



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date/Time: **Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 5:15 P.M.**

Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**

Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meeting (12/16/2024).
- 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications.
- 3 **HEARING:** Rent Abatement Request for 615 Werle Avenue (Angel Holstein and Malik Marks, Tenants; Real Estate Investments, Landlord).
CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for deliberating a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body.
RECONVENE into Open Session to announce results of deliberations on Rent Abatement request for 615 Werle Avenue.
- 4 Wausau Police Department Quarter 4 2024 Operations Report.
- 5 Discussion and informational update on progression toward new central fire station from Five Bugles and the Wausau Fire Department.
- 6 Tavern Activities Report - December 1 - December 31, 2024.
- 7 Community Outreach Update.

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

NOTICE: It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of members of the Committee of the Whole or other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau may be in attendance at the above-mentioned meeting. No action will be taken by any such groups.

Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live over the internet, live by cable TV, Channel 981, and a video is available in its entirety and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/WausauCityCouncil>. Any person wishing to offer public comment who does not appear in person to do so, may e-mail kaitlyn.bernarde@ci.wausau.wi.us with "PH&S public comment" in the subject line prior to the meeting start. All public comment, either by email or in person, will be limited to items on the agenda at this time. The messages related to agenda items received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Chair.

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, December 16, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Carol Lukens

Members Excused: Sarah Watson

Others Present: Anne Jacobson, Mathew Barnes, Jeremy Kopp, Peter Fish, Tracy Durante

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approve minutes of previous meeting (11/25/2024).

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated there were denial recommendations for Trevor Clough, applicant for New Bartender/Operator License, and Sara Sperka and Karissa Tessmer, applicants for Bartender/Operator License Renewal. It was noted these applicants did not appear to appeal their decisions.

Rasmussen stated the Liquor License Review Subcommittee met immediately before this meeting with Asch Gardens LLC, owners Kristen and Matthew Aschbrenner, doing business as Asch Gardens, MOCA, Inc., agent., Kristi Nowitzke doing business as Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, and Glass & Grain House LLC, owners Leah and Erich Hoelter, doing business as Glass & Grain House, applicants for a “Class B” Beer & Liquor License. It was stated the subcommittee voted unanimously to move forward with the recommendation of Glass & Grain House LLC, owners Leah and Erich Hoelter, doing business as Glass & Grain House. It was stated this applicant was recommended due to already operating with an alcohol license.

Rasmussen stated the Liquor License Review Subcommittee met immediately before this meeting with Asch Gardens LLC, owners Kristen and Matthew Aschbrenner, doing business as Asch Gardens, and Onora Hotels LLC, owners Juan Antonio Casarrubias and Lesli Iverson, doing business as Venado Cafe & Wine Bar, applicants for “Class B” Beer & Liquor Reserve Licenses. It was stated the subcommittee voted unanimously to move forward with the recommendation of both applicants.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to accept or deny license as recommended by staff. Motion carried 4-0.

HEARING: Appeal of Declaration of Chronic Nuisance Premises - 1013 N. Third Avenue.

Rasmussen called forward all the witnesses to be sworn in for testimony by the clerk. Chad Thompson, the owner/landlord of the property at 1013 N. Third Avenue, and Officer Mason Hagenbucher were sworn in. Rasmussen proceeded with instructions for the hearing.

Thompson and Hagenbucher testified, followed by questions asked and answered between the witnesses and members of the committee. McElhaney questioned why the declaration of chronic nuisance was issued when the owner of the property was the one who reported the criminal activity of the tenant. It was stated that when the owner of the property reports the criminal activity it negates the need to issue the declaration. Larson questioned if the landlord had been cooperative with the police department. It was stated the landlord was being cooperative.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19. 85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes: Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Larson, to convene in Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: Lukens, McElhaney, Larson, Rasmussen; No: None. Motion carried 4-0.

CONVENED into Closed Session.

RECONVENED into Open Session for the purpose of making a determination on the declaration of Chronic Nuisance Premises — 1013 N. Third Avenue.

Rasmussen read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law into the record. It was stated the committee granted the appeal of the owner and reversed the declaration of Chronic Nuisance Premises at 1013 N. Third Avenue of the Wausau Police Department on September 25, 2024 constituting a chronic nuisance as defined in WMC Section 9.24.070.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law placed on file.

Discussion and possible action on sale of Wausau Fire Department Ladder 2 and potential replacement purchase.

Rasmussen questioned if the fire department had experience with other truck manufacturers under consideration for replacing ladder 2. It was stated the department did not have direct experience with the manufactures, but a particular company was more prevalent in the state. Rasmussen stated a preference for working with manufacturers with proven quality and experience. It was stated the committee was to decide the policy of selling the equipment and moving forward to having the Finance Committee decide on the purchase of a replacement.

Larson stated it would be difficult to sell equipment when the cause of a potential malfunction had not been determined. It was stated liability is limited as there would be full disclosure when selling the equipment. Larson stated approval of selling the equipment should liability not fall on the city.

McElhaney questioned what would happen should a further investigation determine the malfunction was caused by the equipment. It was stated the sale would have to be done in coordination to allow for an additional investigation.

Lukens stated the department needed equipment to replace this and the liability is a work compensation claim for the city and not a liability on the equipment itself from the city. Lukens stated the city will gain from the sale.

Rasmusen stated replacement equipment should be based on quality and experience as opposed to speculation on equipment that has not been tested in this climate before.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Larson, to recommend to the Finance Committee to move forward with the sale of Ladder 2 and work with city staff to finance the amount and timing of the purchase. Motion carried 4-0.

Tavern Activities Report – November 1 – November 30, 2024.

Rasmussen stated that after discussions with the police and increased patrols of the area of After Shock Bar & Grill, the owners were cooperative with improving conditions to be less disruptive to the neighborhood.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Larson questioned if the new people in the shelter system are new to the area. It was stated the shelter system does not ask that question and the Community Outreach Coordinator had not been able to make contact with all 25 new people to make that determination yet.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iqU422nh_E and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrEktz5-Ok>



PHS Date 01/20/2025

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
210234	9027 - Class II			BLESSING OF THE BIKES on 5/17/2025 Organized by BULL FALLS HARLEY-DAVID SON						
209666	9067 - Class "B" Beer & "Class C" Wine	NOWITZKE, KRISTI	628 N 5TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		WAUSAU MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART			Yes		
210228	9068 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor Reserve	CASARRUBIAS, JUAN ANTONIO	630 N 3RD ST WAUSAU WI 54403		VENADO CAFE & WINE BAR			Yes		
209804	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	ADERHOLDT, ALISSANDRA	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU EVENTS					
209807	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	ADERHOLDT, ALISSANDRA	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU EVENTS					
209808	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	ADERHOLDT, ALISSANDRA	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU EVENTS					
210219	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	BEDENHEIMER, ROSS	6611 FEITH AVE WESTON WI 54476		Newman Catholic School Athletic Booster Club					
209976	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	SPINDLER, BRETT	168864 RIVER ROAD RINGLE WI 54471		NORTHWOODS TRANSPORT	01/02/2025	06/30/2025			

