2020 Annual Report

By Chief Geoffrey Willems

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VISION

It is the vision of the Hudson Police Department to pursue excellence as community advocates, protectors and partners.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Hudson Police Department, ensure that Hudson is a safe and desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Core Values

H – Honesty

U – Understanding

D – Dedication

S – Service

O – Ownership

N – Nonpareil

Chief’s Report

HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Hudson Police Department strives to ensure that Hudson is a safe and desirable place to live, work, and visit. This is our Mission Statement and we use it daily to make decisions for our department and our community. As a guiding principle, this mission statement helps us maintain our focus and our direction as well as our pursuit of excellence as community advocates, protectors and partners.

We have a vested interest in making Hudson a safe and wonderful place. We live here, our family lives here, our friends live here, and our children go to school here. It is a privilege each and every day to be called upon to serve this great community and do our part to make it a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

2020 was another challenging year for the police department. Though our staffing was caught up to 28 sworn officers and every spot was filled, the World experienced a 100 year pandemic COVID-19 in March, the entire country was shut down for a minimum of 6 weeks. Then, in late May, George Floyd die in the custody of Minneapolis Police which spurred nationwide protests and riots. Officer Derek Chauvin was charged with the death as well as the three officers who were assisting in this case. There were significant crowd control issues just across the river in Washington County and there was intelligence from the MN fusion center that suggested upwards of 75,000 people were coming to the area for these events. We worked with our regional law enforcement partners to ensure the City stayed safe and protected. These protests last all summer and through the end of the year.

Eventually, the State of Wisconsin opened for business, but Minnesota remained closed or had significant capacity limits and early closing times. This caused a huge influx of people from Minnesota coming to Hudson to enjoy the bars and restaurants in the downtown district. We again, were forced to increase staffing levels to accommodate the thousands of extra people especially on the weekends.

The City of Hudson's population in 2020 was estimated at 14,526. At this population level, and with twenty-eight full time officers, the number of officers per thousand is at 1.93. Here are the officers per thousand for the previous five years: 2019 – 2.004, 2018 – 1.93, 2017 – 1.82, 2016-1.77, 2015-1.72.

The Hudson Police Explorer Post entered its twenty-fifth year in 2020 with twenty-four students. This program still remains very popular with the high school students who view it as an opportunity to see if a career in law enforcement is what they would like to pursue after high school. At least four former police explorers have gone onto careers in this field. Officer Thomas Parsons, and Officer Berger were two of the department's past explorers. The explorers also attended the Wisconsin State Law Enforcement

Explorers Conference, held in Wisconsin Dells. At this conference the explorers compete against other explorer posts in law enforcement type scenarios, such as; Search and Seizure, Criminal Arrest, and Bomb Threats, to name just a few.

As 2021 begins the Hudson Police Department will again experience many changes; as we are still dealing with COVID-19 and social justice civil unrest while we await the Derek Chauvin trial.

Police Structure & Organization:

Department Overview

Hudson Police Department Overview

In 2020 the Hudson Police Department consisted of 31 full time employees and 3 Parking Enforcement employees. Of the 31 full time employees, 28 of them are sworn law enforcement officers, and 3 are full time clerical staff. These positions are: Chief of Police, Lieutenant, 4-Patrol Sergeants, 1-Detective Sergeant, 2-Detectives, 1 Drug Investigator, 2-PSLO, 16-Patrol Officers. At the end of 2020 there were three open patrol officer positions.

Listed below is a roster of the full time positions within the Hudson Police Department and the years of service:

Chief of Police:	Geoff Willems	19 years
Lieutenant:	Jason Muenich	24 years
Det. Sgt:	Pete Schultz	29 years
Patrol Sgt:	Todd Pearson	24 years
Patrol Sgt:	Bradley Kusmirek	21 years
Patrol Sgt:	Andy Wedell	16 Years
Patrol Sgt:	Brent Ellwanger	12 years
PSLO	Thomas Parsons	4 years
PSLO	Traci Hall	12 years
Detective	Hilary Lundberg	12 years
Detective	Ryan Bleskey	4 Years
Detective	Zach Schulz	7 years
Patrol Officer	James Wildman	12 years
Patrol Officer	David Massmann	4 years
Patrol Officer	Kate Potter	12 years
Patrol Officer	Luke Radke	3 years
Patrol Officer	Charles Welbourn	6 years
Patrol Officer	Kyle Knepler	12 years
Patrol Officer	Robert Larson	13 years
Patrol Officer	Sam Welbourn	5 years
Patrol Officer	Elias Schendel	2 years
Patrol Officer	Ty Woodward	3 Years
Patrol Officer	Timothy Rue	2 Years
Patrol Officer	Holden Timm	6 months
Patrol Officer	Caleb Kostick	1 Year
Patrol Officer	Andrew Pritchard	1 Year
Patrol Officer	Max Berger	1 Year
Patrol Officer	Aaron Alberts	1 Year
Admin Assist	Melanie Herberg	22 years
Records Clerk	Jessica Genske	15 years
Records Clerk	Erin Seiler	6 years

