



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Public Health & Safety Committee
DATE/TIME: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

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

- 1 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.**
- 2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).**
March 23, 2026 Regular Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes
- 3 Discussion and possible action.**
 - a. Approval or denial of various license applications.
- 4 Discussion.**
 - a. Wausau Police Department Quarter 1 2026 Report.
 - b. Tavern Activities Report from March 2026.
 - c. Community Outreach Specialist Report
- 5 Adjournment.**

Lisa Rasmussen, Chair

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
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Carol Lukens

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Sarah Watson
Members Not Present: Becky McElhaney
Members Excused: Carol Lukens
Present 3, Not Present 1, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 06:30 PM.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 3-0.

February 16, 2026 Regular Public Health & Safety Committee Minutes

3 Discussion and possible action.

a. Approval or denial of various license applications.

Watson questioned the construction of a possible parklet at Westsider Diner & Lounge.

Rasmussen stated that the parklet sits back enough to allow drivers to take the turn from 3rd Avenue onto Quaw Street. It was further stated that it may be a good idea to allow this parklet application to be approved and see how well it works at this location over the summer.

Larson questioned if the parklet would be clearly visible at night, so drivers are able to see that it is there. It was stated the parklet would be well lit and visible.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to approve the parklet permit. Motion Passed 3-0.

Rasmussen stated Theodore Davis, applicant for a New Bartender/Operator License, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation.

It was stated that the Chief of Police was not available to speak on the status of the recommendation to deny pending the presentation of the evidence of rehabilitation. It was stated that a recommendation based on that communication would come at the next committee meeting.

Rasmussen stated Johanna Gregory, applicant for a New Bartender/Operator License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Rasmussen stated the Liquor License Review Subcommittee met immediately before the meeting with Milwaukee Road Hiwatha LLC., owners Clinton Schultz and Jean-Jaques DeRoover, agent Clinton Schultz for Hiawatha SC and The Copper Kettle Steakhouse LLC, owners Robert Lamovec, agent Robert Lamovec for The Copper Kettle Steakhouse. It was further stated the Liquor License Review Subcommittee also met with TMS Entertainment and Distribution LLC, owners Thomas Powers and Seth Clending, agent Thomas Powers for

Oasis Arcade. It was stated the subcommittee voted to recommend approval of Hiawatha SC, The Copper Kettle Steakhouse, and Oasis Arcade.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve or deny licenses as indicated by staff with the exception of Theodore Davis. Motion Passed 3-0.

- b.** Repealing and recreating Wausau Municipal Code Chapter 6.44 Solid Waste Disposal.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to approve the new provision. Motion Passed 3-0.

- c.** Repealing Wausau Municipal Code Section 10.01.012 Use of Hand-Held Mobile Telephones and Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving Prohibited.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to repeal that code section. Motion Passed 3-0.

- d.** Approving Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wausau and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) to partner in the operation of the Grow Solar Central Wisconsin Group Buy Program.

Watson stated support as a homeowner with a solar array.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to approve. Motion Passed 3-0.

4 Discussion.

- a.** Wausau Fire Department 2025 Annual Report.

Report placed on file.

- b.** Tavern Activities Report from February 2026.

Watson stated concerns about whether Taquería Tres Hermanos was still in operation and requested the Police Department follow up on the status of that business.

Rasmussen stated there had been a public concern about the 12-month tracking of demerit points for Days Bowl-A-Dome were being accurately recorded within the report and requested that it be reviewed.

Report placed on file.

- c.** Community Outreach Update.

Larson requested a tour of the Public Health & Safety Committee of the Bridge Street Mission facility.

Rasmussen requested that tour invitation be extended to the entire Common Council.

Report placed on file.

1 Public comment on agenda items and reading of the City of Wausau Public Comment Statement.

Without objection, this item was taken up at this time out of order of the agenda.

Rasmussen read the public comment statement.

1. Carrie Marhol, 1025 Everest Boulevard - spoke on the unhoused population, shelter operations, and stated ethical concerns about the treatment of the unhoused population in the shelter facilities that had been unaddressed.

5 Adjournment.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 07:20 PM.

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City Clerk

DATE: April 20, 2026
TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
SUBJECT: Approval or denial of various license applications.

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

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.

RECOMMENDATION

Denial Recommendation - New Bartender/Operator License:

- **Theodore Davis** – This application is recommended for denial due to registered sex offender registration and conviction for sex registry violation in 2006.

Approval Recommendation – Change of Agent for a “Class A” Beer & Liquor License:

- **Fuel On #62** located at 308 Stewart Avenue, license applicant Reliance Fuel LLC., Trisha Charles as successor agent.