Total Licenses

2

Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk



TEL: (715) 261-6616
FAX: (715) 261-6626

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

DATE: January 16, 2024

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or a designee. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. **Approval Recommendations – Special Event Class II Permit: Blessings of the Bike** from Marathon Park to Bull Falls Harley Davidson along Stewart Avenue and Grand Avenue on May 17th, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, license applicant Bull Falls Harley-Davidson, Jordan Langmayer.
2. **Approval Recommendations – Temporary “Class B” Picnic Licenses: 4th of July Firework** at 725 Wood Place (Wausau Airport) on July 4th, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Events, Alissandra Aderholdt; **Big Bull Falls Blues Fest** at 500 River Drive (Fern Island) on August 15th to August 16th, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM and 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Events, Alissandra Aderholdt; **Wings Over Wausau** at 725 Woods Place on June 27th to June 29th, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM and 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Events, Alissandra Aderholdt; **Cabin Fever** at 1130 W. Bridge Street on April 15th, 2025 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Newman Catholic School Athletic Booster Club, Romona Fox.
3. **Approval Recommendations – Class “B” Beer & “Class C” Wine License: Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art/Wausau Club** located at 309 McClellan Street, license applicant MOCA, Inc., agent Kristi Nowitzke.
4. **Pending Recommendations – “Class B” Beer & Liquor Reserve License : Venado Cafe & Wine** located at 500 N. 1st Street, license applicant Los Vendaos LLC, Juan Antonio Casarrubias and Lesli Iverson. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will bring the recommendations to the committee meeting.

City of Wausau
407 Grant Street
Wausau, WI 54403



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OFFICIAL NOTICE# 10/10/2024	Abatement Hearing Request Form		ABATEMENT CASE#
PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 615 Werle Ave Wausau, WI 54401			
DWELLING UNIT/LODGING ROOM		APPLICATION DATE: 10/14/2024	
NAME(S) OF LANDLORD(S): Ana Lopez / Real Estate Investments			
ADDRESS: 731 Washington St. Wausau, WI		PHONE #: 715-572-3905	
TENANT(S) NAME(S): Angel Holstein / Malik Marks		PHONE #: 715-326-1577	
DO ABOVE LISTED TENANTS STILL RESIDE IN THE ABOVE LISTED PROPERTY? ☒ YES ☐ NO			
IF "NO" INDICATE DATE(S) MOVED OUT:			
APPLICANT: (Tenant/Authorized Agent) - (please print) Malik Marks / Angel Holstein			
CURRENT ADDRESS: (To which hearing correspondence should be sent) 615 Werle Ave Wausau, WI 54401			
TOTAL MONTHLY RENT: 1650.00		DATE TENANCY COMMENCED: 12/23/2023	
DATE RENT IS DUE: First of every month			
IS ALL OR ANY PART OF YOUR RENT PAID BY A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY? ☐ Yes ☒ No _____%			
IF YES: AGENCY		CONTACT PERSON	
ALLEGED RENT IMPAIRING VIOLATION(S) ITEM #(S): (From Official Notice) Water heater had been broken for one month. We remained at the residence while out of hot water.			
SIGNATURE Malik Marks Angel Holstein			
DATE OF HEARING:		TIME: 11/14/2024	
PLACE: Room		City Hall, 407 Grant St., Wausau, WI	

IMPORTANT: All documents, records, photos, etc. offered as evidence will become part of the record in the case. If you wish to retain the original, be sure to bring the original, for comparison purposes, and a true copy to the hearing.

If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this hearing, please contact the City Clerk at 715-261-6622. Please do so by _____ so that proper arrangements can be made in a timely fashion.

Kaitlyn Bernarde – City Clerk
Kody Hart – Deputy City Clerk



TEL: (715) 261-6622
FAX: (715) 261-4106

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Real Estate Investments Angel Holstein and Malik Marks
Attn: Ana Lopez 615 Werle Ave
731 Washington St Wausau, WI 54401
Wausau, WI 54401

DATE: Monday, January 20, 2025

TIME: 5:15 PM

LOCATION: City Hall, Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

PREMISE LOCATION: 615 Werle Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

MATTER ON HEARING: Rent Abatement Hearing

A hearing before the Public Health and Safety Committee to consider the above stated matters is scheduled as indicated above.

Your failure to appear at this hearing will affect your right to be heard and present evidence.

Kaitlyn Bernarde, City Clerk
715-261-6620

Distribution List: Rasmussen, Larson, Lukens, McElhaney, Watson, Hebert, Jacobson,
Barnes, Diny, Hart

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT

4TH Quarter 2024



Chief's Message

Over the past four to five weeks, I have been contacted by representatives of community-based organizations and concerned citizens regarding fears within families about immigration status and enforcement by the Wausau Police Department. I want to take this opportunity to clarify our position and the policies of the Wausau Police Department on this matter.

The Wausau Police Department is deeply committed to the safety and well-being of all individuals in our community, regardless of their immigration status. It is our policy and practice that Wausau Police Officers do not concern themselves with the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, or, in most cases, individuals subject to enforcement actions. Immigration status is only considered when there is reasonable belief that an individual has committed serious crimes that significantly impact public safety.

An individual's right to file police reports, access services, or seek assistance from the Wausau Police Department is not dependent on their citizenship or immigration status. Every Wausau Police Officer is held to the highest standards of professionalism, respect, and fairness, and we remain committed to treating everyone equitably. Officers do not and will not routinely inquire about immigration status during police interactions.

Additionally, Wausau Police Officers do not request passports, green cards, or other immigration documents as a routine part of their duties. However, these documents may be accepted as valid forms of identification if they are voluntarily presented by the individual.

In situations where federal assistance is requested, the Wausau Police Department evaluates each request on a case-by-case basis. In limited circumstances involving public safety concerns, such as suspected terrorism, gang involvement, or serious felonies, we may collaborate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or seek their assistance.

Our policies and practices have not changed, nor do we anticipate any changes in the foreseeable future. We want to emphasize that no one in our community should feel afraid to contact the Wausau Police Department for help. Our mission remains to "enhance the quality of life" for every resident in Wausau.

I hope this message provides clarity, reduces fear, and addresses questions circulating in our community.

Thank you for your trust and partnership.