Crime Report

Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

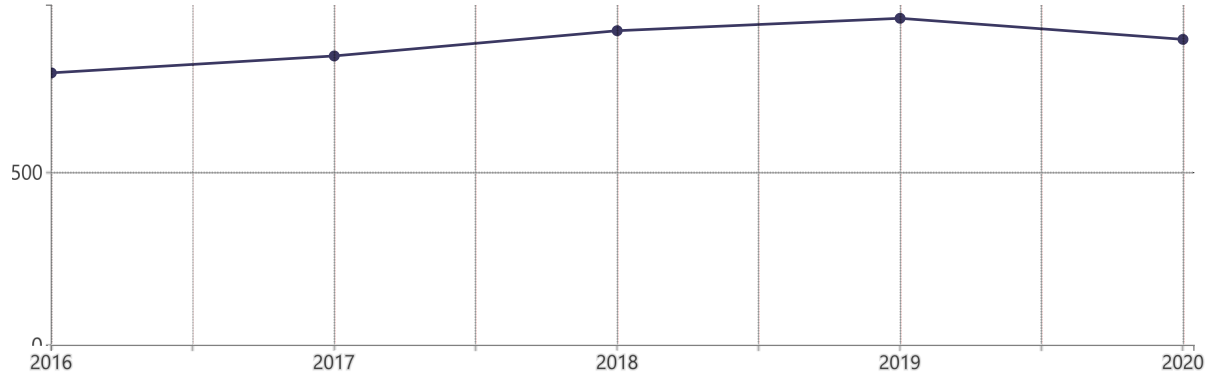
Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Crime History - *Hudson PD, WI0560100*

Total Offenses for Hudson PD

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021



Total Offenses by Subcategory

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021

Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total	789	838	911	947	886
► Crimes Against Persons	54	88	50	68	101
► Crimes Against Property	618	585	614	607	553
► Crimes Against Society	117	165	247	272	232

Counting Rules

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Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Crime History - *Hudson PD, WI0560100*

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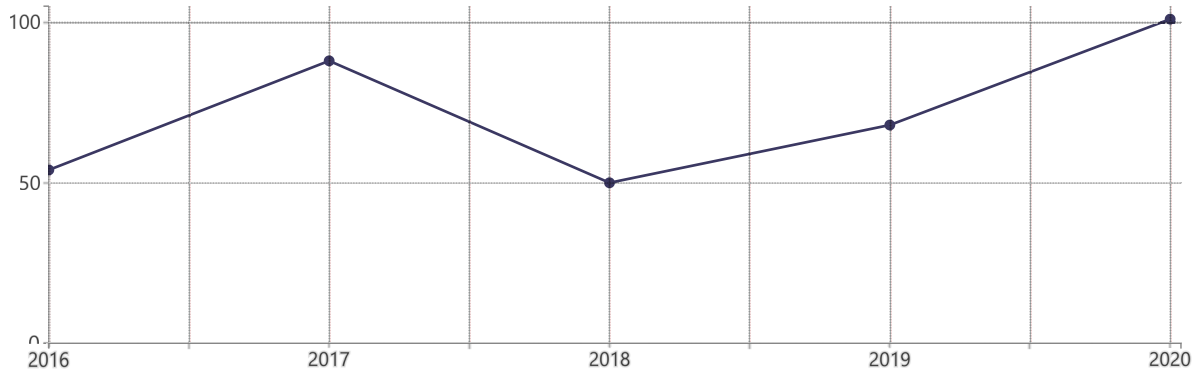
Offense Category ▾

Date Range ▾ 2016 - 2020

Crimes Against Person Offenses for Hudson PD

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021



Crimes Against Person Offenses by Subcategory

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021

Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Crimes Against Persons	54	88	50	68	101
► Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	1
► Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0
► Sex Offenses	8	11	4	6	10
► Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	2	0	0	0	4
► Assault Offenses	44	76	45	58	80
► Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	1	4	6
► Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0

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View additional IBR Reporting Methodology counting rules. »

Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Crime History - *Hudson PD, WI0560100*

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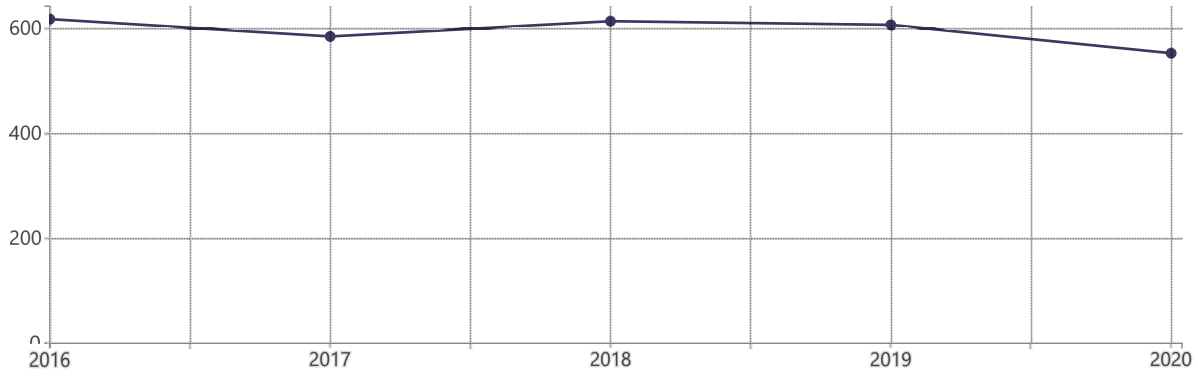
Offense Category ▾