Approval Recommendation - Temporary "Class B" Picnic License:

- **Holy Name SummerFun** located at 1104 S. 9th Avenue from June 5 and 6, from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM and 7:30 AM to 11:00 PM, license applicant Holy Name of Jesus Parish, agent Shaun Eades.
- **Wausau Night Market (x3)** located at the 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 Blocks of 3rd Street and the 200 and 300 Blocks of Washington Street on June 18, July 16, and August 20, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, agent Alex Eichten.
- **Man of Honor Annual Funds Raffle** located at 1703 S. 3rd Avenue from June 12, 13, and 14 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, license applicant Man of Honor Society, agent Jeffery Morgan.

Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class I License:

- **Wausau Summer Shindig** located on the 400 Block on June 20, from 11:30 AM to 10:00 PM, license applicant Jesse Bartnik.
- **Holy Name SummerFun** located at 1104 S. 9th Avenue from June 5 and 6, from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM and 7:30 AM to 11:00 PM, license applicant Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Shaun Eades.
- **Wausau Night Market** located at the 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 Blocks of 3rd Street and the 200 and 300 Blocks of Washington Street on June 18, July 16, and August 20, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, Alex Eichten.

Approval Recommendation - Special Event Class II License:

- **Wausau Family Pride** located on the 400 Block on June 6 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, license applicant Wausau Pride, Inc., Tiffany Rodriguez-Lee.

Pending Recommendations – “Class B” Beer & Liquor License:

- **Jefferson Street Inn & CHAR Grillhouse** located at 201 & 203 Jefferson Street, license applicant JSI Hotel LLC., Roland Lokre. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will bring the recommendations to the committee meeting.



PHS Date 04/20/2026

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
226922	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	DAVIS, THEODORE	3732 TROY ST #5 WAUSAU WI 54403		EMERALD NIGHT CLUB	07/01/2025	06/30/2026	No		
228806	9026 - Class I	BARTNIK, JESSE	205269 HWY 49 WITTENBERG WI 54499	WAUSAU SUMMER SHINDIG on 06/20/2026 Organized by JESSE BARTNIK						
228752	9026 - Class I	EADES, SHAUN	226815 SWAN AVE WAUSAU WI 54401	HOLY NAME SUMMERFUN 2026 on 06/05, 06/06/2026 Organized by HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH						
228755	9026 - Class I	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	WAUSAU NIGHT MARKET on 06/18, 07/16, 08/20/2026 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
228807	9027 - Class II	,	937 JEFFERSON STREET WAUSAU WI 54403	WAUSAU FAMILY PRIDE on 06/06/2026 Organized by WAUSAU PRIDE, INC.						
229705	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	STAMM, CHRISTOPHER	201 JEFFERSON ST WAUSAU WI 54403		JEFFERSON STREET INN & CHAR GRILLHOUSE					
228665	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EADES, SHAUN	226815 SWAN AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church					
228749	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					



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228750	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
228751	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
229662	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	MORGAN, JEFFERY	238846 COUNTY ROAD W WAUSAU WI 54403		MAN OF HONOR SOCIETY					
228520	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	SPRINGER, KAYLA	2027 COUNTY ROAD XX ROTHSCHILD WI 54474		Northwoods Cab LLC	03/24/2026	06/30/2027	Yes		
211687	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor		308 STEWART AVE WAUSAU WI 54401	CHANGE OF ANGET TO TRISHA CHARLES	FUEL ON #62					
Total Licenses										9

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT

1st Quarter 2026



Patrol Captains Message

The first quarter of 2026 highlights both the continued demands placed on the Wausau Police Department and the strong, consistent performance of our personnel in meeting those challenges. Call volume and proactive activity remained high, with officers conducting over 1,100 traffic stops, responding to hundreds of calls for service, and managing more than 400 traffic crashes during winter driving conditions. Despite seasonal hazards and staffing impacts related to training and light-duty assignments, our officers maintained a high level of service, professionalism, and responsiveness throughout the quarter.

A notable trend this quarter was the increase in vehicle-related crimes, including break-ins and thefts, as well as continued enforcement activity surrounding impaired driving, with 43 OWI arrests. Traffic enforcement efforts remained focused on safety-related violations such as speeding, operating without insurance, and revoked or suspended licenses, reinforcing our commitment to roadway safety and accountability.

Downtown activity presented ongoing challenges, particularly related to overnight loitering and individuals displaced from shelter services. Through targeted enforcement, increased foot patrol, and coordination with community partners, officers were able to reduce problematic behaviors and improve safety within parking ramps and surrounding areas. These efforts reflect a balanced approach of enforcement and resource coordination to address complex social issues.