Sincerely,

Chief Matthew Barnes
Wausau Police Department



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
October 2024 - December 2024

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

October 2024 - December 2024

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	447	457	262	173	11	184
Crimes Against Persons	98	98	62	49	3	52
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	15	15	9	6	1	7
• Rape	6	6	2	2	0	2
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	8	8	7	4	1	5
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	5	5	1	1	0	1
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	5	5	1	1	0	1
Assault Offenses	73	73	48	38	2	40
• Aggravated Assault	12	12	9	6	0	6
• Simple Assault	45	45	28	24	1	25
• Intimidation	16	16	11	8	1	9
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	5	4	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	151	161	45	29	5	34
Robbery	4	4	2	0	1	1
Burglary	10	12	2	0	0	0
Theft/Larceny	78	81	20	13	2	15
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	38	38	16	13	2	15
• Theft From Building	8	10	2	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	3	3	0	0	0	0



Crime Counts - Wausau PD

October 2024 - December 2024

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	29	30	2	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	4	3	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	2	4	1	5
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	3	1	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	18	21	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - False Pretenses	11	12	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	4	6	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Impersonation	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	3	3	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	1	1	0	1	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	2	2	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	29	31	14	10	1	11
Crimes Against Society	198	198	155	95	3	98
Weapon Law Violations	16	16	12	3	0	3
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	179	179	141	91	2	93
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	96	96	75	68	2	70
• Drug Equipment Violations	83	83	66	23	0	23
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	2	1	1	2
Animal Cruelty	1	1	0	0	0	0



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

October 2024 - December 2024

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	236	34	270
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	3	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	48	12	60
Driving Under the Influence	52	1	53
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	0	1
Liquor Law Violation	8	2	10
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	12	0	12
All Other Offenses	112	19	131

Counting Rules

Counts on this page are based on the month of the incident or arrest, rather than the month the incident was submitted. If the incident date is unknown, the report date is used. Counts are subject to change as data are updated.

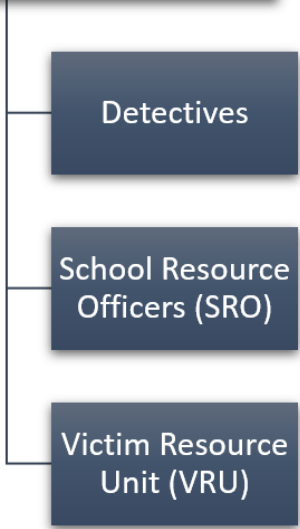
Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively.

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.

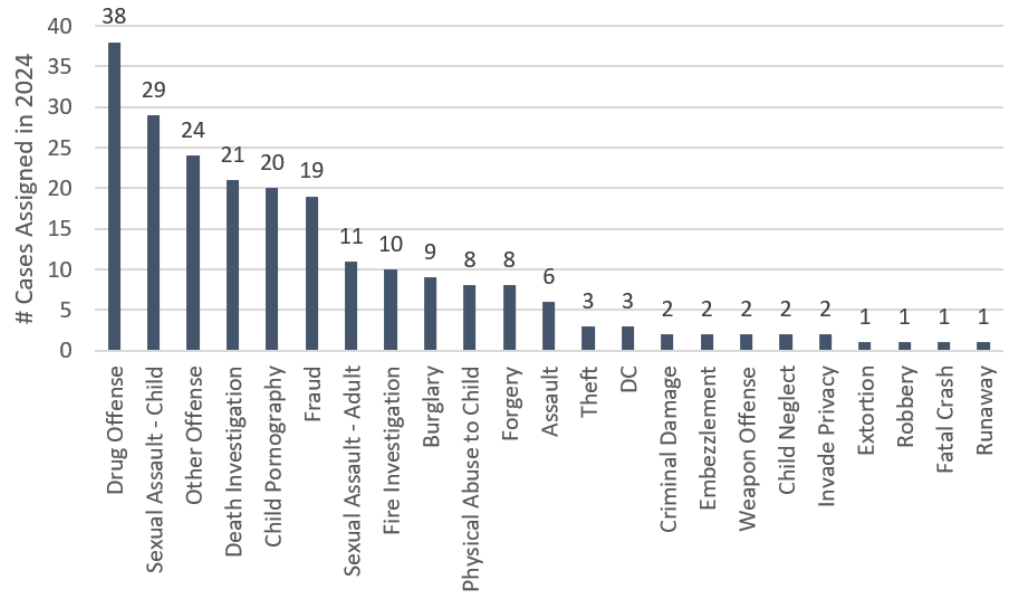
Investigations Bureau



Public Health & Safety – Investigations Bureau Update

This report provides a snapshot of major cases

Detective Case Load by Crime Type



4th Quarter Convictions

Anthony Jurgenson
2nd Degree Reckless Endangerment
Child Abuse
3 years Prison; 5 years Parole

George Torres
Possess w/Intent Meth
5 years Prison; 7 years Parole

Desco Hines
Possess w/Intent Heroin
8 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Donald Warren
Aggravated Battery
10 years Prison; 5 years Parole

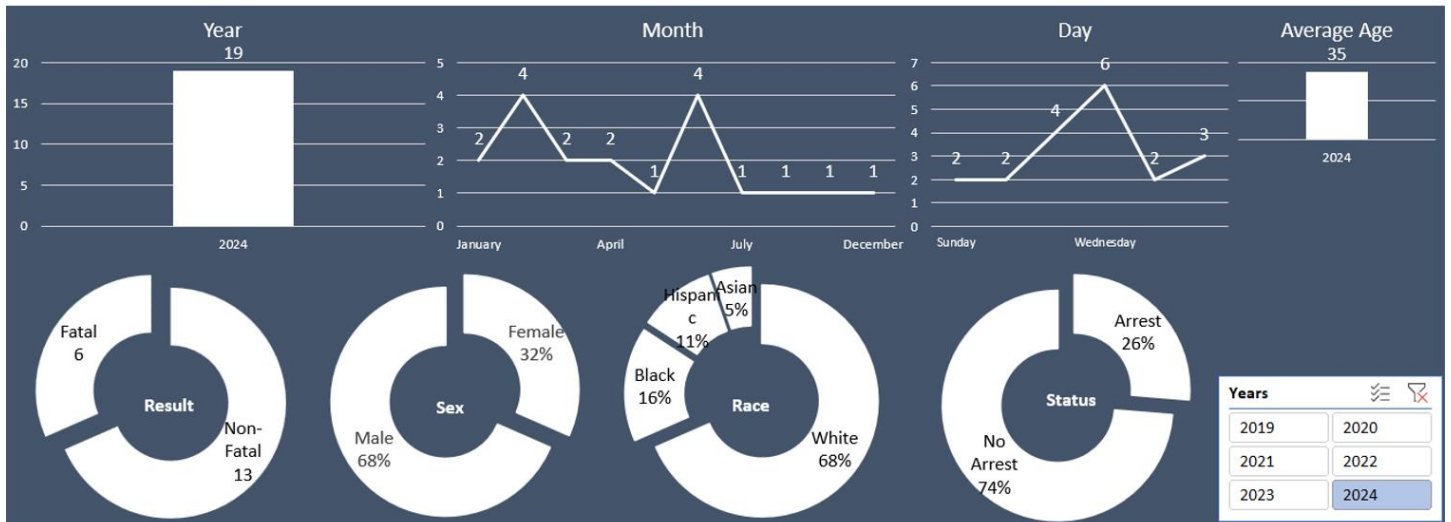
Andrew Washburn
1st Degree Reckless Homicide/Deliver Drugs
15 years Prison; 15 years Parole

