.



- **Full Team**--7/9/2024 – CTU was activated for a high-risk search warrant in the Village of Norwalk. Information was obtained that a suspect with multiple charges out of multiple jurisdictions was at the residence. A search warrant was applied for and granted. CTU conducted a “No Knock Search Warrant,” and cleared the residence. The suspect was not located during the search.
- **Full Team**-- 11/19/2024 - The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit was deployed to assist in serving an ICAC search warrant in rural Tomah.
- **Full Team**-- 11/30/2024 – The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit was deployed to serve a search warrant at a residence in the City of Tomah to locate and arrest a subject involved in an attempted homicide.
- **Full Team**-- 12/11/2024 - Search Warrant – CTU was activated to serve a search warrant in rural Jackson County to locate an attempted homicide suspect from Tomah.



- **Partial Team**-- 03/26/2024 – Partial team callout was initiated for a drug search warrant in the City of Tomah. Information was received that the suspect was selling illegal substances out of his residence. Team members breached the door and found an empty apartment. A secondary search warrant was applied for and granted. The second apartment was breached and occupants taken into custody before a suspect jumped out of second floor window. The suspect was taken into custody shortly thereafter.
- **Partial Team**-- 08/06/2024 – Rural Sparta – Warrant – A partial team call out was initiated for a domestic suspect who had threatened the victim with a firearm. A warrant was applied for and granted. The suspect refused to answer his telephone or door. After multiple attempts to gain compliance with PA announcements and siren noise, a robot was introduced into the structure. The suspect exited the structure and refused to comply with commands. A less lethal impact munition was deployed, and the suspect was arrested.
- **Partial Team**-- 8/10/2024 – City of Sparta – A partial team callout was initiated for a search warrant at a residence in the City of Sparta. The warrant was executed after a drug related investigation led by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The warrant was served as a "knock and announce." Multiple subjects exited the residence and were detained. Multiple items of drug paraphernalia and numerous packages of illegal substances were located and seized.





SCHOOL SAFETY

The Tomah Police Department takes a proactive approach regarding school safety. School Resource Officer Melanie Marshall and Assistant Police Chief Eric Pedersen are involved in numerous aspects of school safety, such as:

- Attend T ASD safety meetings
- Assist with training staff
- Assist with school safety drills
- Support the adoption of the Standard Response Protocol
- Participate in the threat assessment process
- Provide guidance/training to parochial schools
- Attend meetings with school officials and Monroe County Human Services to assess at risk youth

The department has taken a proactive role in school safety. The department began dedicating resources specifically to school zones more than 19 years ago (2005).





K9 UNIT



The Tomah Police K-9 Unit consists of Sergeant Adam Perkins and his partner, K-9 Viktor. Sergeant Perkins has been employed with the Tomah Police Department since September 2011 and was selected to be a K-9 handler in late 2016. Sergeant Cody Paulson was selected to be the 2nd K-9 Handler.

In March 2017, Sergeant Perkins traveled to the Jessiffany Canine Services LLC Kennel in Iron Ridge, WI to select a K-9 partner. Sergeant Perkins met with the head trainer and looked at numerous dogs, ultimately selecting K-9 Viktor. K-9 Viktor is a Czech Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Sergeant Perkins and K-9 Viktor trained for 5 weeks at Jessiffany Canine Services and certified through Jessiffany and the

American Police Canine Association (APCA) in early April 2017.

Sergeant Perkins and K-9 Viktor primarily work Day Shift but are available off duty in an on-call capacity. K-9 Viktor is a “dual purpose” patrol K-9 meaning patrol work and narcotics detection. “Patrol work” encompasses handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, building searches, and area searches. For narcotics detection, Viktor is trained to alert on the odors of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, and Heroin.

Our K-9 Team trains on a frequent basis to stay proficient in the numerous tasks they are trained in. The training is usually conducted two days a month with other area K-9 teams from the City of Sparta, Monroe County, Village of Holmen, City of Onalaska, Town of Campbell, City of Prairie du Chien, and Trempealeau County.

Officer Blackhawk and Officer Reigel are the trained Decoys for the K-9 Unit.

Sergeant Cody Paulson will travel to Working K9, in Canada, in April to train with his selected K-9.



Certifications

Sgt. Perkins and K9 Viktor certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) on May 23rd, 2024.