The Community Resource Unit continued to make a significant impact through proactive drug enforcement and investigative work. The seizure of large quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and marijuana, along with multiple search warrants, arrests, and felony charges, demonstrates a focused effort on disrupting

drug trafficking and reducing harm within the community. Additionally, investigations into Internet Crimes Against Children and overdose incidents remain a critical priority requiring continued attention and resources.

Mental health-related calls for service and welfare checks continue to represent a substantial portion of our workload, underscoring the importance of the CART program and our ongoing partnership with Marathon County. These calls require time, patience, and specialized response, and our personnel continue to handle them with professionalism and care while balancing other enforcement responsibilities.

While staffing is improving with new officers progressing through field training, the Patrol Bureau continues to operate below full strength due to training commitments and temporary duty limitations. Even so, our teams have remained adaptable, maintaining operational effectiveness and supporting one another through a demanding and evolving environment.

Overall, the first quarter reflects a department that is proactive, resilient, and committed to serving the Wausau community. Our officers continue to demonstrate professionalism, accountability, and dedication in every aspect of their work. As we move further into 2026, we will continue to focus on crime prevention, traffic safety, community engagement, and addressing the complex needs of those we serve.

Patrol Captain Melinda Pauls

Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

January 2026 - March 2026

<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	338	342	196	141	12	153
Crimes Against Persons	82	82	52	41	5	46
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	7	7	2	2	0	2
• Rape	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	2	2	1	1	0	1
• Fondling	4	4	1	1	0	1
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	3	3	0	0	0	0
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	3	3	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	66	66	46	35	5	40
• Aggravated Assault	13	13	12	4	1	5
• Simple Assault	44	44	29	30	3	33
• Intimidation	9	9	5	1	1	2
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	5	4	4	0	4
Human Trafficking	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	112	116	34	19	3	22
Robbery	1	1	0	0	0	0
Burglary	6	7	1	1	0	1
Theft/Larceny	43	45	9	6	2	8
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	14	14	7	4	2	6
• Theft From Building	6	6	1	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	5	5	0	0	0	0



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
January 2026 - March 2026

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	2	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	17	18	1	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	10	7	6	1	7
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	2	1	0	1
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	5	1	1	0	1
Fraud Offenses	19	19	3	2	0	2
• Fraud - False Pretenses	10	10	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	4	4	1	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	2	2	0	2
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	2	2	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	2	2	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	24	24	10	2	0	2
Crimes Against Society	144	144	110	81	4	85
Weapon Law Violations	10	10	6	4	0	4
Prostitution Offenses	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	127	127	100	73	4	77
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	65	65	51	53	4	57
• Drug Equipment Violations	62	62	49	20	0	20
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	6	6	4	4	0	4
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

January 2026 - March 2026

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	221	17	238
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	4	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	43	9	52
Driving Under the Influence	57	0	57
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	0	1
Liquor Law Violation	12	3	15
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	31	0	31
All Other Offenses	73	5	78

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.

Patrol Bureau

Patrol Staffing – Department is currently at full staff

- Officers Ethan Bares, Cody Friedenfels, Dakota Heidmann and Eric Valadez are currently in Field Training with anticipated completion in April! All four are excited to be on their own serving the community of Wausau.
- Our officer who is on Active Duty has been extended, unknown timeframe, but potentially will not be back until late June.
- We currently have 2 officers on light duty
 - with the 4 new officers in training the Patrol Bureau is operating 6 officers short. One is expected to return in May, the second in August.

Significant calls handled by Patrol officers

Vehicle thefts

During the first quarter the department saw a significant number of vehicle break-ins, including several vehicle thefts.

Snow/crashes

Officers responded to a total of 415 vehicle crashes, including 66 Hit and Run crashes. The significant amount of snow during some of our winter storms brought challenges responding to some calls.

Vacant Home Checks

Officers performed 28 vacant home checks for citizens.

Sexual Assaults

Officers responded to and investigated seven sexual assaults.