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cases Assigned	16	16	14	11	30	17	19	21	11	17	24	27

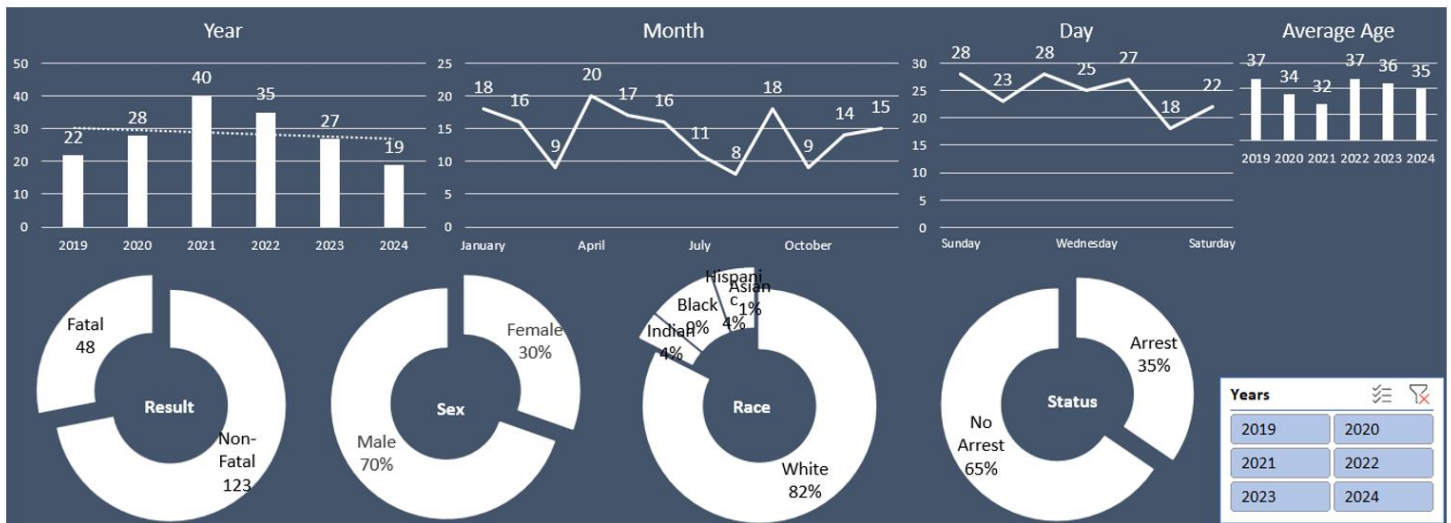
Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
10/20/2024	Traffic Fatality	Motorcycle vs Mini-Van S 3 rd Avenue/Rosecrans Street 49-year-old male motorcyclist died following a traffic crash Case Closed
11/5/2024	Fraud	Victim Loses \$82,000 in Bitcoin Scheme 73-year-old resident converted \$82,000 to bitcoin in Microsoft support scheme No arrests Case Inactive
11/11/2024	Death Investigation	Overdose Death 900 Block of Washington Street 41-year-old male died due to mixed drug toxicity No arrests Case Inactive
11/29/2024	Fraud	Victim Loses \$25,000 in Bitcoin Scheme 65-year-old resident converted \$25,000 to bitcoin in text-based financial institution scheme No arrests Case Inactive
12/6/2024	Embezzlement	Embezzlement of Non-Profit Funds Treasurer accused of embezzling non-profit funds No arrests Case Open
12/6/2024	Death Investigation	Suicide 49-year-old female died by suicide Case Open
12/8/2024	Death Investigation	Suicide 40-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
12/9/2024	Death Investigation	Suicide 24-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
12/9/2024	Bomb Threat	Bomb Threat to Middle School 20-year-old Texas resident arrested for terroristic threats Case Closed

Drug Overdoses

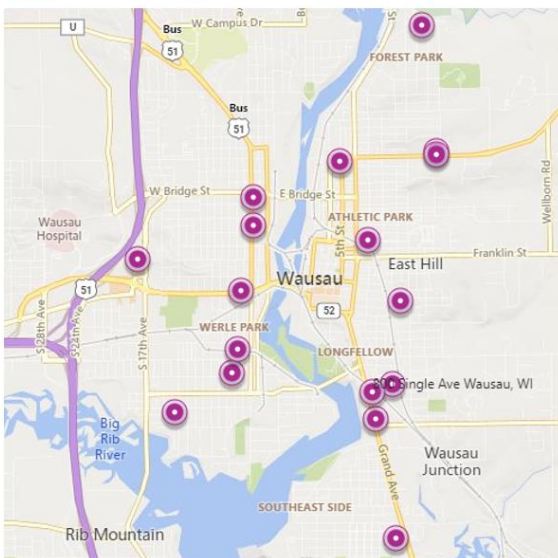
2024



2019-2024



Overdoses by Location (current year)



Summary

In 2021, the Wausau Police Department recorded the highest number of drug overdose responses in its history, with 40 overdoses, including 12 fatalities.

In 2022, overdoses decreased by 12% to 35 cases, driven by a 25% reduction in fatalities (9 total).

This downward trend continued in 2023, with a 23% drop to 27 overdoses. However, fatalities increased slightly to 10, while non-fatal cases totaled 17.

By 2024, overdose responses hit a six-year low, with 19 cases reported (6 fatal, 13 non-fatal). Fentanyl toxicity remains the leading cause of these overdoses.

Downtown Officer Program

This quarter brought colder temperatures coupled with a waning in use and open hours of operation at the Catholic Charities Day Center. Several abandoned encampments were located on private property and one occupied encampment was located on private property. The occupants were cited for trespassing and littering, as this was the fifth camp they had established on this same section of land.

Services continue to be utilized when appropriate by those that are interested, both of their own volition and at officers' referral.

We were notified that even on the colder days this winter, the night shelter is typically not at capacity. That said, there has been a marked decrease in the number of people sleeping in camps, in parks, and in parking ramps. Other city agencies (DPW, Parks Department) also note massive improvements when compared to this same time last year. Businesses downtown have reported significant improvements with issues relating to inappropriate loitering or people being where they are not supposed to be (i.e., gaining access to closed areas after hours, etc.).

As we navigate the first winter months in our positions, we will develop a road map for the next year to ensure progress continues.

Officer Nathan Porath & Officer Mike Horejs



WPD CART QUARTERLY

October – December 2024

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 / 51.45 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
Oct - Dec 2024	294	410	49	121
2024 TOTAL	1,212	1,769	175	495
2023 Total	1,219	1,913	117	640
2022 Total	930	1,874	126	583
2021 Total	910	1,886	160	357

51.15 by Type	Adults / Juveniles	Community / Facility
Oct - Dec 2024	42/7	33/16
2024 TOTAL	135/40	103/72
2023 Total	90/27	80/37
2022 Total	102 / 24	84 /42

*CART is a shared resource with MNSO; above data represents WPD jurisdiction activities only. WPD has one (1) CART Officer, on M-F day shift schedule. This position is not back-filled during the CART Officer's off-days. MNSO's CART Deputy also responds to relevant CFS in the City when available.