Date Range ▾ 2016 - 2020

Crimes Against Property Offenses for Hudson PD

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021



Crimes Against Property Offenses by Subcategory

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021

Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Crimes Against Property	618	585	614	607	553
► Robbery	0	1	1	1	3
► Burglary	27	32	20	29	7
► Theft/Larceny	359	309	351	336	306
► Motor Vehicle Theft	14	13	14	22	20
► Stolen Property Offenses	3	10	7	8	5
► Arson	0	0	0	0	0
► Counterfeiting/Forgery	24	44	53	45	35
► Fraud Offenses	64	85	56	86	78
► Embezzlement	2	1	5	4	1
► Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	1
► Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
► Destruction/Vandalism	125	90	107	76	97

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Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Crime History - *Hudson PD, WI0560100*

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Offense Category ▾

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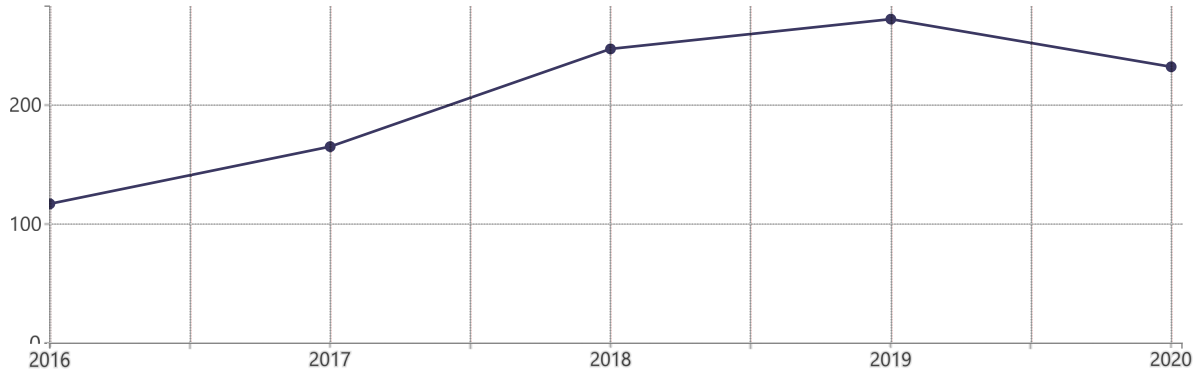
Crimes Against Society Offenses for Hudson PD

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021



Crimes Against Society Offenses by Subcategory

2016 - 2020

Date Updated: 5/26/2021

Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Crimes Against Society	117	165	247	272	232
► Weapon Law Violations	3	3	1	5	11
► Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
► Drug/Narcotic Offenses	113	158	242	265	219
► Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
► Pornography	1	4	4	2	2
► Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0

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Crime Counts - Hudson PD
January 2020 - December 2020

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

January 2020 - December 2020

Crime Category	Offenses	Victims	Clearances	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total Crime	**886**	**919**	**482**	**347**	**50**	**397**
Crimes Against Persons	**101**	**101**	**85**	**62**	**7**	**69**
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	10	10	10	6	1	7
• Rape	1	1	2	3	0	3
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	9	9	8	3	1	4
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	4	4	3	0	2	2
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	4	4	3	0	2	2
Assault Offenses	80	80	66	52	4	56
• Aggravated Assault	35	35	25	22	1	23
• Simple Assault	39	39	36	26	3	29
• Intimidation	6	6	5	4	0	4
Kidnapping/Abduction	6	6	6	4	0	4
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	**553**	**586**	**173**	**145**	**24**	**169**
Robbery	3	5	1	1	0	1
Burglary	7	7	1	1	0	1
Theft/Larceny	306	316	97	97	11	108
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	101	103	68	70	5	75
• Theft From Building	10	10	1	3	0	3
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	55	60	3	4	1	5

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	30	31	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	109	111	25	20	5	25
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	20	7	3	1	4
Stolen Property Offenses	5	5	5	5	1	6
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	35	38	8	6	0	6
Fraud Offenses	78	92	21	17	2	19
• Fraud - False Pretenses	22	25	7	2	2	4
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	41	52	8	11	0	11
• Fraud - Impersonation	8	8	5	4	0	4
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	5	5	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	2	2	1	0	0	0
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	1	1	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1	1	1	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	97	101	32	15	9	24
Crimes Against Society	**232**	**232**	**224**	**140**	**19**	**159**
Weapon Law Violations	11	11	11	5	0	5
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	219	219	213	135	19	154
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	115	115	111	98	12	110
• Drug Equipment Violations	104	104	102	37	7	44
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	2	2	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

