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

Date/Time: **Monday, July 21, 2025 @ 5:15 P.M.**

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of a previous meeting(s) (04/21/2025) (05/19/2025) (06/16/2025).
- 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications.
- 3 Wausau Police Department Quarter 2 2025 Operations Report.
- 4 Wausau Fire Department Quarter 2 2025 Report.
- 5 Tavern Activities Report - June 1 - June 30, 2025.
- 6 Community Outreach Update.

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Maple Room

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

Others Present: Kaitlyn Bernarde, Matthew Barnes, Jamie Polley, Anne Jacobson, Tracy Durante

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Approve minutes of previous meeting (02/07/2025) (03/17/2025) (03/27/2025).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated that Krystin Vollmer and Tyasia Payton, applicants for New Bartender/Operator License, had previously been recommended for denial and that due to the evidence of rehabilitation provided and reviewed by the Chief of Police, the approval for Vollmer and Payton was recommended.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of concern for abandonment of premises at Jalapenos of Wausau LLC, 300 N 3rd St, L01, Wausau, WI 54403.

Rasmussen stated that no action was needed any longer as the alcohol license for this establishment had been conditionally surrendered.

Discussion and possible action granting request for a 90 day extension to open for business for good cause for Day's Bowl-A-Dome Inc., owner Dean Day, d.b.a. Day's Bowl-A-Dome, 1715 Stewart Avenue.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the extension. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving amendments to special event policy and application, implementing \$1.00 Public Safety Fee.

Rasmussen stated there was concern on how the policy was currently drafted as the fee would still be collected when the event did not occur. It was further stated this would provide clarity for organizers of special events.

McElhaney stated it needed to be clear that the fee would not be collected when a special event did not occur as the police and fire services were not needed thus the funds for those services were not needed.

Rasmussen stated that large organizers of special events could get insurance if an event did not occur, but smaller organizers would not have that same ability. It was stated this would be more equitable to the smaller organizers.

Watson questioned if there was a timeframe for cancellation of an event because if an event was cancelled on short notice, the police and fire services would have already been planned, organized, and expended. It was questioned if the policy could be reworded to make it clear the fee would not be collected if it was later determined the services were not needed or the event was cancelled.

McElhaney stated that rewording should make it clear that the fee would not be collected if it was later determined the services were not needed and the event was cancelled, instead of "or the event was cancelled," within the policy.

Motion by Watson, seconded by McElhaney, to approve this policy as adjusted on the committee floor. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action amending Wausau Municipal Code s. 9.20.050 Personal conduct and nuisance and creating Wausau Municipal Code s. 9.20.055 Intoxicants in public parks.

Rasmussen stated this was meant to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to host pop-up beer gardens at events or at park facilities. It was stated that if this ordinance was approved, there would be a sunset within a year to assess if the endeavor was successful or not.

McElhaney stated opposition as there was already an alcohol issue within the community. It was further stated that alcohol was already prohibited within city parks during certain time periods and this may enhance an existing issue.

Rasmussen stated that many special events and local organizations obtain Temporary Class B Picnic licenses mostly without incident at public parks. It was stated the regulations in place to ensure compliance with alcohol laws and the work of the police department show that negative impacts can be limited.

McElhaney questioned the ability for city staff to serve and dispense alcohol. It was stated that the revenue from selling alcohol would be allocated for staff time for this endeavor. McElhaney stated opposition to city staff selling alcohol with a pervasive alcohol culture.

Rasmussen stated the location of the pop-up beer gardens must be taken into consideration as to not impact local bars and other businesses.

Watson stated that sunseting the ordinance could make it easier to implement the endeavor on a trial basis.

Lukens stated concerns with the message that would be sent to the community with the city raising revenue on alcohol.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to move forward the ordinance with a sunset date of November 1, 2025. Motion carried 3-2, with McElhaney and Lukens opposed.

Wausau Fire Department Quarter 1 2025 Report.

Report placed on file.

Wausau Police Department Quarter 1 2025 Operations Report.

Report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report - March 1 - March 31, 2025.

Rasmussen requested that city staff in the police department have a discussion with local establishments and industry organizations to train establishment owners and bartenders on relevant alcohol laws.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Rasmussen requested a special meeting of the common council, if needed, to approve the operation of an emergency homeless shelter operated by the Wausau Police Department with funding from the city and Marathon County.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Matthew Barnes, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, Tracy Durante

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

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Lindsey Adams, applicant for New Public Transport License, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation. It was also stated that Jamie Shoemaker, applicant for New Public Transport License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve or deny the various licenses as recommended by staff with the exception of Lindsey Adams. Motion carried 5-0.

Larson stated that due to the evidence of rehabilitation provided by Adams and reviewed by the Chief of Police at the time of the meeting, the approval for Adams was recommended.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the New Public Transport License of Lindsey Adams. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving amendments to special event policy and application regarding 400 Private Event Rentals.

Rasmussen stated that the expectation of reserving the 400 block in sections did not come to fruition which caused the discontinuation of this practice and the amendment to the policy.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Tavern Activities Report - April 1 - April 30, 2025.

Rasmussen stated that with the summer hours approaching establishments need to keep aware of noise and ensure they are operating without disturbance of the peace in their areas. Rasmussen requested that a letter be sent to establishment owners communicating relevant alcohol laws and noise ordinances with renewal licenses.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Larson questioned if businesses in the immediate vicinity of the WMC Shelter had concerns about the shelter location. It was stated the Wausau Police Department was working with those businesses to address those concerns.

Rasmussen stated that resources to support the WMC Shelter should be outlined to the public to help engage in the effort of providing housing.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kgAaE6EP44>

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

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

Others Present: Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, Matthew Barnes, Tracy Durante

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

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Terry French, applicant for New Public Transport License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve or deny various licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of a Class I Special Event License for 2025 Wausau Labor Day Parade.

Rasmussen stated that the organizers of the special event were working with the Wausau Police Department to agree upon a parade route that would be different than previous years. It was stated that the parade route as recommended by the police department would start at Marathon Park and continue down Stewart Avenue to end near the Labor Temple.

Motion by Lukens, seconded by Watson, to approve the Class I event application contingent upon an acceptable delineated route between the organizers and the Police Department. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of Alcohol Beverage License Transfer for Limerick's Pub.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action granting temporary extension of premise (Cop Shoppe LTD., agent Tami Ness, d.b.a. Cope Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on approving contract for Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Services with the State of Wisconsin.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the renewal of the contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Tavern Activities Report - May 1 - May 31, 2025.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSD_4Capf-Y

Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk



TEL: (715) 261-6616
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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: July 11, 2025

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. **Denial Recommendations – Bartender/Operator New:**
 - **Christopher Krahn** – This application is recommended for denial due to three OWI convictions as well as illegal prescription drug charges.
2. **Denial Recommendations – Bartender/Operator Renewal:**
 - **Dahne K. Nutter** – This application is recommended for denial due to three pending felony drug charges of possession of methamphetamine, narcotic drugs, amphetamine, LSD, and psilocybin.
3. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class I License:**
 - **RiverWest Fest** located on the 400, 300, 200, and 100 blocks of S. 2nd Avenue on September 21st, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, Alex Eichten.
4. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class II License:**
 - **“New Jobs on the Block” Job Fair** located on the 400 Block on September 11th, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, license applicant North Central WI Workforce Development Board, Peter Gelhar.
 - **Volunteer Picnic** located on the 400 Block on August 26th, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Events, Alissandra Aderholdt.
5. **Approval Recommendation – Temporary “Class B” (Picnic) License:**
 - **RiverWest Fest** located on the 400, 300, 200, and 100 blocks of S. 2nd Avenue on September 21st, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, agent Callie Wulk.

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- **Hmong Wausau Festival** at People’s Sports Complex from July 26th and July 27th, 2025 from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM, license applicant The Hmong American Center, Inc., agent Yer Vang.
 - **Wisconsin Valley Fair** located at Marathon Park from July 29th, 2025 to August 3rd, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, license applicant Marathon County Agricultural Society, agent Jodi Langenhahn.
 - **Fun@5** located at Sure-Dry 4205 Stewart Ave on August 21st, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, license applicant Greater Wausau Chambe of Commerce, agent Lukas Lindner.
 - **Fun@5** located at NorthStar Restoration 4900 Stewart Ave on September 4th, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, license applicant Greater Wausau Chambe of Commerce, agent Lukas Lindner.
 - **Northwoods Summer Showcase Tournament 2025** located at Sunnyvale Softball Complex from August 1st, 2025 to August 3rd, 2025, license applicant Northwoods Baseball, Matt Spets.
6. **Approval Recommendation – Dance Hall:**
- **Jefferson Street Inn** located at 201 Jefferson Street, license applicant Jefferson Street Inn Rental Pool LLP, agent Christopher Stamm.