Deployments of Interest



Agency Assist/Track – While on duty, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance in locating a subject wanted for a physical disturbance and a warrant. The information was the suspect fled the residence and went in an unknown direction into the woods behind the house. The suspect was also known to possess knives. A track was started and Viktor picked up fresh odor. Viktor worked into the woods and located the suspect hiding behind a tree about 150 yards into the woods. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Agency Assist/Track – While off duty, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office requested us to respond to an address

southeast of Tomah for a wanted subject who fled into the woods. The suspect had a DOC Warrant and was allegedly in possession of drugs and money. A track was started in the woods where the suspect was last observed. The track continued up a steep hill, went over/under barbwire fences, and through farm fields. During the track, the suspect was located walking on a road by a Deputy. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. We continued the track to look for discarded evidence, but no evidence was located. The track ended about one mile away and near where the suspect was taken into custody.



Agency Assist/Track/Apprehension – The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin State Patrol engaged in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The pursuit ended near Warrens, Wisconsin on I-94. The five suspects in the vehicle all fled on foot and ran into the woods to the South of I-94. We were on duty and were requested to respond. We arrived and started a track. The track continued through the woods, over railroad tracks and to a cranberry bog. At one point, all five suspects were observed running in front of officers. A K-9 warning was given to them, but they continued to flee. Viktor was released for an apprehension. The suspects disappeared into the woods and Viktor was called back due to the unknown danger of the five suspects. The track continued, and three suspects were located in the woods. They were taken into custody without further incident. The track then continued, and the fourth suspect was located hiding over the embankment to a cranberry bog. That suspect was taken into custody without incident. The track continued for the fifth suspect. The track led to a property with an abandoned trailer house. Viktor searched the trailer house and located the fifth suspect who was passively non-compliant in a back bedroom. That suspect was also taken into custody without incident. The track totaled over 2 miles in length.

Apprehension – Tomah Investigators had charges on a suspect for threatening to kill law enforcement officers. A plan was devised to get the suspect out of his residence and take him into custody. Officers were in position and once the suspect exited his residence, K-9 commands were given to the suspect, and he complied. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Agency Assist/Vehicle Sniff – While off duty, Sparta Police Department Officers conducted a traffic stop and requested we respond for a vehicle sniff. We arrived and conducted the vehicle sniff. A positive indication was obtained and a search of the vehicle yielded 12 grams of methamphetamine, 2 grams of marijuana and paraphernalia that tested positive for fentanyl. The suspects were taken into custody by Sparta Police Department.

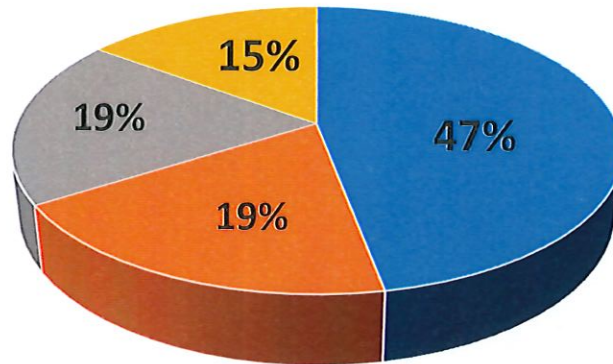
Agency Assist/Apprehension – The Wisconsin State Patrol received a complaint of a semi driver flashing a handgun at a passing vehicle. A Trooper located the truck near Tomah and requested assistance in making a high-risk traffic stop. The semi was stopped, and commands were given to the driver. The driver eventually



complied and exited. Viktor was utilized as a show of force to the driver. The driver looked at Viktor once Viktor began barking and the driver continued to comply with being taken into custody.