"CFS": Calls For Service (Officer initiated activities and calls received from Dispatch).

"Mental Health" and "Welfare Check" are the two most common types of CFS (coded by Dispatch based on the initial information reported) that involve individuals in crisis.

"Community" origin of 51.15 / 51.45: Law enforcement is called to a location in the community (*residence, business, public location*) in response to an individual in crisis (or incapacitated). De-escalation, safety planning, and/or diversion is not viable or is unsuccessful, resulting in 51.15 or 51.45 detention.

"Facility" origin of 51.15: While under care or custody of the Jail, NCHC, or medical facility; an inmate or patient is suicidal or otherwise assessed on-site by a Crisis Professional, and deemed in need of 51.15. Law Enforcement is then called upon to confirm and complete the 51.15 (as required by WI Stats.) **Lacks opportunity for diversion.**

"51.15": "Emergency Detention" under WI Statute 51.15. Law enforcement may take into custody an individual who is:

- (1) Mentally ill, drug dependent or developmentally disabled, and;
- (2) A substantial probability of physical harm to him/herself or others is evident by recent acts or omissions, attempts or threats.

"51.45": "Alcohol or Drug Detention" under WI Statute 51.45. "A person who appears to be 'incapacitated by alcohol or another drug' shall be placed under protective custody by a law enforcement officer."

Records Bureau

Law enforcement would not be able to do its job successfully without access to data. The 79 sworn officers at the Wausau Police Department create a lot of data and paperwork, but it's only useful if it can be found when it's needed, and only if it gets to the correct people. We have one Office Manager, four Administrative Assistants that keep all of our processes moving. They receive information from the officers, be sure it is entered and properly cataloged, forward it to other agencies and departments, and then review and potentially release when requested. This includes paper reports, squad video and body worn camera, photos, and lost and found items.

This department is also the first point of contact for customer service for the public. They are a cheerful, resourceful group who go out of their way to be sure needs get met in as timely a manner as possible.

Statistics for October 1 to December 31

	2023	2024
Incident reports	2926	2482
Arrest Reports	602	626
Accident Reports	212	266
Traffic Citations	789	728
Criminal Citations	223	176
Warnings	1233	929
WUMC	0	0

Body Camera (BWC) Requests	60	47
Hours to prepare BWC for release	50	100

October - December 2024 in the Community Resource Unit

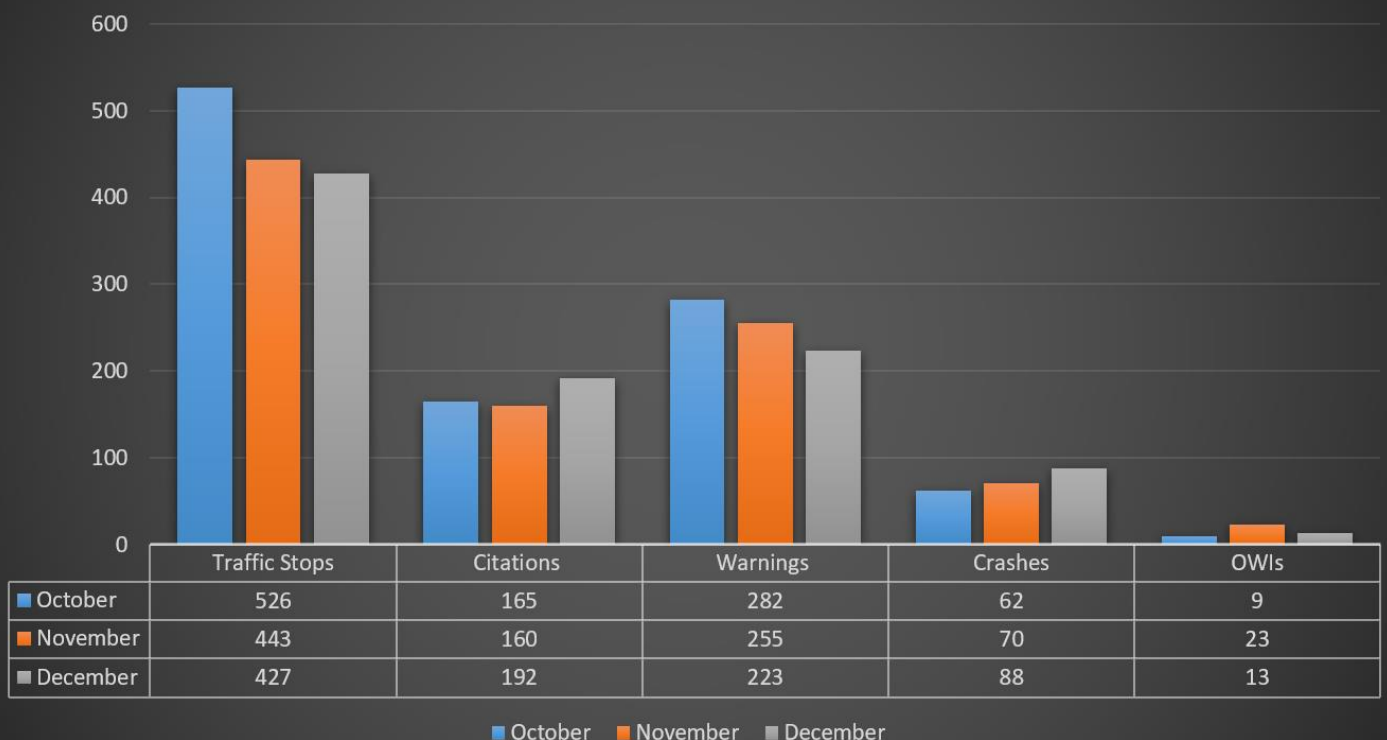
Community Resource Unit consists of 4 officers and 1 Lieutenant (CROs)