January 2020 - December 2020

Crime Category	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	Total Arrests
Total Crime	**407**	**103**	**510**
Bad Checks	3	0	3
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	83	26	109
Driving Under the Influence	110	0	110
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	2	0	2
Liquor Law Violation	16	10	26
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	3	5	8
All Other Offenses	190	62	252

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Victim counts are calculated based on the number of victims connected to each unique offense type in an incident. For Crimes Against Persons, the number of victims will be equal to the number of offenses. Victims will be counted more than once if they are connected to multiple offenses.

Arrest counts are calculated based on the number of arrestees listed on a Group A or Group B incident. Each arrestee is counted only once per incident. Arrests are categorized based on the specific Group A or Group B arrest code submitted by the agency, rather than the incident offense code. Since agencies only submit the most serious arrest charge for each arrestee on an incident, arrest counts are not indicative of the number of charges.

Incidents are cleared in one of two ways: by arrest or by exceptional means. Clearance counts are based on the number of offenses cleared in a given month regardless of when the offense occurred, and can therefore be greater than the number of offenses in a given month. In incident-based reporting, the first arrest on an incident, or an exceptional clearance, will clear all offenses associated with the incident.

St. Croix County Emerg Communications Center

Call Log With Incident by Department

Report Criteria: Call Date: 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020

HUP

ACCIDENT	527
ACCIDENT WITH PI	46
ALARM	358
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	228
ASSAULT	32
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	12
BAIL JUMPING	4
BURGLARY	13
CAR KILLED DEER	3
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	10
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM W/SYMPTO	2
CELL 911 HANG-UP CALLS	1019
CHECKING DOORS	40
CIVIL MATTER	204
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	66
CORONER REQUEST	1
CUSTODY DISPUTE	50
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	146
DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	3
DISABLED VEHICLE	260
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	70
DISTURBANCE	480
DOMESTIC	106
EMERGENCY DETENTION	62
EMS BREATHING PROBLEMS	69
EMS CALL	277
EMS CARDIAC	62
EMS DIABETIC	12
EMS FALL	159
EMS LIFT ASSIST	37
EMS OVERDOSE	17
EMS SEIZURE	29
EMS SICK	166
EMS STROKE	23
EMS UNCONSCIOUS	49
EMS-TRANSFER	3
FIRE ALARM	81
FIRE DUMPSTER	4
FIRE ELECTRICAL	10
FIRE GRASS	3
FIRE STRUCTURE	16
FIRE VEHICLE	11
FOLLOW UP	496
FRAUD COMPLAINT	186
FUEL LEAK	27
HARASSMENT	93
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL	1
INFORMATION	142
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST	1

St. Croix County Emerg Communications Center

Call Log With Incident by Department

Report Criteria: Call Date: 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020

HUP

JUVENILE COMPLAINT	195
KIDNAPPING COMPLAINT	1
LITTERING COMPLAINT	16
LOITERING	26
LOST AND FOUND	201
MAINTENANCE REQUEST	10
MISCELLANEOUS	319
MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	25
MUTUAL AID	109
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	331
PAPER SERVICE	88
PARKING COMPLAINT	267
PRISONER TRANSPORT	2
PROPERTY COMPLAINT	10
PROPERTY WATCH	15
PROWLER	1
PUBLIC ASSIST	596
QUASHED WARRANTS	4
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPLAINT	2
RESCUE CALL	11
ROBBERY	4
SEARCH	1
SEARCH WARRANT	9
SEXUAL ASSAULT	28
SHOOTING COMPLAINT	10
SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST	4
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY COMPLAINT	846
TELEPHONE CALLS COMPLAINT	113
TEST CALL ONLY	8
THEFT COMPLAINT	465
THREAT COMPLAINT	52
TOWED VEHICLE	2
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	566
Traffic Stop	3462
TRESPASSING COMPL	41
VEHICLE IN DITCH	32
WANTED PERSON	98
WATER RESCUE	3
WELFARE CHECK	571
Total Incidents:	**14260**

St. Croix County Emergency Communications

Call Detail - Day of Week

Report Criteria: Call Date: 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020

Department	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Totals
HUP	1790	1858	1986	1945	2117	2371	2193	14260

St. Croix County Emergency Communications

Monday, January 4, 2021 at 11:52:48 AM

Call Detail - Time of Day

Report Criteria: Call Date: 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020

Department	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Totals
HUP	508	389	362	220	120	135	181	336	499	569	642	764	919	983	936	929	850	810	764	675	664	653	743	609	14260

Patrol Division

HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT
2020 ANNUAL REPORT
PATROL DIVISION

For the year 2020 the patrol division is fully staffed at sixteen patrol Officers and four patrol Sergeants. With that being said, it was a challenging time both for the Department and for Society as a whole. In the early part of the year we as a nation were affected by COVID-19, which became a worldwide pandemic. As with much of the Nation we went into a lockdown scenario with Officers following CDC guidelines, wearing masks, social distancing and restricting access to the Department to official essential staff only. In addition, we moved to a 12-hour schedule for several months rotating Patrol officers 6 on duty days and 12 off days to avoid the high potential of COVID 19 exposure.