K9 UNIT STATISTICS

2024 Dual Purpose K-9 Deployments



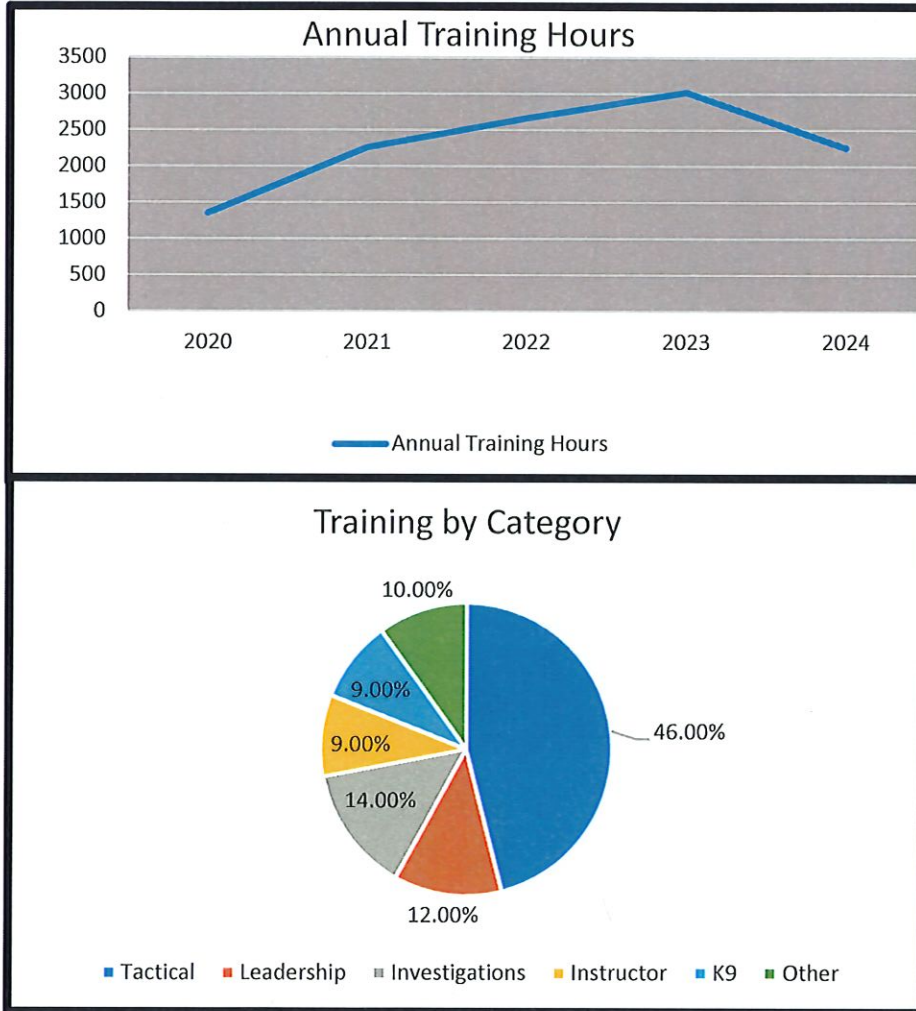
- Vehicle Sniffs
- Building/Area Searches
- Apprehesion Assists/Tracks
- Other





TRAINING REPORT

The Tomah Police Department has an annual budget dedicated to training, training equipment, and utilizes in-house certified instructors along with outside training events to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of its members.



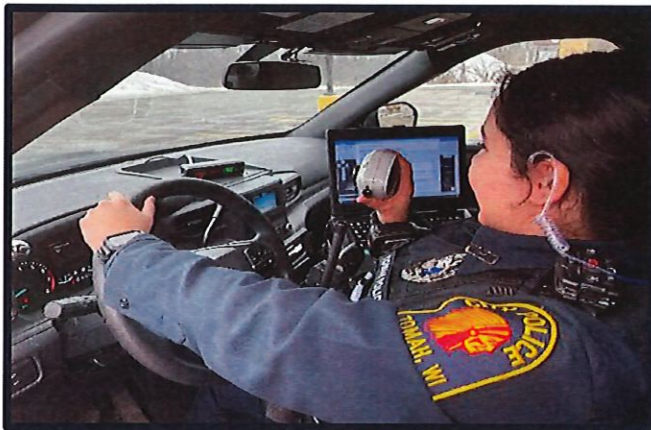
Breakdown of 2024 Training Hours

Training Category	Training Hours	Percentage
Tactical	1043	46%
Leadership	274	12%
Investigations	318	14%
Instructor	216	9%
K9	196	9%
Other	219	10%



FLEET MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Tomah Police Department has eighteen (18) vehicles in our fleet that are used by Administrative Staff, Supervisory Personnel, Investigators, Patrol Officers, and Combined Tactical Unit Officers. Patrol Officers drive marked Police vehicles with the traditional black and white pattern. Vehicles assigned to the Police Chief, Supervisors and Investigators are unmarked Police vehicles of various makes and models.