PHS Date 07/21/2025

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
215407	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	KRAHN, CHRISTOPHER	236267 COUNTY RD W WAUSAU WI 54403		KRIST FOOD MART #89	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
212821	9011 - Bartender/Operator 2-Yr Renewal	NUTTER, DAHNE	2634 ELMWOOD BLVD WAUSAU WI 54403		PEKING RESTAURANT	07/01/2025	06/30/2027	No		
196698	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	WORKMAN, ALLISON	217801 RIFLE RD MOSINEE WI 54455		NORTHWOODS CAB	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	Yes		
216105	9026 - Class I	EICHTEN, ALEX	1623 N 3RD AVE WAUSAU WI 54401	RIVERWEST FEST on 09/20/2025 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
216104	9027 - Class II	,	2801 HOOVER RD STEVENS POINT WI 54481	"NEW JOBS ON THE BLOCK" JOB FAIR on 09/11/2025 Organized by NORTH CENTRAL WI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD						
216183	9027 - Class II	ADERHOLDT, ALISSANDRA	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	VOLUNTEER PICNIC on 08/26/2025 Organized by WUAUSAU EVENTS						
214912	9077 - Dance Hall	,	201 JEFFERSON ST WAUSAU WI 54403		JEFFERSON STREET INN	06/13/2025	06/30/2026			
216106	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EICHTEN, ALEX	1623 N 3RD AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
215413	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	HER, BEE VAN	1109 N 6TH ST WAUSAU WI 54401		HMONG AMERICAN CENTER					



PHS Date 07/21/2025

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
216103	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	LANGENHAHN, JODI	500 FOREST STREET WAUSAU WI 54403		MARATHON COUNTY AGRICULTURALSOCI ETY					
216108	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	LINDER, LUKAS	917 SINGLE AVE WAUSAU WI 54403		GREATER WAUSAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE					
216258	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	LINDER, LUKAS	917 SINGLE AVE WAUSAU WI 54403		GREATER WAUSAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE					
216197	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	SPETS, MATT	9802 WOODLAND DRIVE WESTON WI 54476		NORTHWOODS BASEBALL					
215186	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	BENSON, JACOB	317 N 6TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS TRANSPORT	06/19/2025	06/30/2025	Yes		

Total Licenses

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A Wisconsin Alcohol Industry Update

Top News:

- Swearing In
- Producer Tax Credit
- Class B Convenient Stores
- Enforcement Case

Wisconsin State Supreme Court Chief Justice Ziegler Swears In Alcohol Beverage Special Agents

Madison, WI – A significant step forward in ensuring responsible alcohol beverage practices and public safety across Wisconsin was achieved on Friday, March 14, as the Division of Alcohol Beverage Special Agents were officially sworn into service. The ceremony took place in the Supreme Court Chambers at the Wisconsin State Capitol, with Wisconsin State Supreme Court Chief Justice Annette Ziegler presiding over the solemn oath-taking. This landmark event was celebrated not only by the agents but also their families and children, who gathered to witness this important moment in their careers. Department of Revenue Special Agents assigned to enforcement of lottery laws and cigarette and tobacco laws were also sworn into service during this ceremony.

For Wisconsin's local clerks, liquor license holders, distributors, producers, and sellers, the addition of these Special Agents marks an important reinforcement of the state's commitment to a well-regulated and fair alcohol beverage environment. These agents are vital to maintaining the integrity of the industry, ensuring compliance with state statutes, and fostering a level playing field for all stakeholders.

These dedicated Special Agents perform a wide range of critical functions essential to the responsible operation of the alcohol beverage industry in Wisconsin. Whether it's investigating violations, conducting inspections, providing education, or collaborating with stakeholders, this hard-working team strives every day to ensure compliance with our alcohol laws.

The presence of the agents' families, including spouses and children, added an important dimension to the ceremony, underscoring the personal commitment and sacrifice involved in public service.

Congratulations to our special agents! This milestone reinforces the Division of Alcohol Beverages' ongoing efforts, a critical component of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, to promote responsible commerce and public safety through effective regulation and enforcement. We congratulate the new Special Agents and look forward to their contributions to the continued success and compliance of Wisconsin's alcohol beverage industry.

Cheers,

Tyler Quam

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Legislative Update

The legislature is back in session as of January 6, 2025, for the next two years. The first order of business is the state budget, prepared every two years, for 2025-2027. 2023 Act 73, the legislation that created the Division of Alcohol Beverages, did not appropriate funds to the Division. Governor Evers' budget allocated 25 people to the division, created an appropriation to fund the division consisting of permit fee revenues, and addressed other state finance needs. Division Administrator Mark Meyer is working with stakeholders and legislators to ensure the Division is adequately resourced for the upcoming biennium.

New & Updated Guidance

[Publication 309](#), Retail Alcohol Beverage Licensing Guide for Municipalities, was updated in March. Please bookmark the link to the page so you always have the latest information about alcohol beverage licensing.

The Division has created several new event venue resources. Changes to state law requiring event venues held out for rent to the public for private parties such as weddings, anniversaries, and birthday parties to obtain a retail alcohol beverage license or no-sale event venue permit go into effect on January 1, 2026. The Department of Revenue's [Alcohol Beverage Landing Page](#) has a new box in the top right corner titled "Event Venue Resources" with links to new common questions, fact sheets, and easy access to existing resources.

Administrative Rules Process

The Division is finished drafting permanent rules pursuant to Scope Statement 009-24 relating to alcohol beverage regulation and taxation. The basis for the permanent rules were the emergency rules adopted in [EmR 2419](#). The department will post the rules to solicit economic and environmental impact comments, submit to the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse for technical review, and hold a formal public hearing. The public hearing will be scheduled before the end of the summer. To be notified of the date of the public hearing and general comment period as soon as it is opened, sign up for the DOR Administrative Rules and Alcohol Beverage News [Listservs](#).

Clerk's Corner: Report a List of all Active Alcohol Beverage Licenses

By July 15 of each year, municipalities are required by Wisconsin law to report a list of all active alcohol beverage licenses. Clerks send this report through MyDORGov to be published on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) website by completing form AT-827. This year, clerks may notice a few updates to the MyDORGov interface when filing this report, including the following;

- Bulk filers will now upload their data directly into form AT-827, instead of using a different DOR website. An additional question and information have been added for bulk filers.
- Additional tobacco product license questions have been added.
- Based on information provided, the form will automatically calculate the number of licensed locations reported.

For more information on reporting Form AT-827, see Publication 320-0, Retail Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco License Reporting. (link pending, will this be done in time?)

Applicable Laws and Rules

This document provides statements or interpretations of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules enacted as of June 6, 2025. Laws enacted and in effect after this date, new administrative rules, and court decisions may change the interpretations in this document. Guidance issued prior to this date that is contrary to the information in this document is superseded by this document, according to sec. 73.16(2)(a), Wis. Stats.



To DOR Alcohol
Beverage News

Eligible Producer Tax Credit for Brewers

Wisconsin imposes an occupational tax on the sale of fermented malt beverages (beer) at the rate of \$2.00 per 31 – gallon barrel (sec. 139.02(1), Wis. Stats.). The tax was first imposed in 1933 at the rate of \$1.00 per barrel. The only increase in the tax occurred when it was raised to its current rate of \$ 2.00 per barrel on November 1, 1969. The Wisconsin beer tax has only been raised once since inception and hasn't been raised at all for 55 years and counting!

Eligible producer tax credit - Brewers whose total production in a calendar year is under 300,000 barrels can receive a credit of 50% of the tax paid (or payable) on the first 50,000 taxable barrels in that calendar year (sec. 139.02(2), Wis. Stats.). A Wisconsin location is not necessary to be eligible for this credit. In determining the number of barrels produced by a single brewer, all brands or labels of that brewer must be combined for all beer production facilities (regardless of where located) owned or controlled by that brewer.

Other considerations. A “contract brewing” agreement sec. 125.21(1), Wis. Stats., defines a contract producer and recipe producer. The recipe producer is considered the producer for purposes of the eligible producer credit (sec. 125.21(3)(e), Wis. Stats.).

DAB and DOR Join Investigation

DAB's Enforcement Bureau Special Agents and Department of Revenue (DOR) tax compliance agents jointly investigated a Milwaukee County tavern in 2024 and 2025 that resulted in revocation of the business' retail alcohol beverage license. The alcohol beverage license for the tavern was ultimately revoked in May 2025.

In July 2024, DOR revoked a Milwaukee County tavern's seller's permit due to unpaid taxes. At that time, DAB agents provided revocation process information to the municipality in which the tavern was located. Agents from DOR and DAB special agents made several visits to the tavern to inform the owner of their inability to conduct business without a valid seller's permit. The tavern owner believed because their alcohol beverage license was still issued, they could continue to operate the business. To qualify for a retail alcohol beverage license, Wisconsin law requires a valid seller's permit, required for reporting sales and use tax. Additionally, Wisconsin law prohibits a business from making sales of taxable goods or services without holding a valid seller's permit.

The business owner attempted to circumvent the licensing requirement by trying to obtain a seller's permit under the name of a different legal entity. DOR compliance agents quickly caught this attempt before it could be linked to the business owner's account. Another attempt was made by a family member of the business owner to apply for another alcohol beverage license under the family member's seller's permit. The municipality was quick to deny this, as there cannot be two alcohol beverage licenses for separate entities issued to the same premise. Further, that family member did not meet licensing qualifications.

Ultimately, a member of the common council of the municipality drafted a formal complaint due to multiple concerns related to the tavern and submitted it to the licensing board. The owner went in front of the board for a hearing on nonrenewal of the license and for revocation proceedings against the license. The business' alcohol beverage license was revoked by the municipality in May of 2025.

Video gambling machines in Class A licensees constitute a felony violation. Munis beware!



Beware of an alarming trend gaining in popularity around Wisconsin which seeks to mislead municipal officials into granting Class B licenses, with the sole aim of converting businesses into illegal video gambling locations. Under this scheme, businesses traditionally licensed with Class A licenses apply for Class B licenses, resulting in questions from municipal clerks and business owners about video gambling, other business exceptions, and connecting or overlapping premises.

1. Video gambling machines are illegal in Wisconsin.

Video gambling machines are illegal in Wisconsin, but the penalties for possession vary based on certain circumstances. On a Class B licensed premises (e.g. tavern or restaurant), having five or fewer video gambling machines is subject to a civil forfeiture. Operating or possessing video gambling machines on an unlicensed or Class A premises is a felony. The Division of Alcohol Beverages, Department of Revenue Cigarette, Tobacco, and Vapor Product Enforcement, and our partners in local law enforcement have prioritized enforcement of felony violations, by ordering machines removed from unlicensed and Class A premises. We suspect that some of this enforcement activity has led to some Class A licensees applying for Class B licenses. See Fact Sheet 4100, Video Gambling Machines in Wisconsin, for more information.