We have since returned to our normal schedule and Officers continue to follow the CDC guidelines which has served the Department well and the Department staff has not suffered significantly from the disease due to the hard work of the staff. Moving into 2021 many of our restrictions are still in place but Officers have become used to COVID 19 events as a new normal or part of daily life now.

Another significant challenge to the Department which affected us was the social unrest which took place throughout the Country. There were several Police incidents in the Country and a heated election, causing controversy which had not been experienced since the unrest of the 1960's.

With the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis it caused us great concern due to our proximity to the city and the unrest taking place in the entire metro area. With several credible threats levied towards the outlying suburbs including the City of Hudson we were compelled to increase our schedule shifts and obtained extra resources from numerous outside agencies for several days until the unrest settled down. We did not have any unrest occur in our City but our Officers, with the help of the outside agencies, were prepared to keep the City safe.

Sgt. Hartman retired this year and as a result Sgt. Pearson moved to days and Detective Ellwanger was promoted to Patrol Sgt. where he currently works nights. There continues to be a full complement of patrol Sergeants who have been crucial in giving direction to our young afternoon and night crews during this unique and very challenging period.

With the onset of COVID 19 challenges, many special events that the City hosts every year were canceled or changed so we were less involved. These events (Booster Days, Hot Air Affair, Lakefront Park events, Weitkamp Park events, Etc.) typically have a major impact on the Department requiring extra staffing so we can assist in giving the citizens and visitors a safe environment to enjoy those events. With those events canceled we were able to use those resources elsewhere.

According to the St. Croix County Emergency Communications Center the Hudson Police Department logged 14,260 calls for service handled by Hudson Officers.

The top five number of calls for service is listed as:

Traffic Stops – 3,462
Cell 911 Hang Ups – 1,019
Suspicious Activity Complaint – 846
Public Assist - 596
Check Welfare - 571

The Hudson Police Department continues to build on its in-house training capabilities. As a Department we continue to excel using innovative techniques while partnering with organizations within the community. We continue to train monthly in a wide range of scenarios, and we integrate policy and real-life situations in these trainings. Some of these trainings include CPR / First Aid, Firearms (shoot/don't shoot scenarios) Emergency Vehicle Operations, Defense and Arrest Tactics, and Less Lethal equipment training. The Hudson Police Department continues to use and train in-house instructors which are certified by the State of Wisconsin and enhances our training capabilities and assures a high standard of quality.

This year saw many in-person trainings canceled, so as with the rest of society we had to adapt and use alternatives to in person outside agency training. In addition to using our own in-house certified State of Wisconsin trainers we used Microsoft Teams, Zoom and other formats. We also obtained video training from an organization known for excellence which is also tied to our policy and procedure protocols. The learning management system "Police One Academy" has allowed us to cover our entire Department so we can stay up to date in areas that we cannot send everyone to at once due to cost or scheduling, but it is critical training covering a wide variety of social, legal, procedural, safety and tactical issues that Officers respond to daily.

The entire staff has adapted and charged forward to overcome the challenges of this year, and with the group of Officers we have working here there is no doubt in my mind that they will continue to do so in a professional, compassionate and service minded manner.

2020 End of Year K9 Report

2020 was the first year of Badger being reassigned to Officer Radke and being recertified as a dual purpose K9 Team, this certification includes narcotics detection and apprehension/tracking work. Officer Radke and Badger attended the K9 Academy hosted by St. Paul PD from February to May. Upon regaining certification Officer Radke and K9 Badger immediately returned to Patrol and have been active ever since.

In 2020 K9 Badger assisted in location Marijuana, Meth, Heroin, and Cocaine, as well as all associated paraphernalia. K9 Badger located over 100 grams of methamphetamine and well over a pound of marijuana on the streets of Hudson. Badger has also been used to track multiple suspects who have fled on foot after leading Officers and Deputies in high speed pursuits and individuals who have fled from violent domestics and other incidents.

Badger has been used for several building/area searches as well, on one incident K9 Badger was used to search/secure a residential area after HPD Officers were shot at after interrupting a narcotics sale/transaction.

Fund raising in 2020 was essentially put on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions, however several individuals have made donations none the less which is greatly appreciated by HPD as well as Officer Radke. The HPD K9 Fund is funded solely by donations from the public, having a K9 is an asset that is of the utmost importance for a city the size of Hudson. It has been and will continue to be a tool that the Department will utilize to combat the rising crime rate that has spilled over from the Twin Cities metro area.