- **There was one reported drug overdoses in the city during the months of October – December**
 - Patrol initially investigated the non-fatal overdose. The CRU took over the investigation and arrested one adult male for delivery of fentanyl, 1st degree recklessly endangering safety, and numerous other drug charges.
 - Overdose numbers continue to decline, likely attributed to the access to naloxone availability.
 - A total of 17 overdoses reported in 2024 which is significantly down from previous years.
- **Conducted drug trafficking investigations to include;**
 - **7 residential Search warrants / 10 other search warrants / 12 Consent Searches**
 - In 2024, the Community Resource Unit seized the most methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, cocaine, and drug paraphernalia since the unit was created.
 - CRU investigated an adult male who was bringing large amount of fentanyl into the Wausau area. CRU was made aware the male was on his way back to Wausau after going to Milwaukee to purchase fentanyl. The male was located and arrested with over 66 grams of fentanyl.
 - CRU conducted a traffic stop where a total of seven firearms were seized. One of the firearms was stolen, and one had an illegal “Glock switch”, turning the firearm into an automatic weapon.
 - CRU conducted an undercover investigation into a male from the Stevens Point area who was trafficking fentanyl into the Wausau Metro area. The male arrived in Wausau with over 15 grams of fentanyl and was subsequently arrested.
 - **Seized 246.81 grams of Methamphetamine**
 - One use is usually around 0.1 gram (point)
 - *2468 doses/uses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 191 prescription pills**
 - **Seized 56.18 grams of Cocaine**
 - One use is usually .3 grams
 - 170 doses / uses seized this quarter
 - **Seized 89.56 grams of Heroin**
 - One use is .05 - 0.1 gram (half point or point)
 - *890-1780 uses/doses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 5598.51 grams (12 lbs) of Marijuana**
 - a gram will produce 1 to 2 joints
 - *5598 - 11,196 joints worth seized this quarter*
 - **Seized eight firearms.**
 - **90 arrests, 116 felony charges,**
 - **\$6406 Seized from drug trafficking proceeds**

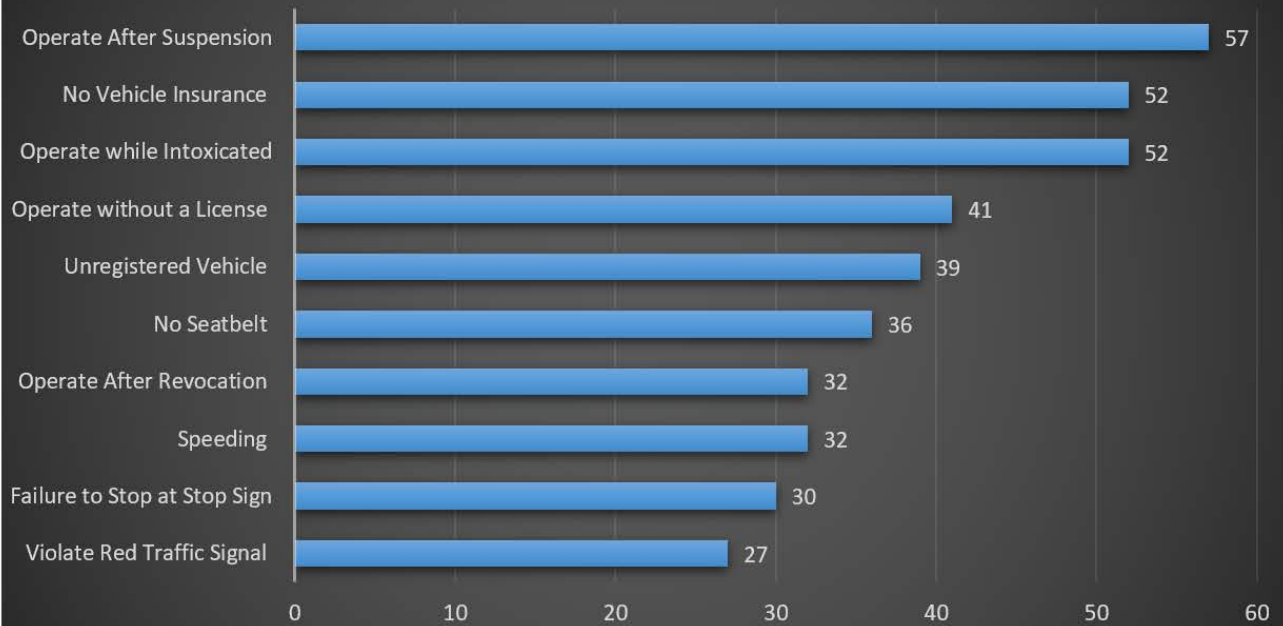
Year-to-Date Traffic Totals 2024



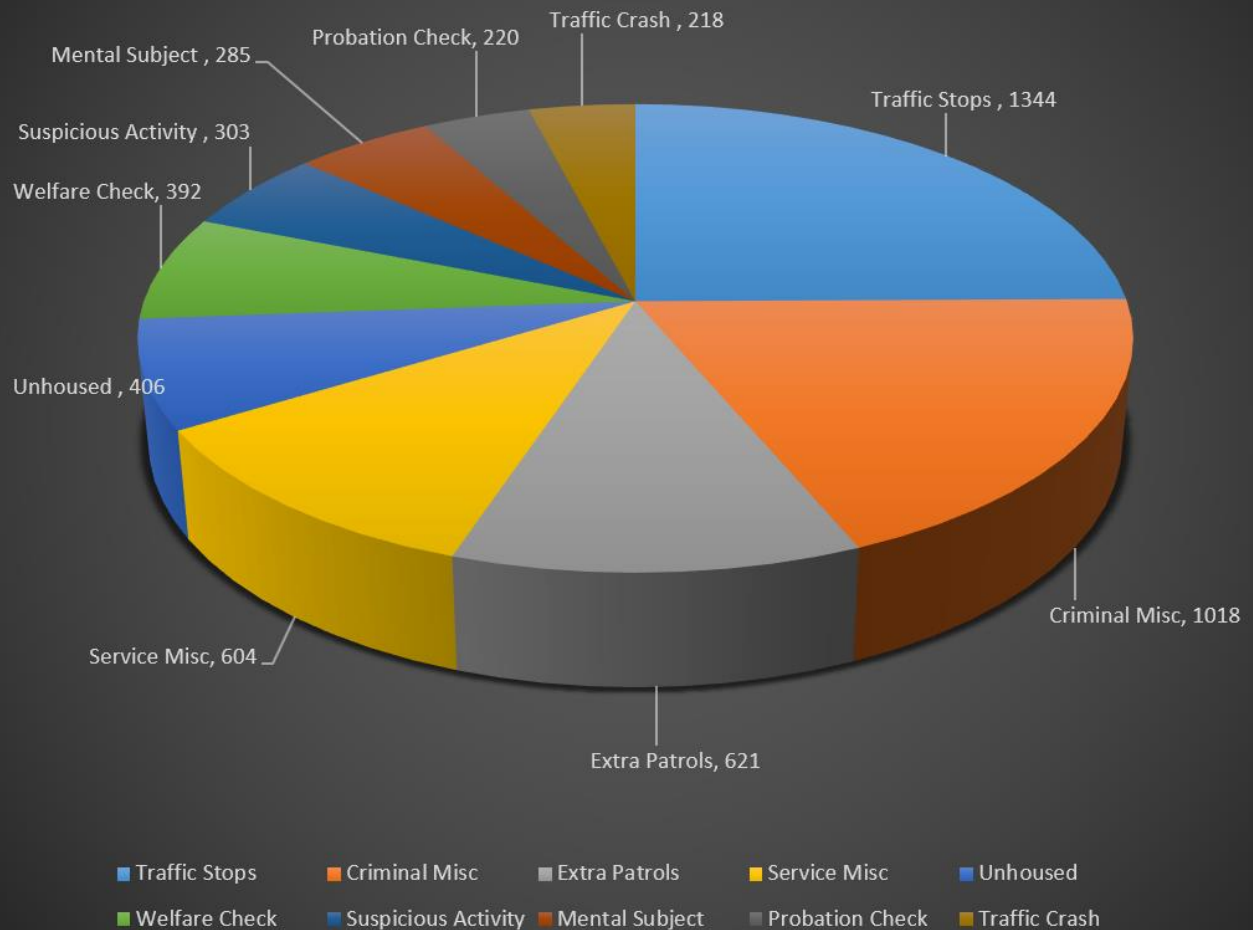
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - Fourth Quarter 2024



Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - Fourth Quarter 2024



Top Calls for Service - Fourth Quarter 2024





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Date: January 9, 2025

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, December 1-31, 2024

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	Y	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	Y	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	Y	N
Domino Bar	740 Washington St	N	CLOSED
El Jalapenos	300 N 3rd St	Y	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	Y	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	Y	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	Y	N
Limerick's Public House	121 Scott St	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	N	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	Y	N
Oz	320 Washington St	N	N
Nevermore On Third	1206 N 3rd St	Y	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N
Wausau on the Water (WOW)	1300 N River Dr	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	CLOSED
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	Y	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	Y	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N
The Bar and Grill	1025 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	N	N

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101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	Y	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	Y	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	N	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Newch's Eatery	1810 Merrill Ave	N	N

*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

Sober, licensed bartender present.

Presence of underage persons.

Intoxicated persons being served.

Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS*

None.

*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

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ACTIVITY LOG

Bob & Randy's Bar, 1515 N 6th Street

- (1) *Event #24153793 12/02/2024, at 19:42 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Employee called about a patron yelling racial slurs refusing to leave. The bar wished to have the male trespassed and the male refused to identify himself. The male was arrested for obstruction and was briefly placed on a probation hold before being admitted to Aspirus Wausau Hospital for high BrAC (0.34) and other medical issue(s).

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #24163214 12/24/2024, at 01:12 Hours.* JUVENILE ALCOHOL: An Officer responded to the report of a possible juveniles in the bar, made by a refused caller. Officers arrived approximately six minutes after the call was created by dispatch. Upon arrival officers observed four patrons whom appeared to be of legal drinking age. The bartender stated there had been no one else there for hours other than one person who walked in and was turned away due to a ban.

Glass Hat Bar, 1203 N 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #24164647 12/27/2024, at 23:19 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a domestic disturbance where a male forcefully removed a female from the bar. Bar staff reported the incident. As a result, officers located the couple who were separated, but near the area. The male was arrested for Disorderly Conduct (Domestic) and resisting.
- (2) *Event #24166363 12/31/2024, at 22:58 Hours.* JUVENILE ALCOHOL: A refused caller reported a person rents out the bar and throws a New Years Eve party and allows under aged persons to attend. An officer determined the person reportedly allowing this was the event promoter. Officers also confirmed four security personnel were hired to work at the event who were equipped with ID scanners who were tasked with scanning the ID of everyone entering.



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M&R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #24160372 12/17/2024, at 20:21 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report a male stealing another male's wallet. Surveillance video confirmed a theft occurred. As a result, one adult male was referred to the District Attorney's office for theft.

101 Pub, 101 N 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #24162399 12/21/2024, at 23:18 Hours* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a male who was refusing to leave the bar and was becoming aggressive. Officers located the male who they determined violated the conditions of his bond by being in the bar. As a result, the male was arrested for bail jumping.

Aftershock Bar and Grill, 1418 Lenard Street

- (1) *12/11/24, 12/21/24 and 12/31/24 EXTRA PATROLS:* No loud music or excessive noise was observed. No other calls for service recorded during December.

The Bar and Gaslight Grill, 1025 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #24159090 12/14/2024 20:34 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: An officer took the initial report of a theft from the entertainment machines. It was reported a male and female stole the key for a machine and took money from of them. A report was completed.



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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed throughout the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Fish".

Lt. Peter Fish

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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Newch's Eatery	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/28/2024
Cop Shoppe Pub	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Intermission	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Labor Temple	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024

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To: Public Health and Safety Committee

From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist

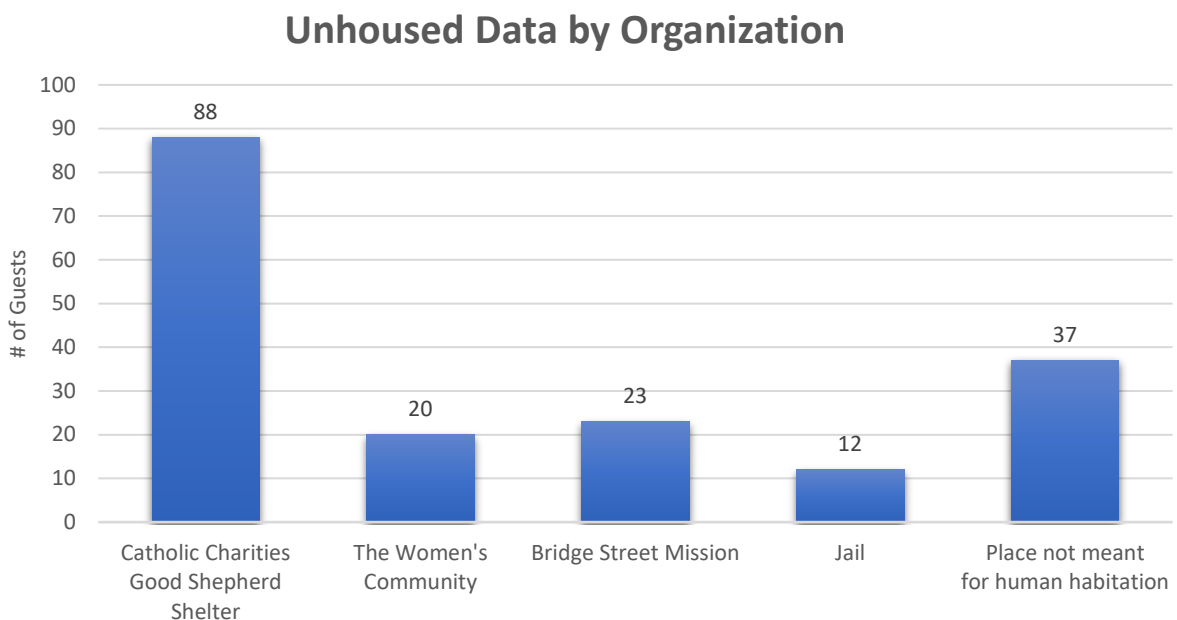
Date: December 24, 2024

Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated¹ guests housed by each organization in the previous month.