2. Class B Licenses authorize sales and consumption of alcohol beverages.

Class B licenses authorize the sale and consumption of alcohol beverages on the licensed premises. There are many laws that regulate this specific purpose, such as only allowing those of legal drinking age on the licensed premises (with exceptions), opening and closing hours, licensed operators present on the premises, purchasing alcohol beverages from distributors, retaining alcohol invoices on the licensed premises, and more. A Class B license does not authorize the operation of video gambling machines.

3. Other business exceptions requires Class B licensees to primarily be engaged in the sales and consumption of alcohol beverages, unless otherwise exempt.

A Class B license authorizes sales and consumption of alcohol beverages on the licensed premises; state statute limits other business that can be conducted on a Class B licensed premises. Allowable other business activities are listed in sec. 125.32(3m), Wis. Stats. There aren't definitions for many of the terms used throughout this section.

4. Generally, Class A licenses and Class B licenses cannot be issued for the same premises.

State law generally prohibits two different classes of licenses on the same premises. In other words, an entity cannot hold a Class A license and a Class B license for the same or connecting premises. The one exception to this rule is for hotels, but this license combination is less necessary now that off-premises sales under Class B licenses have been expanded in the past few legislative sessions.

5. Connecting or overlapping premises are not allowed under state law.

The premises for an alcohol beverage license must not overlap with another licensed premises or prohibited business activity. For a premises to be considered separate from adjoining business activity or a licensed premises, it must be separated by a physical barrier, typically floor to ceiling walls, and have its own separate entrance. Shared common areas, such as restrooms, are okay as long as the actual areas where business is conducted has clear physical boundaries between them and separate entrances.

6. Municipal governing bodies have control.

Municipalities have broad authority to approve or deny retail alcohol beverage licenses at first issuance. With business models getting increasingly diverse, municipalities have a lot of things to take into consideration when making a licensing decision.

The DAB recommends municipalities consider the following questions when deciding whether or not to issue a Class B license:

- Has the municipality granted a Class B license to a similar business in the past?
- Does the business meet the definition of a restaurant?
- Does the business fall under any of the exemptions in 125.32(3m) for other business? Has the municipality issued a Class B license to any other business that may set a precedent?
- Can this business comply with the hours of operation restrictions imposed in state law?
- Does the municipality have an ordinance allowing for sales of intoxicating liquor to go?
- Does this business have a lot of underage customers?
- Does the proposed premises overlap with an existing license or prohibited business activity?
- Is a Class A license issued for this premises?
- Is the business owner relinquishing their Class A licenses if they are issued Class B licenses?

If you have questions about the concepts discussed in this article, please reach out to the Division of Alcohol Beverages at DORAlcohol@wisconsin.gov.

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT

2nd Quarter 2025



Deputy Chief's Message

With the return of warmer weather, the downtown area—particularly the 400 Block Park—has seen a notable increase in activity. This is reflected in a sharp rise in Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) events over the past quarter:

- April: 12 events
- May: 43 events
- June: 130 events

While this surge appears dramatic, it is important to note that a significant portion of these events were self-initiated by officers conducting proactive, extra patrols in response to increased community concerns. The Police Department has received numerous reports regarding disruptive behaviors in and around the 400 Block, including:

- Shouting and verbal disturbances
- Damage to park landscaping
- Excessive littering
- Individuals sleeping in public spaces or appearing impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Disorderly conduct and occasional physical altercations
- Medical calls related to health or substance use issues

Several factors are likely contributing to this rise in activity:

1. The interim WMC Shelter, located four blocks north of the 400 Block, continues to serve as the only emergency shelter option in the city. While temporary, it plays a critical role in preventing more severe community impacts by offering a safe, structured shelter option.
2. The implementation of firm no-loitering policies at other locations has probably contributed to more individuals choosing to spend extended time in the park.
3. Warmer weather in general naturally draws more people to outdoor spaces for longer periods.
4. A prohibition on alcohol consumption in any city park before 4:00 p.m. may encourage relocation from more isolated areas to central, higher-visibility spaces.

This uptick in downtown activity coincides with the return of our seasonal Community Service Officers (CSOs). CSOs serve as vital force multipliers—providing a visible presence, deterring unlawful behavior, and assisting with enforcement in a cost-effective manner. Their role is instrumental in maintaining safety and cleanliness across Wausau's parks and downtown spaces.

The Wausau Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of all community members. We continue to uphold our core values: treating all individuals with respect and professionalism, exercising the courage to hold ourselves and others accountable, and acting with unwavering integrity in the face of challenges.

- Deputy Chief Todd Baeten



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
April 2025 - June 2025

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

April 2025 - June 2025

<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	444	449	264	209	5	214
Crimes Against Persons	79	79	44	38	2	40
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	1
Manslaughter by Negligence	1	1	1	1	0	1
Sex Offenses	12	12	2	2	0	2
• Rape	8	8	2	2	0	2
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	3	3	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	1	1	1	1	0	1
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	1	1	1	1	0	1
Assault Offenses	64	64	39	32	2	34
• Aggravated Assault	11	11	9	13	0	13
• Simple Assault	41	41	21	16	1	17
• Intimidation	12	12	9	3	1	4
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1	1	0	1
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	156	161	42	41	1	42
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	8	8	3	2	0	2
Theft/Larceny	66	67	20	21	0	21
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	36	37	18	19	0	19
• Theft From Building	6	6	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	4	4	0	0	0	0



Crime Counts - Wausau PD

April 2025 - June 2025

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	19	19	1	1	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	5	1	1	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	1	1	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	5	5	1	1	0	1
Fraud Offenses	31	31	7	7	0	7
• Fraud - False Pretenses	16	16	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	3	3	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	12	12	6	6	0	6
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	38	42	9	8	1	9
Crimes Against Society	209	209	178	130	2	132
Weapon Law Violations	30	30	25	11	0	11
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	175	175	150	117	2	119
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	91	91	79	84	2	86
• Drug Equipment Violations	84	84	71	33	0	33
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	4	4	3	2	0	2
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

April 2025 - June 2025

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	273	35	308
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	0	4	4
Disorderly Conduct	61	11	72
Driving Under the Influence	45	0	45
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	0	1
Liquor Law Violation	21	1	22
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	17	2	19
All Other Offenses	128	17	145

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

Detectives

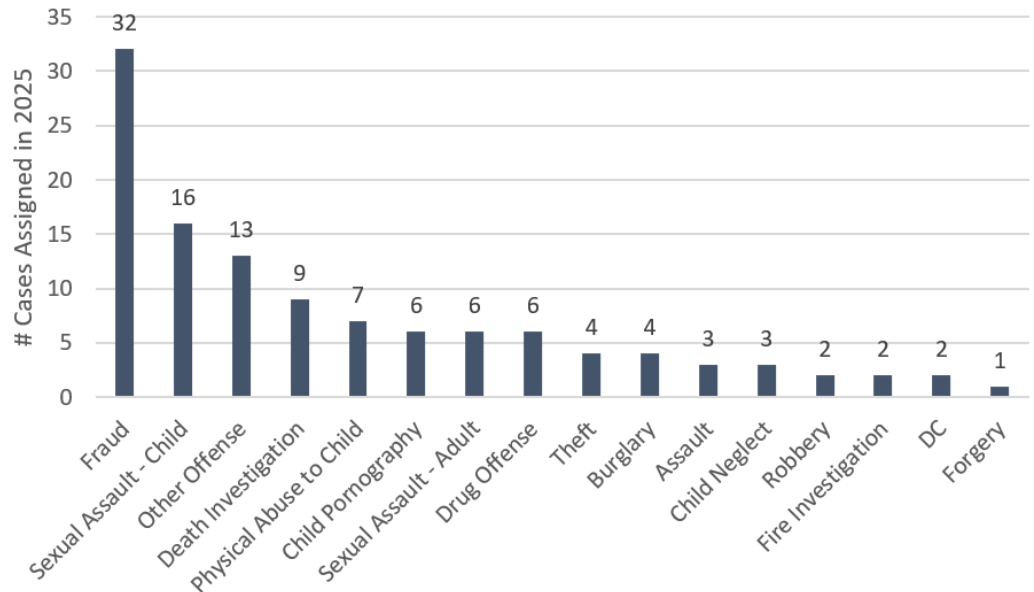
School Resource Officers (SRO)

Victim Resource Unit (VRU)

Public Health & Safety – Investigations Bureau Update

This report provides a snapshot of major cases

Detective Case Load by Crime Type



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cases Assigned	17	21	26	18	16	21						

2nd Quarter Convictions

Joshua Michelson

Possession w/Intent Heroin
5 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Zach Tesky

Shooting and Vehicle Theft
Recklessly Endangering Safety
5 years Prison; 4 years Parole

Richard Mason

Shooting
Attempt 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide
16 years Prison; 20 years Parole

Deandre Caldwell

3rd Degree Sexual Assault
7 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Allen Perez

Domestic Strangulation & Batter
5 years Prison; 3 years Parole

Isaiah Delisle

Injury to 16-month child
Child Abuse – Cause Great Bodily Harm
4.5 year Prison; 7 years Parole