HPD looks forward to restarting fund raising efforts as the pandemic subsides and to continue to build and develop K9 Badger's ability to serve the citizens of Hudson and St. Croix County.

Investigations:

Detective Report
PSLO Report

2020 Detective Bureau End of Year Report

2020 was a very challenging year for Hudson Police Department's Detective Bureau. Sergeant Pete Schultz led the detectives for a third year. All detectives were pulled from Investigations to do patrol for over two months, except Sergeant Schultz, who worked all incoming cases during that time period. There was a great deal of change this year, including supervising two new school resource officers and one new drug detective. Detective Lundberg is in her third year as a detective. Detective Zach Schulz worked his second full year in investigations. Detective Hall began her first year as the Middle School SRO after three plus years as a drug detective. Detective Bleskey was promoted from patrol ranks to the Drug Detective position. Detective Parsons began his first year as the High School SRO with no detective experience. Detective Wildman fulfilled his five year commitment as our School Resource Officer at the Hudson Middle School and went to the patrol ranks. Detective Ellwanger completed his third year as the Hudson High School School Resource Officer and was promoted to Sergeant and went to patrol. We are at full staffing including a detective sergeant, two detectives, one drug detective, and two school resource officers, who in addition to handling day to day school details, also investigate numerous crimes against students in and out of school.

The Detective Bureau investigated 335 cases including deaths, homicide, physical assaults, sexual assaults, robberies, drug trafficking and possession, burglaries, theft and fraud, and terrorist threats. 319 charges were filed in those cases. The Detective Bureau investigated a homicide, attempted homicide, and two aggravated assaults, and one robbery in a one week time period when Minnesota bars and restaurants were shut down and Wisconsin's bars and restaurants were open. All four suspects in the homicide and attempted homicide were identified and two were captured within a two week time period after 100's of work hours by detectives. Numerous search warrants were written in addition to phone and computers forensically analyzed. Detectives didn't do any background checks on potential new hires for the first time in many years. When combined the case load for all detectives included 371 cases and 445 charges filed, with most charges filed being felonies.

2020 was the third year Hudson Police Department partnered with the WI Division of Criminal Investigation in investigating ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children). Hudson Police Department investigated eight child pornography cases. Three were from tips which originated from National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Two cases originated in the Hudson Middle School. The other three came through public complaints. One individual was arrested in these crimes.

Detective Bleskey was assigned to the St Croix Drug Task Force. Detective Bleskey investigated drug crimes occurring in the city of Hudson in addition to the surrounding communities. Detective Bleskey investigated an additional 36 cases which included 98 individuals arrested and 126 charges filed with the district attorney. Meth was the most common drug arrest. Detective Bleskey assisted in large cases such as death investigations and the homicide case. In addition, Detective Bleskey became a certified Cellebrite phone extractor. See Detective Bleskey's report.

The school resource officers were busy assisting staff and students and investigating cases in our Hudson public schools and also in the homes, since many students were learning off site virtually. Two of Detective Parsons first cases included a sex assault of a student and also sex exploitation online by another student. Detective Parsons is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to be actively involved and to mentor students and to get involved in activities in and out of the classroom with students. Detective Hall was quickly getting involved in students' lives by mentoring, getting involved with them at lunch and recess, and counseling them as needed. Both Detective Parsons and Detective Hall are already respected amongst staff, students, and parents. Combined, the SRO's made 108 arrests and wrote an additional 126 reports. These reports consisted of thefts, harassment, sex assaults, battery, drug possession, etc. See the School Resource Officer end of report.

Specialized training was obtained by Hudson detectives in the areas of financial crimes, internet crimes against children, child abuse, cell phone technology and criminal investigations, and leadership courses. With continued training and learning, detectives are better equipped to handle complex cases.

Respectively submitted,

Detective Sergeant Peter Schultz

Hudson High School
Detective/School Resource Officer

In July 2020, Thomas "Mac" Parsons, was selected as the new Detective/School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Hudson High School. The position opened after the previous SRO, Brent Ellwanger, was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Detective Parsons was previously assigned to the patrol division. Det. Parsons was a 2012 graduate of Hudson High School and was excited at the opportunity to return and serve the school in this new capacity.

The school year started on September 1st, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the semester the student population at school varied greatly. The school year began with a majority of students physically attending school every day, while some chose to attend class virtually at home. As weeks passed the school eventually switched to "hybrid learning," where half of the students came to school for part of the week, and the other half stayed home and attended virtually. These groups would then switch between virtual learning and physically attending class. Towards the end of the semester, grades 10-12 were all virtually attending school, while 9th graders remained in a hybrid model.