Unhoused Data Summary

In December, data suggests there were approximately 180 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 180 is not the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote. This number also does not include those individuals who are considered "couch surfing".

¹ The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at The Good Shepherd Shelter and Marathon County jail in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

In the graph above, 79 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of December, 21 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (12) and their children (8).

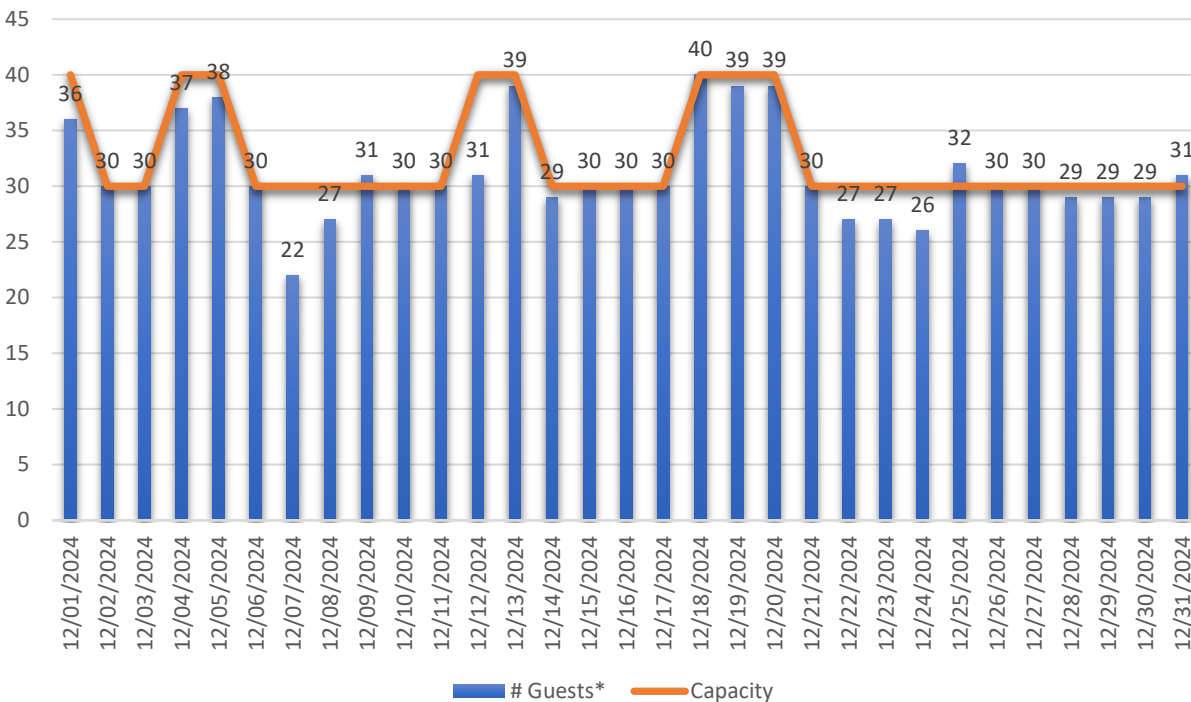
Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 23 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

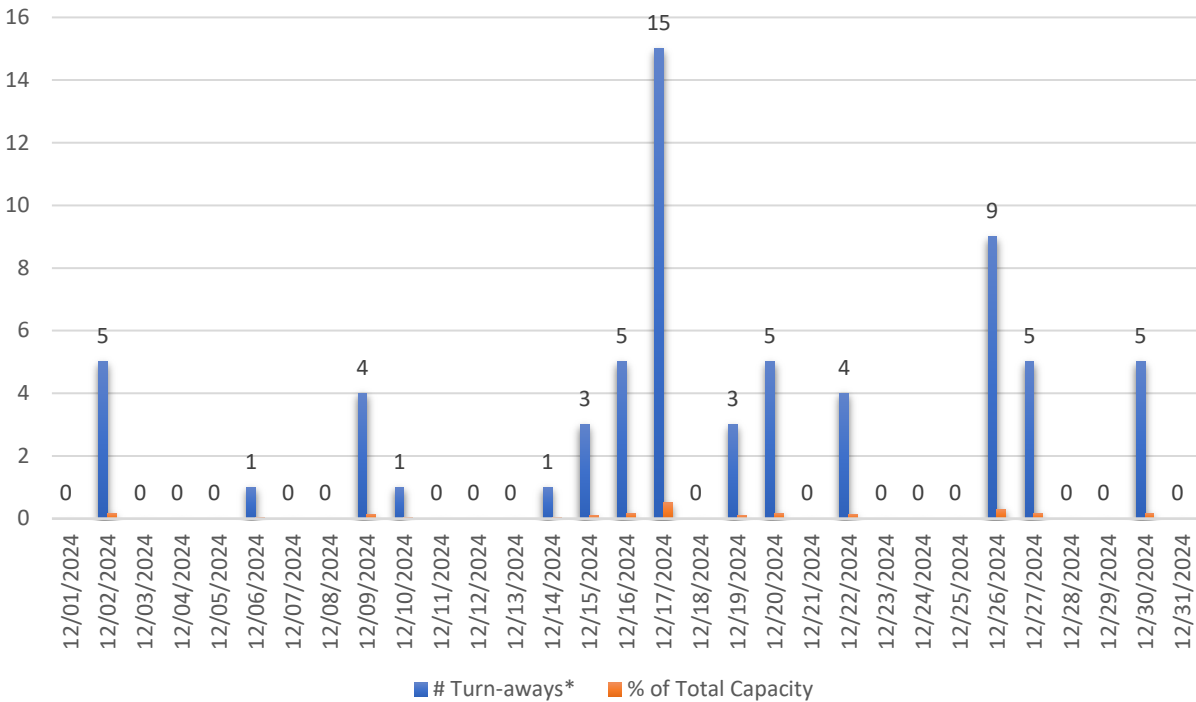
Daily Census

We are working hard to collaborate with our partner organization to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. Current shelter capacity for single adults lies solely on Good Shepherd shelter, formerly known as, the Wausau Warming Center, and their total bed capacity is 30, with the ability to expand to 40 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees or above 90 degrees.

Good Shepherd Daily Census



Good Shepherd Daily Turn-aways



Daily Census Summary

On average, capacity was at 96 percent for the month of December. The Good Shepherd Shelter was at or over their capacity a total of 22 days in the month of December.

Continued collaboration exists to ensure that the unhoused population have access to services.

We continue to work with our partner organization to learn how many people are turned away each night. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away” statistics for the month of December are as follows: The Good Shepherd Shelter = 66

*It is important to note that The Good Shepherd Shelter does reserve beds for individuals that are working. When individuals do not show for their bed saves, it results in the shelter not reaching their 30-bed capacity for the night.

Outreach Update

In December, 8 individuals met with Outreach Specialist and were given resources and assistance with housing applications, etc.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent

DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSET). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case/Care Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.