Jeremy McGreck

Incest with a Child
5 years Prison; 10 years Parole

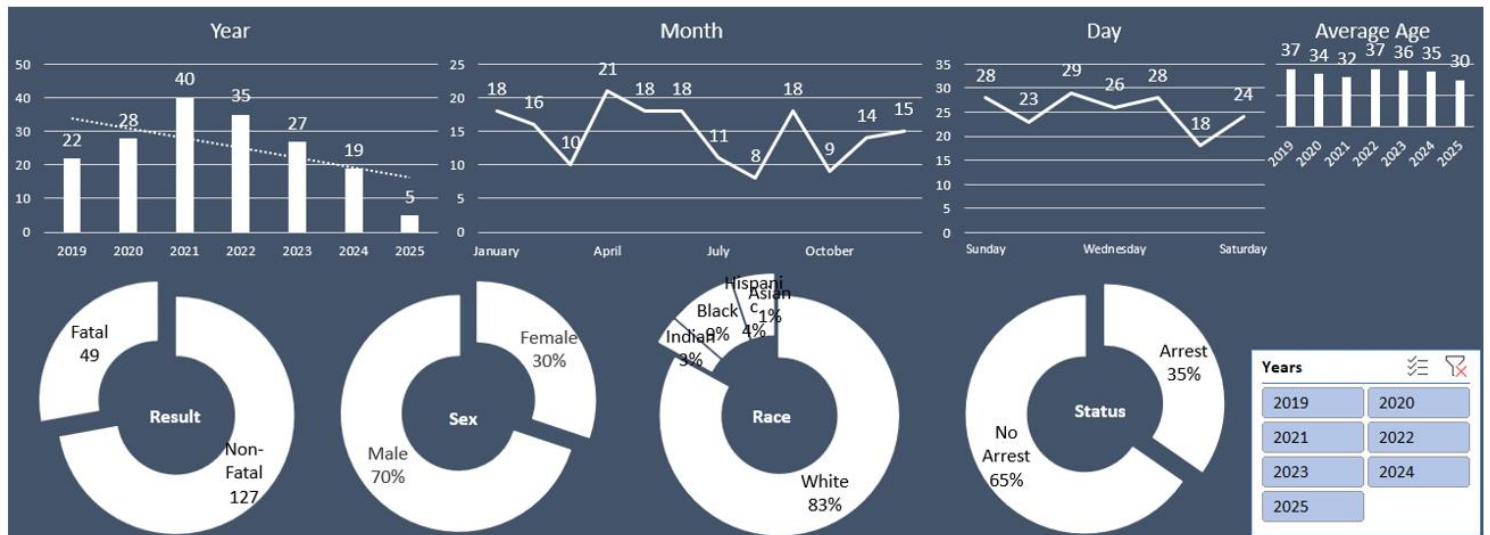
Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
4/4/2025	Death Investigation	Suicide 41-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
5/11/2025	Death Investigation	Drowning 1300 block N River Drive 16-year-old male died by accidental drowning Case Closed
5/29/2025	Death Investigation	Overdose 600 block Nina Avenue 24-year-old male died by overdose Case Open
6/22/2025	Death Investigation	Non-Suspicious Death 200 block Central Bridge Street 58-year-old male found deceased (homeless at time of death) Case Closed
6/24/2025	Death Investigation	Officer-Involved Death 30-year-old male fled on foot from police and was struck and killed by a vehicle on Hwy 29 Case turned over to the Marathon County Sheriff's Office Case Open

Drug Overdoses

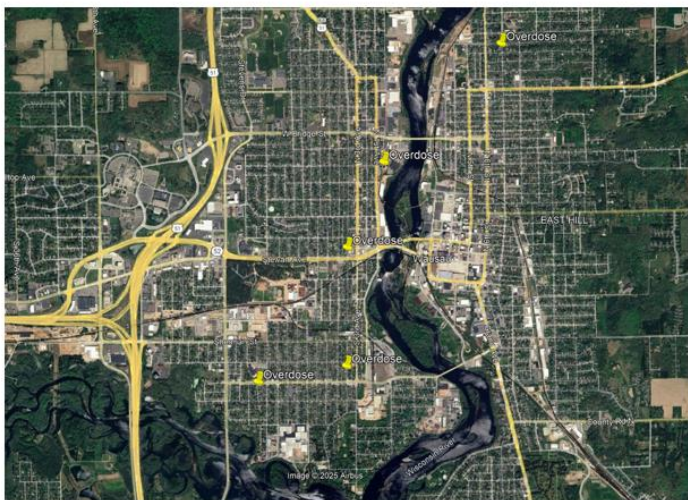
2025



2019-2025



Overdoses by Location (current year)



Summary

The Wausau Police Department has seen a steady decline in overdose responses since a peak in 2021:

- **2021:** 40 overdoses (12 fatal) – the highest on record.
- **2022:** 35 overdoses (9 fatal) – a 12% overall decrease and 25% drop in fatalities.
- **2023:** 27 overdoses (10 fatal, 17 non-fatal) – a 23% reduction from the previous year.
- **2024:** 19 overdoses (6 fatal, 13 non-fatal) – the lowest in six years. Fentanyl remained the leading cause.
- **2025 (YTD through Q2):** 5 overdoses (1 fatal) – a 47% decrease compared to 2024.

Downtown Officer Program

During the second quarter, downtown experienced a notable shift in activity patterns, influenced by several key factors. These include seasonal weather changes, ongoing street reconstruction, and the relocation of the emergency overnight homeless shelter to the downtown area. Warmer temperatures and street closures have contributed to a rise in pedestrian traffic, while the shelter's relocation has further increased foot traffic and the use of downtown parks, particularly the 400 Block Park.

This surge in park usage, especially for extended periods, has coincided with a rise in quality-of-life concerns, including disorderly conduct, littering, physical altercations, public alcohol consumption, and lewd behavior. In response, the police department has enhanced its presence in the area through increased foot patrols, squad car coverage, and video surveillance. These proactive measures have resulted in multiple citations and arrests, which have helped improve public behavior and restore a safer, more welcoming environment for all downtown visitors. Officers continue to closely monitor high-activity areas and adjust patrol strategies and enforcement actions based on ongoing trends.

Officer Nathan Porath & Officer Brady Copas



WPD CART QUARTERLY

April – June 2025

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 / 51.45 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
Apr - June 2025	217	434	31	131
2025 YTD	452	790	61	239
2024 Total	1,212	1,769	175	495
2023 Total	1,219	1,913	117	640
2022 Total	930	1,874	126	583

51.15 by Type	Adults / Juveniles	Community / Facility
2025 YTD	53 / 8	34 / 27
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.”



April - June 2025 in the Community Resource Unit

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

- **There were five reported drug overdoses in the City during the months of April– June**
 - Three overdoses were non-fatal, one was fatal.
 - One of overdose investigations resulted in two arrests, both for first degree recklessly endangering safety and delivery of fentanyl. An additional large quantity of fentanyl (over 30 grams) was seized.
 - The fatal overdose investigation is on-going.
- **22 people referred to treatment services. 34 total for the year.**
- **Conducted drug trafficking investigations to include;**
 - **7 residential Search warrants / 8 other search warrants**
 - One search warrant on Lake View Drive – numerous nuisance and drug related issues. The residence was subsequently boarded up bringing much relief to the neighborhood.
 - One search warrant was a result from an overdose investigation. Over 30 grams of fentanyl were seized at the residence.
 - **A traffic stop led to an arrest of an adult male with over a half pound of methamphetamine.**
 - **2 Controlled buys.**
 - **Seized over 532 grams (1.17 lbs) of Methamphetamine**
 - One use is usually around 0.1 gram (point)
 - *5320 doses/uses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 851 prescription pills.**
 - **Seized 42 grams of Heroin**
 - One use is .05 - 0.1 gram (half point or point)
 - *420-840 uses/doses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized over 28 grams of Cocaine**
 - One use is about 0.1 grams
 - *280 uses / doses seized*
 - **Seized 377 grams of Marijuana**
 - a gram will produce 1 to 2 joints
 - *377 - 754 joints worth seized this quarter*
 - **Seized two firearms.**
 - **89 Arrests / Referrals**
 - **114 Felony Charges**
 - **82 Misdemeanor Charges**
 - **108 Traffic stops**

65 Vehicle searches

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 April 1 to June 30

	2024	2025
Incident reports	2524	2791
Arrest Reports	627	671
Accident Reports	226	194
Traffic Citations	843	711
Criminal Citations	179	215
Warnings	972	1162