All of our marked Patrol vehicles are equipped with specialized equipment. This includes a RADAR unit for speed enforcement, semi-rugged laptop computers for conducting in-car records checks and for issuing electronic paperwork, semi-automatic M4 rifles, ballistic plate carriers, 12-gauge shotguns which are dedicated to less-than-lethal munitions, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), first aid bags, emergency medical kits, in-car Axon audio/video recorders, Stinger Spike systems to safely deflate vehicle tires, fire extinguishers, traffic vests, road flares, vehicle lockout kits, breaching equipment and Preliminary Breath Tests (PBTs). In addition to these items, the Supervisor vehicle is



equipped with other specialty equipment including a shield and manual breaching tools. This equipment helps our Officers conduct their work in a safe manner and provides life-saving tools for the Community when needed.

The MRAP armored rescue vehicle is a shared vehicle that is primarily used by the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit call outs and rescue operations on an "as needed" basis. While kept in Tomah's fleet, costs are shared between the three



Monroe County Law Enforcement Agencies (Tomah Police Department, Sparta Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Department).

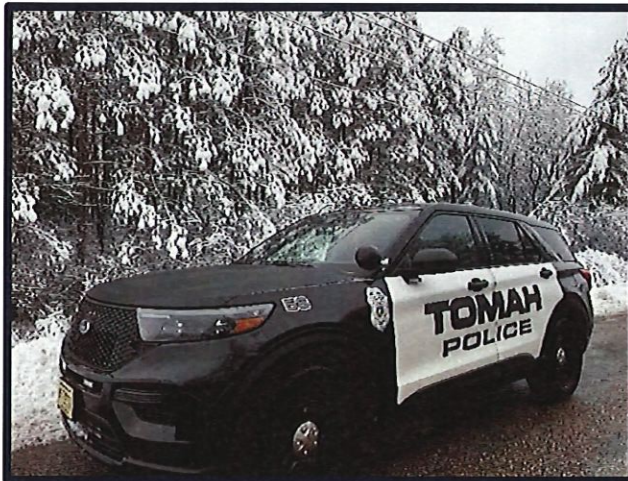
2024 Department Vehicle Departures:

2017 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol Personnel – Marked – Squad 49 – Acquired by the Tomah Fire Department

2024 Acquired Department Vehicles:

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 63

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 64



Vehicles in our fleet as of December 31, 2024:

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 64

2024 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked - Squad 63

2023 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Unmarked - Squad 62

2023 Ford Sport Utility AWD – K9 Patrol – Marked – Squad 61

2023 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Crew – Special Detail UTV – Marked – Squad 60

2022 Ford Escape – Chief – Unmarked – Squad 59

2022 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked – Squad 58

2012 Chevrolet Ambulance – CTU – Marked - Squad 57

2021 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol – Marked – Squad 56

2021 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Shift Supervisor – Unmarked – Squad 55

2020 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Investigations – Unmarked – Squad 54

2020 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Assistant Chief – Unmarked – Squad 53



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- 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD – K9 Patrol – Marked – Squad 52
- 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 – Investigator Lieutenant – Unmarked - Squad 51
- 2018 Ford Sport Utility AWD – Patrol Lieutenant – Unmarked – Squad 50
- 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 - Investigations – Unmarked - Squad 47
- 2012 Chevrolet Impala – Training – Unmarked - Squad 42
- Caiman MRAP 6x6 - Combined Tactical Unit / Rescue Operations - Squad MRAP

SQUAD #	2024 Miles Driven	2023 Miles Driven
52 – K9 (Chevrolet Tahoe)	11,780	11,638
53 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	4,878	24,348
54 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	2,612	24,849
55 – Supervisor (Ford SUV)	18,822	24,026
56 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	15,276	27,104
58 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	30,214	26,920
61 – K9 (Ford SUV)	2,002	4,792
62 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	15,653	-
63 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	10,573	-
64 – Patrol (Ford SUV)	14,215	-

Approximately 126,000 miles were put on Patrol vehicles in 2024. This is an approximate 11,000 mile decrease from 2023. There was one reportable accident and zero non-reportable fleet accidents in 2024.