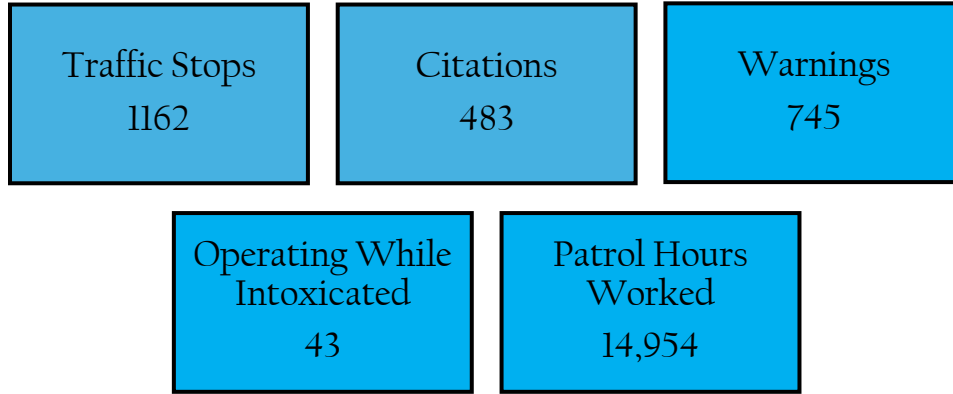
Warrant Service Attempts

Officers responded to 147 Arrest warrant attempts.

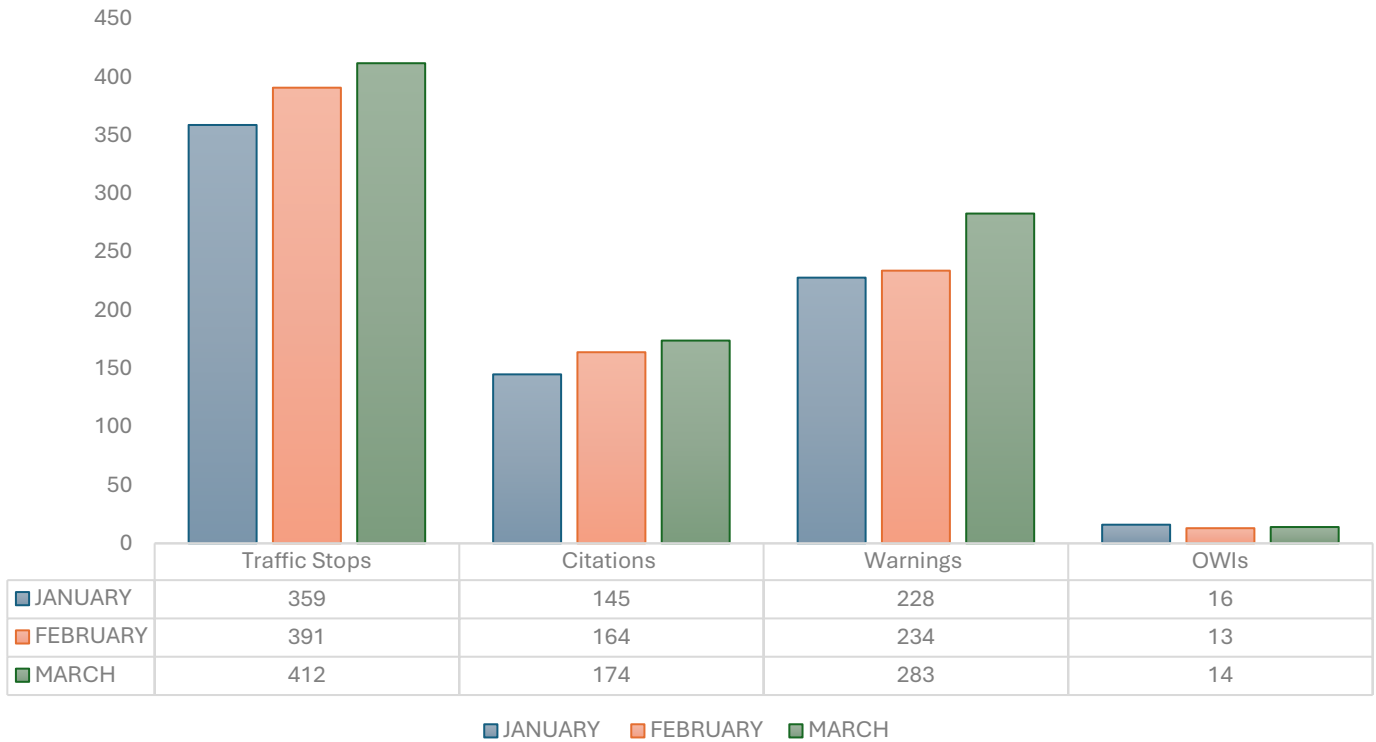
Stabbing

A Male found his wife in their bedroom with another man and confronted them with a boxcutter. Confrontation between suspect and victim resulted in both requiring stitches from lacerations. Suspect arrested for 2nd degree reckless w/dangerous weapon.