Year-to-Date Traffic Totals 2025

Traffic Stops
1602

Citations
548

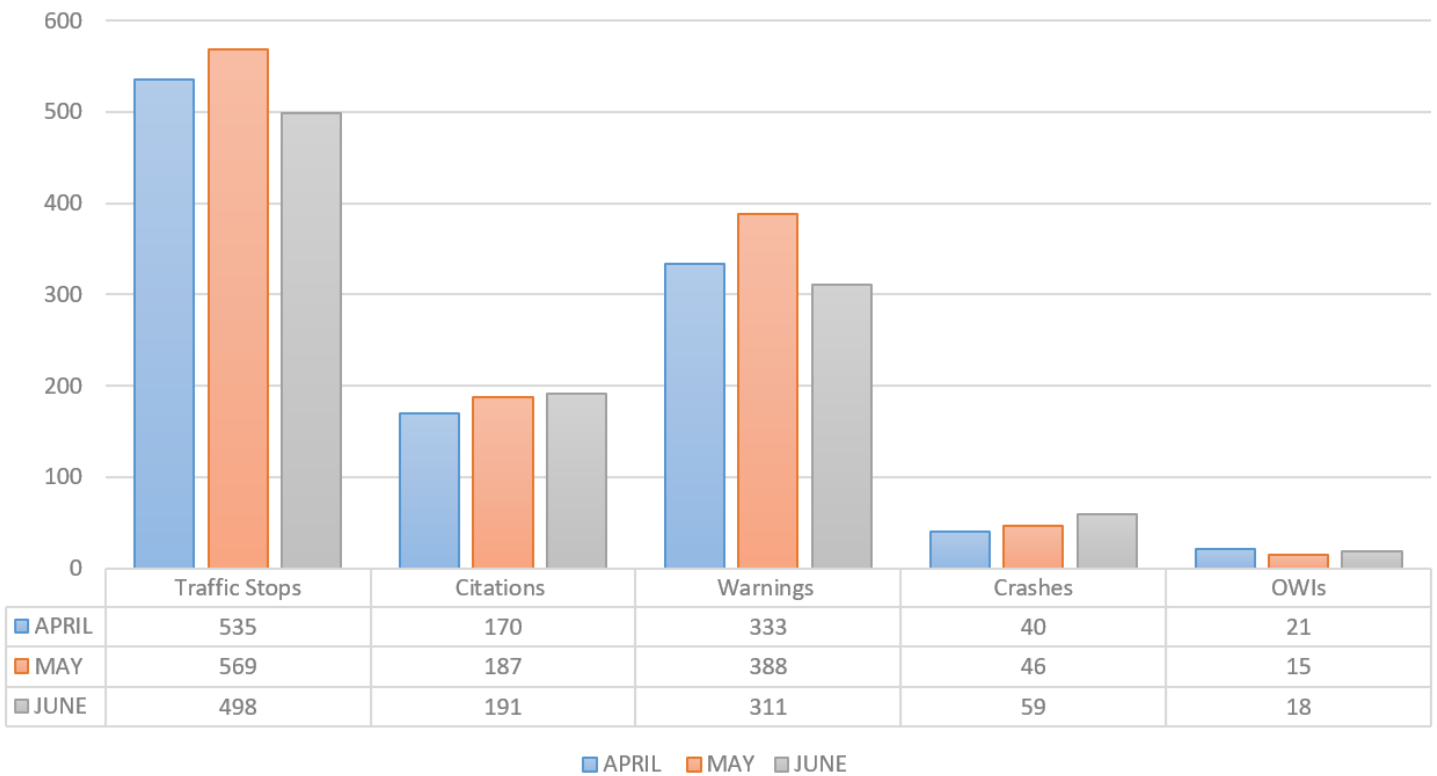
Warnings
1032

Operating While Intoxicated
54

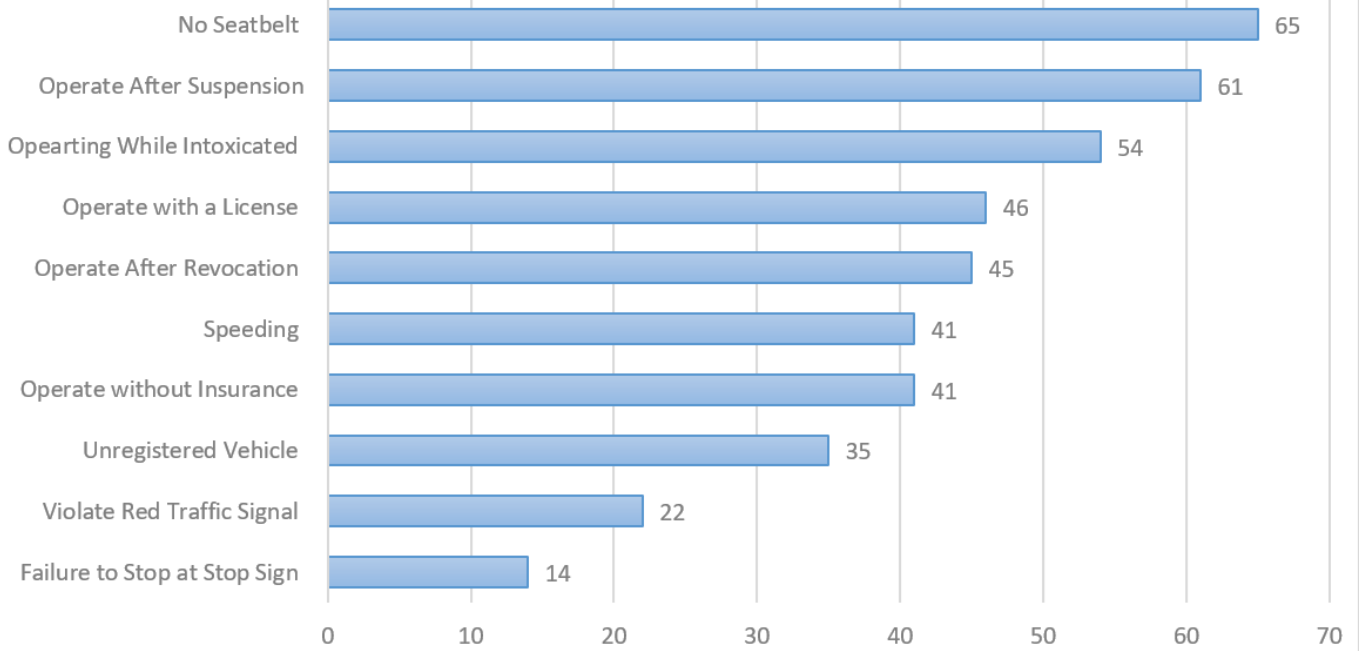
Traffic Crashes
145

Patrol Hours Worked
15679

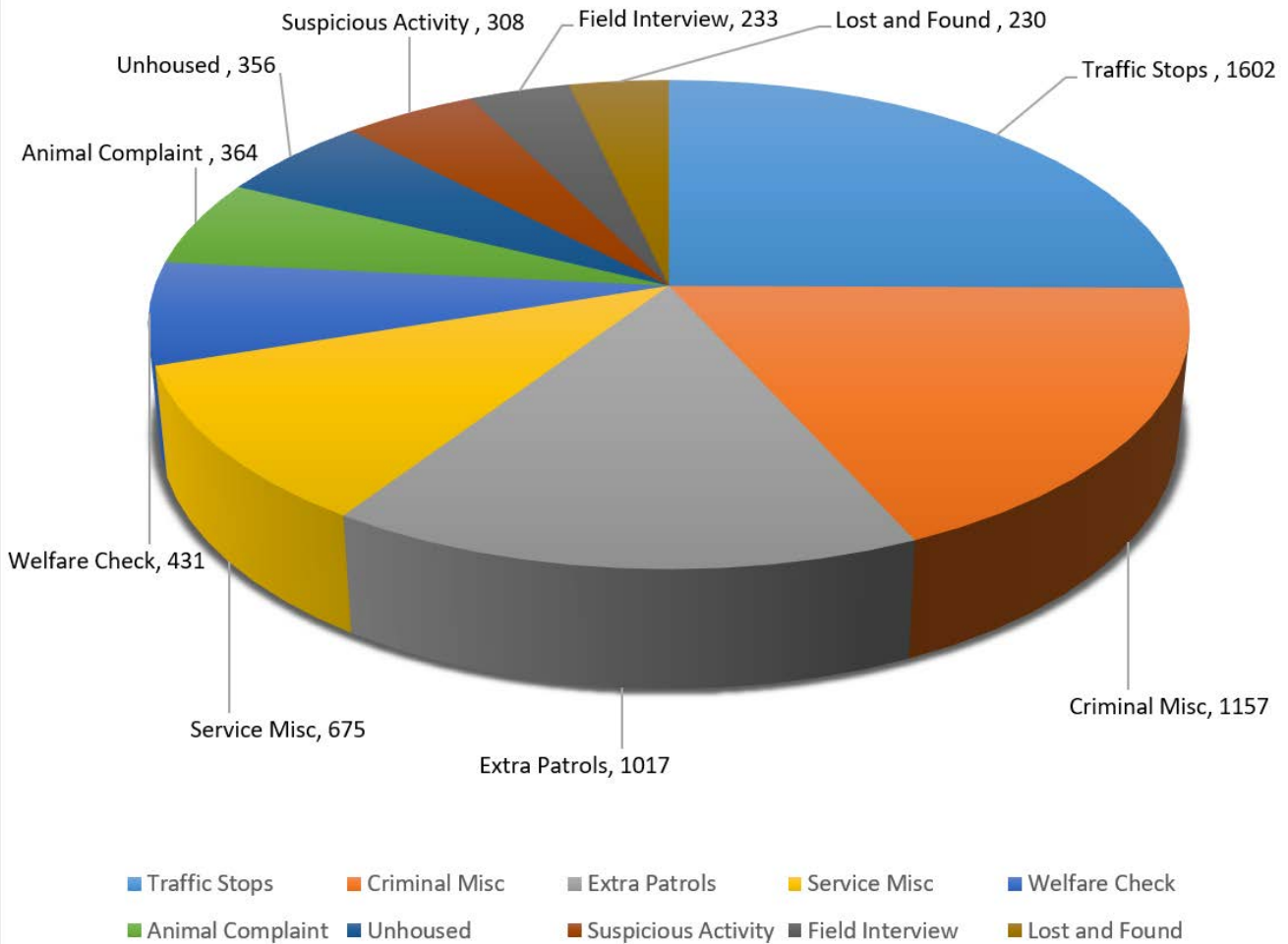
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - Second Quarter 2025



Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - Second Quarter 2025



Top Calls for Service - Second Quarter 2025



Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 2 –2025



2025 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition

The American Heart Association proudly recognizes

City of Wausau Fire Department Wausau, Wisconsin

Mission: Lifeline® EMS - GOLD with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll Achievement Award

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recognizes this prehospital provider organization for demonstrating continued success in using the **Mission Lifeline®** program.

Thank you for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in the community you serve.*

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Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith B. Churchwell".

Keith Churchwell, M.D., FAHA
President
American Heart Association

*For more information, please visit [Heart.org/MissionLifeline](https://www.heart.org/MissionLifeline)



(WFD was awarded the Mission: Lifeline EMS – Gold for Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

Introduction

This report covers the period from April through June 2025. As we move into the second half of the year, the Wausau Fire Department continues to make meaningful strides in both operations and strategic planning. Our ongoing efforts in recruitment and training are showing positive results, and we are steadily progressing on several key projects aimed at strengthening our infrastructure and service delivery with a huge focus on succession planning, all early details of the strategic planning process.

Operational Updates and Progress

The apprenticeship program, launched earlier this year in partnership with Northcentral Technical College (NTC), has completed its first evaluation phase. Initial feedback has been positive, with apprentices gaining valuable field experience while contributing meaningfully to daily operations.