Despite the unprecedented times, Detective Parsons was busy with a variety of duties ranging from student outreach to investigating serious crimes. The following are some of the tasks Detective Parsons completed over the semester:

- Visited numerous classes; prioritizing positive student engagement.
- Presented to students on a variety of topics: including a general introduction and professional background, the duties of an SRO, Truancy Issues, Criminal Liability at 17, open question and answer sessions, the current state of law enforcement, safety in public with special needs students, and the effects of drugs with students from the STRIVE program.
- Proactively visited ABLE classes that help students with emotional behavior disorders.
- Proactively communicated with school administrators regarding students exhibiting escalating behavior issues both on and off campus in an effort to curb the potential of school violence.
- Conducted criminal investigations that included both misdemeanor and felony level offenses.
- Most notably, Detective Parsons investigated and forwarded charges on an incident that involved the creation and distribution of child pornography, an incident that involved the assault of a student that reached the level of substantial battery, and an incident that involved a school employee who possessed drug paraphernalia on campus.
- Issued municipal level citations for truancy offenses, disorderly conduct, possession of drugs, paraphernalia, underage drinking, and unsafe driving.
- Routinely met with individual students as a "resource" and answered questions, provided information on the law, and referred them to other agencies for assistance.
- Routinely provided security by patrolling school hallways, monitoring student passing time and lunches.
- Taught Driver's Education students on what to do after a car accident, when you are pulled over, and other miscellaneous traffic safety topics.
- Provided security and law enforcement services at High School sporting events.

- Met with students in a teaching capacity, where Det. Parsons would educate them on the law and how to avoid legal issues in the future.

From September 1st – December 22nd, there were 875 total units of activity. Units of activity include arrests, reports, parent contacts, investigations, classroom visits, etc.

There were 53 units of enforcement activity. This number includes arrests, traffic citations, municipal ordinance citations, and warnings.

75 reports were generated at the High School. These reports were of incidents reported to the SRO. The reports include general information, miscellaneous complaints, certain students contacts, and incidents ranging from truancy referrals to serious felony offenses.

Det. Parsons visited with at least 71 classes in order to engage with students and participate in student activities. Det. Parsons had 185 contacts with individual students.

Det. Parsons received a letter of recognition for his efforts in locating a student who was reported missing from Hudson in September. Det. Parsons conducted multiple interviews, worked with friends of the student, and utilized social media data, which tracked the student to Seattle, Washington. Det. Parsons was able to quickly communicate with Seattle authorities and the student was taken into protective custody without incident.

While some enforcement situations are unavoidable, Detective Parsons strives to avoid unnecessary citations and arrests by focusing on providing guidance to students through mentorships and educating them on the law. Detective Parsons is excited to continue his assignment at the school where he hopes to build on the foundation set this year.

School Resource Officer for

Middle School and Elementary Schools

2020 Year End Report

In the beginning of 2020, Detective Hall, was selected to be the new School Resource Officer for the Hudson Middle School and Elementary Schools. The selection process occurred early in the year to allow adequate time for Detective/SRO Hall to shadow and learn from PSLO Wildman who currently held the position. There were a couple opportunities for this to occur prior to the school campuses being closed in March due to COVID-19. Due to the State of Emergency, Detective Hall was assigned to patrol until the start of the school year in the Fall.

In August, Detective Hall, transitioned to her new role as a School Resource Officer. She was able to attend the National School Resource Officers Conference, virtually which was a great educational experience.

Detective Hall was primarily responsible for incidents that occurred at the Middle School and Elementary Schools. However, she did assist Officer Parsons occasionally at the High School. Detective Hall was involved in a variety of school activities during the months of September through December 2020.

- Gave presentations to 6th Grade Students about Government
- Was a Mentor to students at the Hudson Middle and E.P. Rock Elementary School
- Organized and assisted with a K-9 search of the Middle School
- Investigated criminal cases involving students that attend Hudson Schools to include Child Abuse, Sex Assault, Drug Possession, Battery, Child pornography, Harassment, and Terroristic threats.
- Engaged with students regularly that were experiencing mental health crises
- Assisted at the High School Football Games
- Assisted with fire drills at the Middle School
- Was a member of Hudson Middle School crisis team
- Talked with students about how to avoid being victimized.
- Participated in guided tours of all schools
- Met with all school principals and school counselors
- Provided public safety services for faculty, students, and visitors of the Hudson Schools
- Judge the Stop Substance Abuse Calendar Contest
- Participated in IEP Meetings for students that had frequent police contacts
- Organized and participated in two Shop with a Cop events
- Forensic extraction of Cellular Devices during investigations regarding students

- Conducted Forensic Interviews of Children

The following statistical information is from the Fall of 2020. During this time, there were 1295 total units of from September through December. Units of activity includes arrests, reports, interviews, investigations, classroom visits, staff and student contacts, etc.

There were 11 units of enforcement activity. This number includes arrests, municipal ordinance citations, juvenile referrals and warnings. The Hudson Middle School takes a restorative approach with their students prior to referring the students to the SRO for enforcement action. Detective Hall, believes strongly in this approach and works injunction with the Dean of Students in this process.

There were 30 total reports written which includes incidents that involved either a student, staff, or school. This does not include reports that were written by other officers for incidents on school property or the High School SRO.