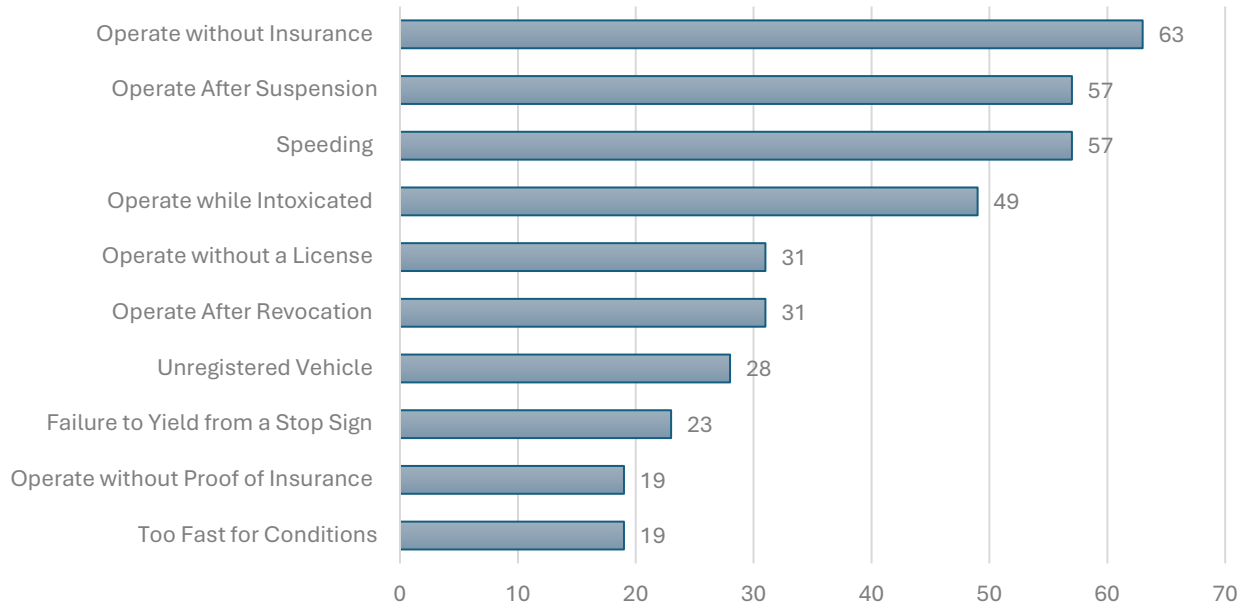
Year – to – Date Traffic Totals 2026



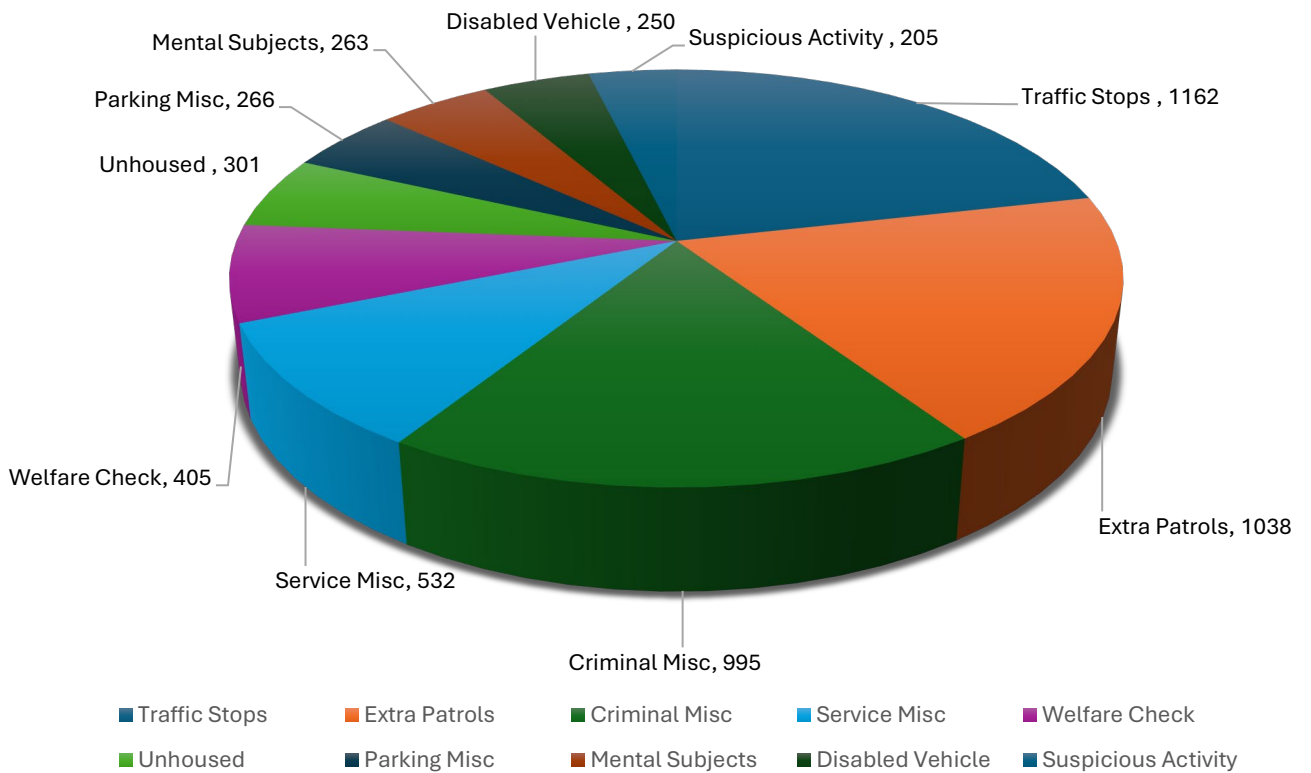
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - First Quarter 2026



Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - First Quarter 2026



Frequent Calls for Service - First Quarter 2026



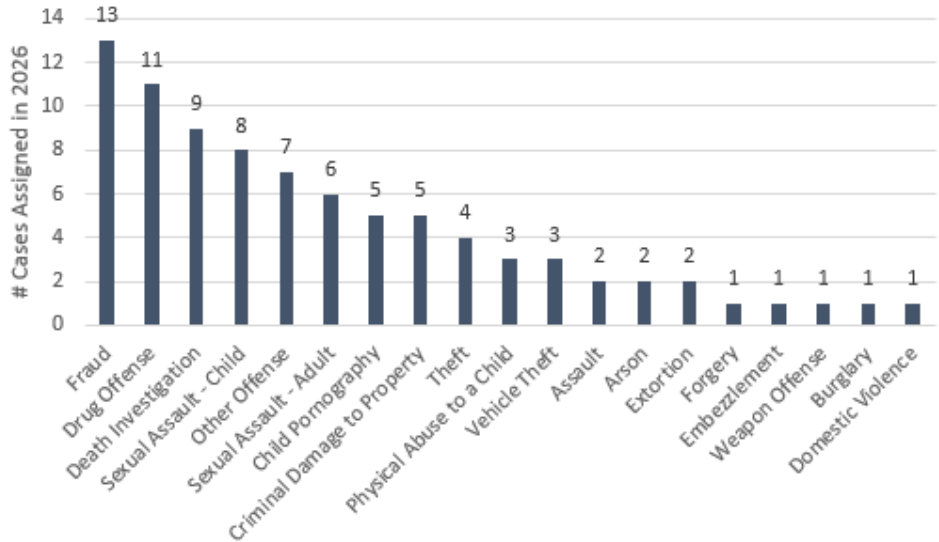
Investigations Bureau

- 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	30	23	27									

1st Quarter Convictions

Shaye Zinzer
Drug Charges – Fentanyl/Heroin
5 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Kennizzie Jones
3rd Degree Sexual Assault – DV
5 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Logan Craft
2nd Degree Sexual Assault
9 years Prison; 10 years Parole

Gregory Laduron
Poss with Intent - Meth
5 years Prison; 6 years Parole

Roger Taylor
2nd Degree Sexual Assault
10 years Prison; 10 years Parole

William Watson
Poss with Intent - Meth
5 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Otha Franklin
2nd Degree Reckless Homicide
10 years Prison; 10 years Parole

Zachary Duron-Rodriguez
Poss with Intent - Meth
6 years Prison; 6 years Parole

Major Cases (last quarter)