We have been putting in a lot of work and planning to complete the new CIP process and have informative numbers for the next five years for the committee to work through. Among these requests will include the need for a new station and training facility, replacement of extrication equipment, replacement of cardiac monitors, and updates for additional parking at our existing stations.

Our grant writing team has submitted multiple applications for equipment funding, including FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. We are hopeful that this will help fund new extrication tools and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) replacements.

Planning for a new training tower continues, with site feasibility assessments currently underway. Our collaboration with NTC on this project remains strong, and we are evaluating cost-sharing models to support long-term sustainability.

Leadership and Strategic Development

Following the successful attendance at FDIC by our Lieutenants in April, we have initiated a leadership development track tailored to prepare personnel for potential promotional opportunities. This includes targeted mentorship, project leadership assignments, and exposure to administrative responsibilities.

Our strategic planning committee met several times this quarter and has begun drafting key focus areas including staffing, facilities, technology upgrades, and public engagement.

Community Care Paramedic Program

Matthew Kozloski continues to lead our Community Care Paramedic program with distinction. In Q2, we saw a 15% increase in home visits, particularly among high-risk senior citizens. Matthew has begun working with Aspirus to implement a preventive care referral network, which we expect will further reduce non-emergency 911 calls and improve community health outcomes such as re-admissions and waiting times in the ER.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Central fire station is still a huge problem for us with working space and parking problems. Central continues to have problems such as leaking pipes and HVAC issues and deteriorating platforms on the front and back side of the station. In June, we and the PD have been without air conditioning due to the cooling tower being replaced, expected finish date to be the end of July. This station is really showing its age and ability to keep up with the growing organization we have become. We have contacted representatives from the state for some financial assistance but are awaiting a response.

Conclusion

The second quarter of 2025 has seen continued momentum across all major areas of focus. From infrastructure improvements to strategic planning and community health initiatives, the Wausau Fire Department remains dedicated to excellence in service and leadership. We thank the City, our community partners, and residents for their continued support and collaboration as we work together to meet the evolving needs of Wausau.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or for additional information, 715-261-7901.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fire Operations Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

Recruit Academy

In June, the Wausau Fire Department successfully conducted its third Recruit Academy of 2025. This four-week training academy welcomed three new recruits who underwent a rigorous training curriculum focused on EMS, fire suppression, department protocols, and teamwork. The academy was led by Lieutenant Tautges, who volunteered to come off shift and assume a Monday–Friday schedule in order to provide consistency and leadership to the training. His commitment ensured the recruits received high-quality, mission-aligned instruction. The department thanks Lt. Tautges for his dedication to our newest members and our training standards.



Fleet



Final preparations were completed for the sale of Ladder 2. A purchase contract was signed with Warren Robbins Fire Department, and the apparatus is scheduled for transfer in the coming weeks.

Coinciding with this transition, the Wausau Fire Department has identified an available 75-foot aerial apparatus manufactured by Pierce that aligns with our operational needs. This opportunity emerged at

an ideal time, and staff have been working with vendors and the City's finance team to finalize the purchase. Once delivered, the new ladder truck will be integrated into service following a three-day, crew-specific training.

Lieutenant Promotional Process

In June, the department conducted a Lieutenant Assessment Center as part of its 2025 promotional process. Four internal candidates participated in a structured, multi-station evaluation process designed to assess leadership, tactical, and communication competencies.

The process included:

- A simulated fire incident and EMS scenario to evaluate tactical decision-making and incident command proficiency.
- A teaching station to assess instructional ability and training delivery skills.

- A presentation and interview panel, which evaluated professionalism, strategic thinking, and interpersonal effectiveness.
- The written assessment exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions.

This assessment center was designed to align with the expectations of Fire Officer I certification. The final step in the process, peer review evaluations, will be completed by mid-July. Final promotional decisions will follow.

Mental Health & Peer Support Initiatives

The Wausau Fire Department continues to prioritize the mental health and wellness of its personnel. In this quarter:

- Rogers Behavioral Health was invited to present its Fire Watch program to our crews. Fire Watch is a virtual outpatient program tailored exclusively to first responders, providing flexible, confidential support that acknowledges the unique experiences of firefighters and paramedics. The program is built on proven treatment models and is available with scheduling that respects shift work and professional obligations.
- The department has also partnered with the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the Wisconsin Department of Rural Health to offer Peer Support Training in August of 2025. This training, will deliver in-person training by certified instructors and equips members with:
 - Foundational behavioral health knowledge
 - Practical peer support strategies
 - Tools to bridge members to clinical and community resources

These initiatives reflect our growing understanding of the cumulative impact of occupational stress in the fire service and our commitment to supporting the mental resilience of our personnel.

Training

This quarter featured a diverse and impactful series of training events that helped strengthen both our technical capabilities and interagency partnerships:

- High Angle Rescue Training – June 20: Crews took their training to new heights—literally—by rappelling from the iconic Dudley Tower. Members of our High Angle Rescue Team spent the day honing their rope skills while navigating the structure’s elevation challenges. A special thank you to the Dudley Tower team for making this unique opportunity possible. Real-world training environments like this are critical to keeping our members sharp and ready to serve in any situation.



- Hazmat Awareness & Outreach – May 21: Our Hazardous Incident Team (HIT) visited the Town of Wausau Fire Department and several other area departments to share information about the specialized resources and capabilities Wausau Fire offers as one of only eight regional state hazmat teams in Wisconsin. In addition to statewide response capabilities, Wausau Fire also provides hazmat coverage for all of Marathon County. This outreach strengthens mutual aid coordination and helps build a more resilient regional response network.

- K-9 Emergency Medical Training – April 29: In collaboration with the Wausau Police Department, our crews participated in joint training focused on emergency medical care for K-9 officers injured in the line of duty. Working side-by-side with WPD handlers and their K-9 partners, firefighters practiced life-saving techniques tailored specifically for canine trauma. This unique session enhanced our interagency preparedness and reaffirmed our shared commitment to public safety—for all members of the team.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

This quarter, the City of Wausau Fire Department was honored to receive the **Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Award with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll Achievement Award** from the **American Heart Association**. This national recognition reflects our commitment to delivering high-quality, evidence-based care to patients experiencing the most critical cardiac emergencies, including ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) and other acute cardiac events.

Receiving this award demonstrates that Wausau Fire consistently meets rigorous benchmarks in pre-hospital care, including rapid identification, treatment, and coordination with cardiac receiving centers. We are proud to stand among the top EMS agencies in the country, and alongside many of our neighboring departments, in advancing life-saving cardiac care that directly improves survival and patient outcomes across our region.

Significant Events

On April 8, 2025, Wausau Fire Department's Engine 4 responded to a brush fire along the riverbank. Engine 4 arriving quickly extinguished the fire with a cross lay. Their swift action prevented the fire from spreading.

On April 21, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire with smoke coming from an apartment. Crews arrived to find heavy smoke inside and conducted a rapid search using a thermal imaging camera. The source was identified as food left burning on a gas stove. The fire was quickly mitigated, and the apartment ventilated. This swift response prevented further damage.

On May 16, 2025, Wausau Fire Department crews from Engine 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a fire alarm at a multi-story building on N. 1st Street. Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke on the third floor and a burned, unidentifiable object in the elevator lobby. Firefighters quickly ventilated the area and ensured there was no active fire threat. Wausau Police were also on scene and initiated an investigation after encountering a suspicious individual. The alarm system was reset, and the scene was safely turned over.

May 11, 2025, Wausau Fire Department crews responded to a report of smoke alarms sounding in a multi-unit apartment building. Upon arrival, Engine 1 was directed to an apartment where light smoke filled the unit. Crews located and extinguished a smoldering pile of household items ignited by a faulty heat lamp with exposed wiring. Thanks to the quick response and effective mitigation by WFD, the fire was contained with minimal damage, and multiple family pets were rescued.

May 11th, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a report of a person who had jumped into the river from a dock and was unaccounted for. Upon arrival, multiple Wausau Police Department officers were already on scene and confirmed the last known location of the victim near the dock area. With no one visible on the surface operations were immediately initiated. The department's airboat was launched upstream, and two WFD swimmers were deployed into water and began a grid search.

After approximately 35 minutes of searching, an object believed to be the victim was located but could not initially be brought to the surface. While Wausau Police were in contact with the Marathon County Dive Team, they advised terminating the search until divers arrived. However, recognizing the urgency and the time-sensitive nature

of the incident, BC Bingham made the critical decision to re-deploy WFD swimmers. Within 10 minutes, the team successfully recovered the victim and transferred him to waiting paramedics. Life-saving measures were initiated, and the patient was transported to Aspirus Hospital .

On May 23, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire involving an **oxidizer unit** at an industrial facility on Stewart Avenue. Upon arrival, Engine 3 established communication with on-site staff who reported a fire inside the ventilation tubing of the oxidizer system. A strategic decision was made to deploy the ladder truck, place personnel on the roof, and access the ventilation system from above. During suppression efforts, industry staff unintentionally re-opened air dampers without notifying fire command, creating a dangerous situation by reintroducing oxygen to the system fueling a larger fire. Firefighters immediately intervened and reinforced the importance of coordinated communication for the safety of all personnel. After thoroughly flushing the ventilation system and confirming extinguishment of all hot spots, the fire was declared out.

On May 28, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a possible structure fire at a residence on S. 6th Avenue. On arrival heavy smoke was present in the second-story apartment. Engine 1 arrived to find no visible fire from the exterior and made entry through the rear of the building. Inside, crews encountered moderate smoke and located a stove with a burned pan of food . The crew removed the source of the smoke, ventilated the apartment using a positive pressure fan, and confirmed the absence of carbon monoxide using a gas meter. Despite a language barrier, firefighters were able to communicate with the resident and explain the situation.