Detective Hall had participated in at least 86 classroom visits, presented in 17 classes, and had a minimum of 158 individual student contacts. These opportunities help Detective Hall engage with students in a variety of ways. This allows students to feel more comfortable with Detective Hall and helps build trusting student/SRO relationships.

This was not a traditional start to a school year. Due to COVID-19, the schools had to continuously be flexible as the numbers of positive cases would change regularly. This would cause a change in the schedule for the high school and middle school students. They would change a few times throughout the beginning of the year from full-time, hybrid, and/or virtual. This would affect student attendance in the buildings. The elementary school however, stayed in person the whole time.

There is a lot for Detective Hall to learn with there being multiple schools and with this being her first time in this new position. She did take the first few months to focus on creating a close working relationship with the school counselors, Dean of Students, and several special education teachers throughout the school district. Detective Hall looks forward to working with the Hudson School District as the School Resource Officer for the remainder of the 20/21 school year, along with many years to come.

Drug Investigation 2020 Year End Report

New this year, Detective Bleskey has moved to the Drug Investigator spot while Detective Hall has moved to SRO. Detective Bleskey moved into the spot in June and has attended the Cellebrite Digital Forensic examination certification. Detective Bleskey is also a member the St Croix Valley Drug Task Force.

Between the first of the year and March, Detective Hall participated in 7 drug investigations. Due to the pandemic, HPD was forced to adjust staffing from March through June and drug investigations were temporarily halted. From June through the end of the year, Detective Bleskey participated in at least 36 drug investigations. The drug related investigations include Detective Bleskey following up on patrol officers drug arrests, assisting patrol officers during patrol level investigations, drug interdiction, assisting other task force members outside the city, digital forensic examinations, and interviews.

In the course of these activities, 98 people were arrested, 126 charges were filed, 15 house search warrants were executed, over a dozen phone warrants were executed, over 2 dozen phones were forensically examined, over 2 dozen jail/field interviews were conducted, and approximately 6 drug endangered children cases were investigated/referred.

Of these investigations, 27 cases involved meth, 7 involved heroin, 4 involved cocaine, 23 involved marijuana and there were several cases involving prescription or unknown substances.

The Drug Task Force was very proactive in 2020 by conducting approximately 1 dozen interdiction campaigns that targeted high crime/high drug activity areas. Detective Bleskey participated in all of those campaigns by making or assisting on 80 traffic stops, conducting post arrest interviews and conducting surveillance.

Detective Bleskey also assisted in general investigation cases including a case involving an individual who was attempting to video young boys changing in a locker room, a suicide in the county involving drugs, an armed robbery at a gas station, a prostitution/burglary scheme, a case involving a string of burglaries in Polk and St. Croix Counties and the homicide.

Notable City of Hudson cases from 2020 include:

Two armed robberies and a shots fired case in the city of Hudson. All three cases involved drug sales.

Two overdose cases involving heroin/fentanyl. One of which resulted in seizing a pound of marijuana and a distribution size quantity of meth.

Multiple traffic stops involving distribution quantities of meth.

Multiple cases of drugs/felon in possession of a firearm.

Multiple high level retail theft cases that resulted in theft apprehension and drugs.

Notable Cases from the SCVDTF that Detective Bleskey Was Involved In

Several pounds of marijuana were seized during a joint operation with the US Postal Inspector/DEA/SCVDTF in St. Croix County.

80 fentanyl pills were recovered and an individual was charged with Poss. w/Intent after a search warrant was executed in Hudson Township.

An overdose death/overdose hospitalization investigation resulted in the apprehension of a person who was suspected of dealing meth and heroin. At the time of apprehension, the person was in possession of several ounces of methamphetamine and a handgun. The investigation occurred throughout St. Croix County.

Multiple fentanyl overdoses involving teenagers in the Somerset area.

Multiple search warrants on houses involved in the sale of meth in Polk and Pierce Counties.

The SCVDTF provided grant money to send Detective Bleskey to Cellebrite and also provided money to send 4 patrol officers to a criminal interdiction class. The Hudson Police department has invested in a Sotoxa Oral Fluid analyzer which will allow officers to quickly and accurately determine the amount of 6 different controlled substances in a subjects oral fluid. The Hudson PD has also invested in an Accumeth instant meth test kit which allows investigators to determine quantities of residual meth on residential surfaces and determine if there is a hazmat situation or if a referral to child services needs to be done.

Code Enforcement

Chief Willems,

This is the compliance complaints report for the year 2020.

There were a total of 35 complaints forwarded to me that were compliance in nature.

Letters of notice for violations were mailed out in each case, with some residences needing multiple letters for multiple violations. I inspected each of the properties subject to the complaint and photographs were taken of the reported violations.

Three Municipal Ordinance Citations were issued:

All three for Overgrowth (weeds, grass, etc.)

Two work orders were sent to Public Works for properties that were in non-compliance.

33 of the properties were brought into compliance, with the exception of two properties, which will be monitored in the new year.

Sgt. Bradley Kusmirek