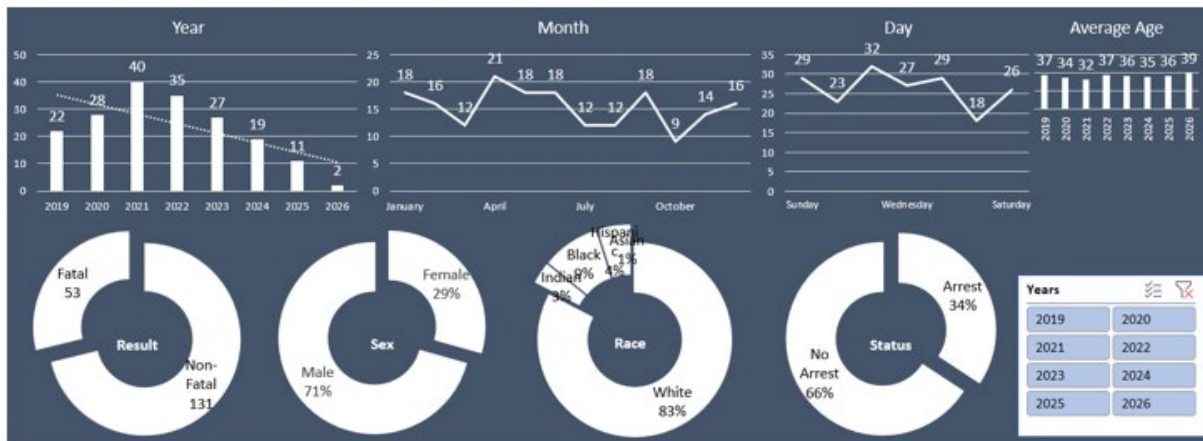
Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
1/6/2026	Death Investigation	Suicide A 23-year-old male died by suicide. Case Closed
1/12/2026	Fraud	Microsoft Security Alert Scam A 68-year-old woman was scammed out of more than \$150,000 after calling a number on a fake "Microsoft Security Alert" pop-up and then meeting the scammers in person to deliver the money. Suspects remain unidentified. Case Closed
1/15/2026	Death Investigation	Suicide A 37-year-old female died by suicide. Case Closed
2/20/2026	Fraud	Compromised Apple Account Scam A 77-year-old woman lost more than \$62,000 after responding to a fraudulent text message about a compromised Apple account and meeting the suspects in person to provide the funds. Suspects remain unidentified. Case Closed
3/4/2026	Fire Investigation	Arson to Apartment 800 block of Eljeth Street A 40-year-old man was arrested after attempting to set fire to his own apartment. Case Closed
3/7/2026	Death Investigation	Overdose (drugs) An 18-year-old man died by drug overdose. Case Open
3/8/2026	Death Investigation	Overdose (drugs) A 59-year-old man died by drug overdose. Case Open
3/12/2026	Fraud	Comprised Credit Card Scam A 67-year-old woman suffered losses exceeding \$210,000 after responding to a fraudulent pop-up about her Discover card and meeting the suspects in person to provide gift cards and cash. Suspects remain unidentified. Case Closed
3/26/2026	Death Investigation	Suicide A 69-year-old male died by suicide. Case Closed

Drug Overdoses

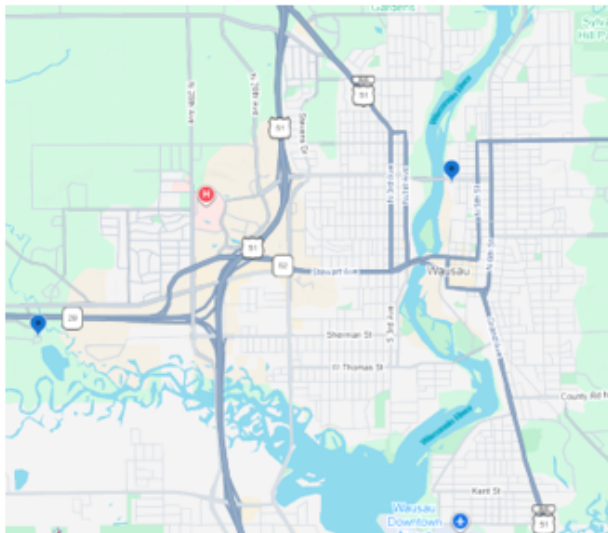
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Overdoses by Location (current year)



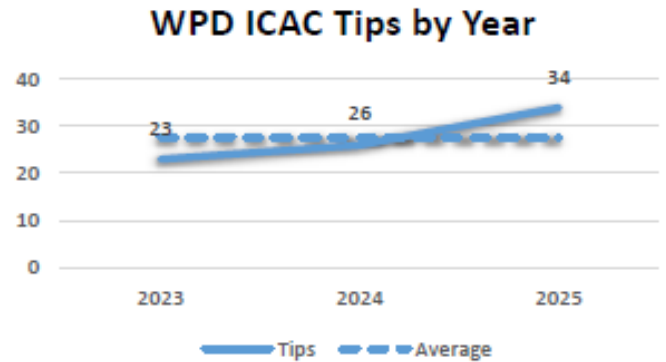
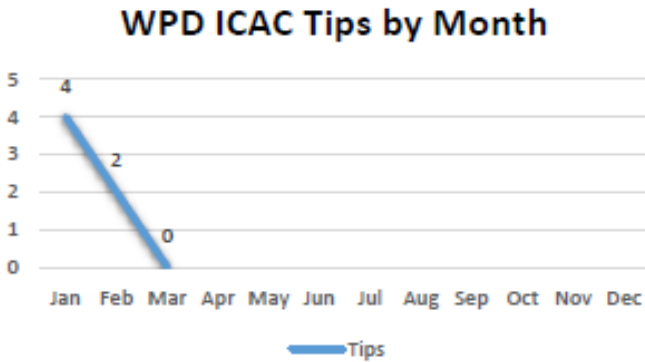
Summary