On June 19, 2025, Wausau Fire Department's **Truck 1 was dispatched for mutual aid** to assist Riverside Fire Department with a significant industrial fire involving a conveyor belt system used to transport sawdust. The fire was located within a multi-level, enclosed structure, making access and suppression challenging. Truck 1 was strategically positioned to flow water from an elevated height of **70–80 feet**, targeting the top of the conveyor system between two buildings. After several hours the system was thoroughly flushed and no visible smoke remained and Truck 1 cleared the scene.

On June 21, 2025, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a structure fire at a duplex on N. 5th Avenue. Engine 3 arrived first and was flagged down by 12-year-old Lawrence Follie, who was leaning out a first-floor window and reported a fire in his bedroom. Crews made entry and found smoke conditions inside and an active fire involving bedding on the lower bunk. Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames and confirmed that the fire was out and all occupants were out and safe..

The boy stated that he woke up to flames, attempted to extinguish the fire with water, and alerted firefighters on arrival. It was later determined that his younger brother had likely started the fire using lighters found near the bed. One boy did sustained minor burns and was transported to the hospital for evaluation. Fire crews worked with Wausau Police to ensure the safety of the children, referred the case for **Youth Firesetting Intervention**, provided by the Wausau Fire Department's Prevention Division.

On June 28, 2025, Wausau Fire Department responded to a high-risk **water rescue involving a distraught individual** clinging to bridge pilings beneath a downtown overpass. Upon arrival, crews coordinated with Wausau Police, who determined the scene was unsafe due to the individual's mental state and refusal of help. Fire personnel launched the rescue boat from Gilbert Park while others donned full water rescue gear, preparing for a dynamic rescue situation.

Despite efforts to de-escalate the situation verbally, the individual jumped into the river. A rope was lowered from above, which the person grabbed, and with coordinated teamwork, **Wausau Fire and Police successfully pulled him to the shoreline**, where he was safely taken into custody. The individual was then transferred to Med 1 and transported to Aspirus Hospital for further care.

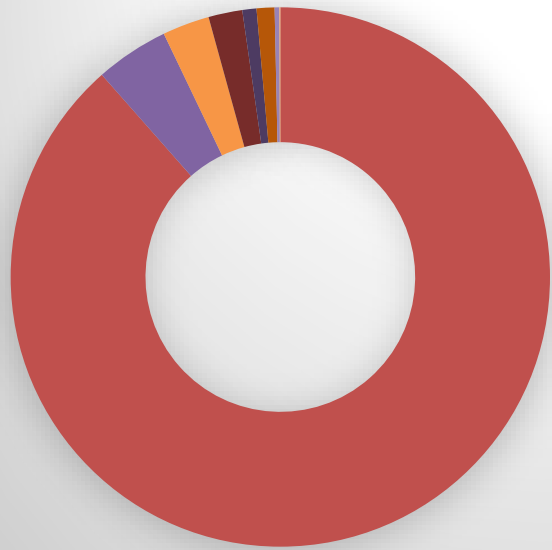
Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
4/6/2025	922 South 21st Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000624	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
4/8/2025	7111 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000630	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
4/21/2025	4105 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000701	Fire, other

4/26/2025	2220 Sherman Street	City of Wausau	F25000736	Building fire
4/26/2025	611 West Street	City of Wausau	F25000737	Building fire
4/28/2025	829 Steuben Street	City of Wausau	F25000746	Building fire
4/29/2025	210 Callon Street	City of Wausau	F25000752	Cooking fire, confined to container
5/8/2025	401 North 3rd Street	City of Wausau	F25000819	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
5/9/2025	South 3rd Avenue & Park Blvd	City of Wausau	F25000834	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
5/11/2025	1016 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000844	Building fire
5/12/2025	726 Werle Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000862	Passenger vehicle fire
5/16/2025	425 North 1st Street	City of Wausau	F25000881	Trash or rubbish fire, contained
5/23/2025	7500 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000927	Outside equipment fire
5/28/2025	628 South 6th Avenue	City of Wausau	F25000956	Cooking fire, confined to container
6/10/2025	1016 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001044	Building fire
6/11/2025	500 Washington Street	City of Wausau	F25001048	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
6/19/2025	200 Grand Avenue	Village of Rothschild	F25001097	Fires in structure other than in a building
6/21/2025	511 North 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001110	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2025	2024	2023	2022	% Of Change from 2024 to 2025
January	677	646	579	591	4.80%
February	589	597	506	507	-1.34%
March	561	555	551	540	1.08%
April	555	541	527	498	2.59%
May	646	605	574	574	6.78%
June	570	578	553	590	-1.38%
July		585	679	531	
August		581	571	600	
September		547	548	524	
October		564	616	545	
November		556	624	574	
December		606	623	612	
TOTAL		6961	6951	6686	



- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident (1568)
- False Alarm & False Call (78)
- Good Intent Call (50)
- Service Call (36)
- Hazardous Condition (No Fire) (15)
- Fire (19)
- Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) (0)
- Special Incident Type (5)
- Severe Weather & Natural Disaster (1)

Responses by Municipality (All NFIRS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,649	93.11%	3,344
Clark County	1	0.06%	1
Lincoln County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Rosholt	0	0.00%	0
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	13	0.73%	23
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	3	0.17%	5
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	2	0.11%	2
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	6	0.34%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	2	0.11%	3
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	1
Town of Marathon	2	0.11%	4
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0

Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	1	0.06%	4
Town of Rietbrock	2	0.11%	2
Town of Ringle	1	0.06%	1
Town of Stettin	4	0.23%	4
Town of Texas	18	1.02%	43
Town of Wausau	25	1.41%	48
Town of Weston	0	0.00%	0
Town of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village of Athens	2	.011%	2
Village of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	1	0.06%	1
Village of Maine	29	1.64%	60
Village of Marathon City	3	0.17%	8
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.06%	9
Village of Rothschild	1	0.06%	2
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	1
Village of Weston	5	0.28%	12
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,771	100.00%	3,599

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	481:55:54 Hours
EMS Incidents	2765:58:57 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	647.15 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	4,224.51 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	15
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	1
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	60
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	0
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	5
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	1
Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	20

Request for Fire from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	0
Total Non-Aid Incidents (outside City with no other agency response)	46

Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

City	# of Reports	% of Reports	# of Reports – YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,465	92.72%	2,950
Clark County	1	0.06%	1
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	0	0.00%	10
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	3	0.19%	5
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	2	0.13%	2
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	6	0.38%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	2	0.13%	3
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	2	0.13%	4
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	1	0.06%	4
Town of Rietbrock	2	0.13%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town of Stettin	4	0.25%	4
Town of Texas	18	1.14%	43
Town of Wausau	25	1.58%	48
Town of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village of Athens	2	0.13%	2
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	1	0.06%	1
Village of Maine	29	1.84%	61
Village of Marathon City	3	0.19%	8
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.06%	7
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	1
Village of Weston	0	0.00%	2
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0

Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,580	100.00%	3,190

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	1,991.71	75.22%	4,345.71
Driver/Operator Training	220	8.31%	292.50
Facilities Training	32	1.21%	32
Hazardous Materials Training	84	3.17%	207.15
Misc Training	1	0.04%	53
Officer Training	228.50	8.63%	281.50
Specialty Training	90.50	3.42%	126
Total	2,647.71	100.00%	5,337.86

Training Categories:

Company Training – General firefighting training

Officer Training – Included leadership, management, supervision, and tactical considerations

Driver/Operator Training – Operation of fire apparatus

Hazardous Materials Training – How to mitigate the leak or spill of hazardous substances

Specialty Training – Rope, confined space, trench, collapse, ice, water, and other special rescues.

Facilities Training – Training at a live-burn facility (may include off-duty time)

Misc Training – Any other training category such as software, administrative, etc.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Admin Training	42.5	2.70%	88.50
EMS Training	1,371.30	86.97%	2,050.30
Fire Instructor Training	100	6.34%	194.50
Fire Prevention Training	1	.06%	1
Investigation Training	62	3.93%	62
Total	1,576.80	100.00%	2,396.30

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Prevention Division Chief Shahn Kariger

Inspections: Throughout the second quarter of 2025, the Prevention Division diligently inspected 1,342 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 1210 inspections that passed, and we had 132 properties with fire code violations. 110 of the 1,342 were re-inspections from previous violations. The failed inspections were primarily overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, sprinkler system maintenance, and fire alarm system annual service. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted 23 consultation inspections for the quarter. These include consultations for fire alarm systems, Knox box updates, liquor license inspections, and new construction or remodeling. We also received and reviewed 358 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various businesses. 49 re-inspections carried over into the third quarter.

Investigations: The Division investigated two fires during the second quarter of 2025. Both fires occurred inside residential properties, one in a single-family home and the other a multi-family apartment building. The first fire originated in a second-floor bedroom and while the actual ignition source was not found, the most likely cause was accidental. This fire caused significant damage due to extension into the attic space. The second fire occurred in the kitchen of a first-floor apartment. A tenant was moving into the apartment and had placed a cardboard box containing books and papers on the glass stove top, accidentally bumping the stove knob behind the box which turned on a rear heating element. The tenant then left to go shopping. The cardboard eventually reached its ignition temperature which caused the fire. Fortunately, working smoke alarms in the building alerted another tenant who called 911.

Public Outreach: Throughout the first quarter we had several outreach opportunities. We conducted a very well-received Fire Safety Program for 25 senior citizens at a residential facility. New smoke and CO detectors were installed in 5 private residences, with a total of 9 smoke detectors and CO detectors placed. We also witnessed fire

drills at several area schools and a private employer to reinforce not only the need to have an escape plan in place, but to also practice the plan in case of a real emergency. 298 adults and 826 children participated in these drills.

Education: The Prevention Division attended the annual IAAI WI chapter fire investigator training in Stevens Point during the first week of June. This provided 28 hours of in person, tested training toward maintaining our FIT, CFI, and CFEI certifications. We have begun the Paramedic refresher courses this year to as part of the state requirement. In addition to our annual inspector and investigator continuing education, we complete 60 hours of continuing education, or a refresher course every three years to maintain our Wisconsin Paramedic license.

Promotions: With the promotion of Shahn Kariger to Fire Prevention Division Chief, this left the Prevention Lieutenant position vacant. An internal application process was run, with Brad Ludwig being promoted to Lieutenant from his position as FF/Paramedic Inspector. Congratulations Lt. Ludwig! The Inspector position was then opened to the Department, which there were no internal applicants. The position is still vacant at the time of this report and was posted externally. The Prevention Division is currently seeking a well-qualified candidate for the Inspector position.



The infographic features a dark blue background with a white border. At the top left, there are colorful fireworks. In the center, the text 'Summer Safety Tips' is written in a white, cursive font. To the right, there is an illustration of a brown tent with a red interior, a campfire with logs, and evergreen trees. Below the title, a white box contains the text: 'Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.' A dark blue bar with the text 'Fire safety' is positioned below this. The infographic is divided into four sections: 1. A campfire icon with the text: 'Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.' 2. Silhouettes of people watching fireworks with the text: 'If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.' 3. A barbecue grill icon with the text: 'Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.' 4. A house icon with a grill and a red double-headed arrow labeled '10 feet' between them, with the text: 'Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.' Below the grill, there is another text block: 'Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.'



Wausau Fire
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Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	1,209	1,761
Re-inspections	110	252
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	23	44
Community Paramedic Home Inspection	10	21
Total Inspections	1,352	2,067
Fire Investigations	2	8
Inspection Department Activities	Quarterly	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	25	57



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Date: July 9, 2025

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, June 1 – June 30, 2025

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)	Underage Compliance Check
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	N	N	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	Y	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	N	N	N
Domino Bar	740 Washington St	NA	CLOSED	NA
El Jalapenos	300 N 3rd St	NA	CLOSED	NA
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	Y	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	Y	N	N
Limerick's Public House	634 N 3rd St	Y	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Oz	320 Washington St	N	N	N
Nevermore On Third	1206 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N	N
Wausau on the Water (WOW)	1300 N River Dr	N	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	NA	CLOSED	NA
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	Y	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	Y	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	Y	N	N
The Bar and Grill	1025 S 3rd Ave	N	CLOSED	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	Y	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N	N

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Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	Y	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	N	N	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	N	N	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	N	N	N
Newch's Eatery	1810 Merrill Ave	N	CLOSED	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 #25083590 06/29/2025 at 19:34 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a person violating their bond of absolute sobriety. As a result, an adult female was located and arrested for felony bail jumping.

Intermission Bar, 325 N 4th Street

- (1) *Event #25083585 06/29/2025 at 19:06 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: An officer responded to the report of criminal damage to property. As a result, there is an active investigation.

Malarkey's, 325 N 3rd Street

- (2) *Event #25070344 06/01/2025 at 13:57 Hours.* SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: Officers conducted responded to the report of a male asking people for money. The male was gone before officers arrived on scene.
- (3) *Event #25082090 06/26/2025 at 13:32 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a male refusing to pay. Officers determined the male was new to town and was homeless. As a result, the male was arrested for Fraud on Restaurant.

M and R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #25083229 06/28/2025 22:57 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers were dispatched to the anonymous report of a male who shot a bow and arrow at someone. Officers spoke to the anonymous person who said no arrow was shot at anyone. Officer located a male nearby (not at M and R Station) who agreed to make sure their bow was put away.



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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed during the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lt. Peter Fish

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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Glass Hat Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hutch's	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	Disorderly Conduct	50	2/24/2025
4 Fathers Pub	Noise Complaint – Citation	50	2/1/2025
Newch's Eatery	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/28/2024

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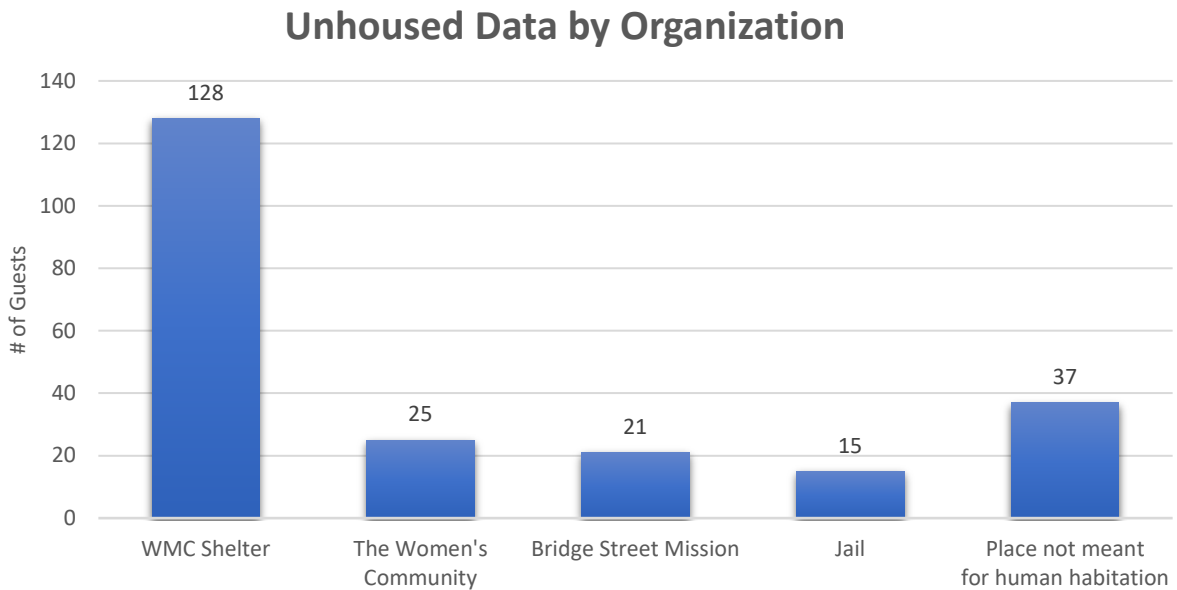
Nathan Cihlar
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To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: June 16, 2025
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

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



Unhoused Data Summary

In June, data provided suggests there were approximately 226 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 226 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 WMC Shelter and Marathon County jail in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

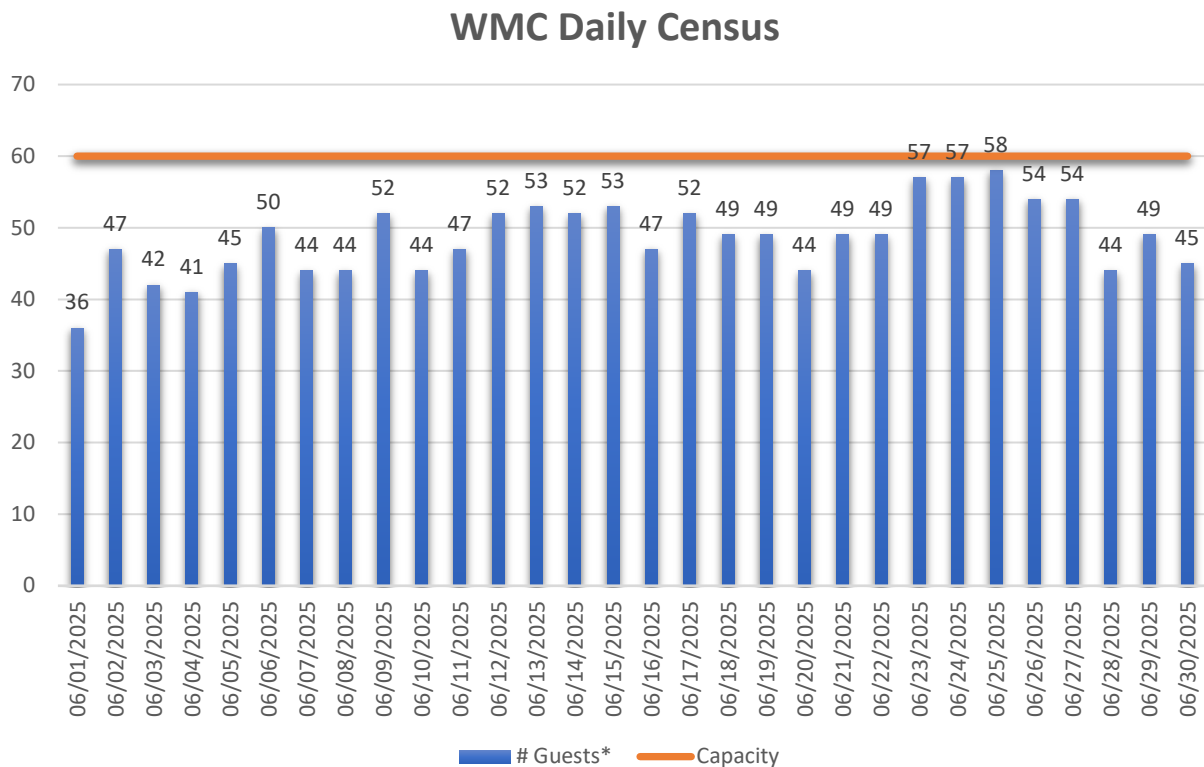
In the graph above, 84 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of June. Approximately 16 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (13) and their children (12).

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, 21 (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



Daily Census Summary

128 unduplicated individuals sought shelter at WMC shelter in the month of June. 36% (46 individuals) were entered in as “new” clients to the shelter. 25% of these individuals were unhoused females. Approximately 16% of these individuals are actively employed. To date, 156 unduplicated individuals have sought shelter services at WMC Shelter.

884 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of June.

Outreach Update

In June, four guests (1 female and 3 males) were exited out of shelter, into stable housing. In addition, two male guests returned back to Shawano County, where they had previous ties to.

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.