The Wausau Police Department has experienced a sustained decline in overdose responses since peaking in 2021:

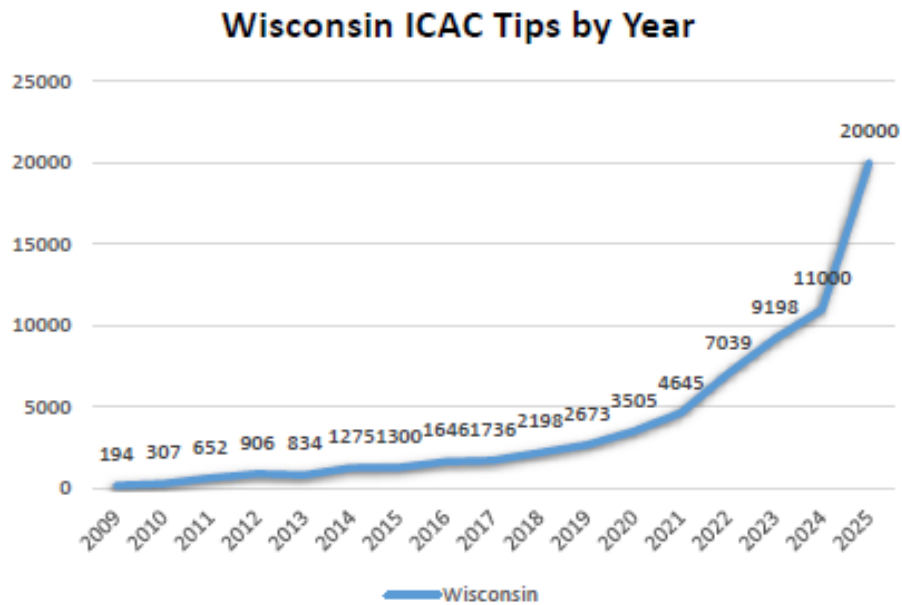
- **2021:** 40 overdoses (12 fatal) — highest on record.
- **2022:** 35 overdoses (9 fatal) — a 12% overall decrease and a 25% reduction in fatalities.
- **2023:** 27 overdoses (10 fatal, 17 non-fatal) — a 23% reduction from the prior year.
- **2024:** 19 overdoses (6 fatal, 13 non-fatal) — a 30% reduction from the prior year.
- **2025:** 11 overdoses (3 fatal, 8 non-fatal) — a further 42% decrease from 2024, with fatalities down 50%.
- **2026:** 2 overdoses (2 fatal, 0 non-fatal) — a 27% downward trend overall, but trending back up in fatalities.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Statistics

The following graphs show the number of ICAC tips received by WPD per month and year.



The following graph shows the number of ICAC tips received by Wisconsin DOJ per year.



Summary

WPD has experienced a steady rise in ICAC tips over the past three years, representing a 52% increase from 2023 to 2025. Locally, online child-exploitation incidents are not leveling off—they are accelerating.

The statewide trend is much more dramatic. Since 2009, Wisconsin has seen an explosive increase—more than a 100-fold rise. The most significant growth occurs after 2020, with tips nearly doubling in just the last two years.

Downtown Officer Program

During the first quarter, there was a noticeable increase in activity and loitering within downtown parking ramps, particularly during overnight hours. This rise appears to correlate with a growing number of individuals being permanently barred from accessing emergency shelter services due to repeated rule violations, disorderly conduct, and, in some cases, violent behavior.

In response, officers implemented enhanced enforcement strategies, including increased foot patrols within the ramps, expanded use of video surveillance to identify and locate violators, and the issuance of citations. In several instances, arrests were made for repeated violations.

These proactive measures have contributed to a measurable reduction in loitering and related criminal activity within the parking ramps and the surrounding areas.

Officers Nathan Porath and Brady Copas



CART QUARTERLY

January - March 2026

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
Jan - Mar 2026	294	427	27	151
2025 Total	1,046	1,751	109	542
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
2026 YTD	24/3	19/8
2025 Total	97 / 12	69 / 40
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.”

Community Resource Unit

Community Resource Unit consists of 5 officers and 1 Lieutenant (CROs)

- **There were two reported drug overdoses in the City during the months of January – March**
 - Both overdoses were fatal, detective bureau handling the investigations.
- **Conducted drug trafficking investigations to include;**
 - 3 residential Search warrants / 8 other search warrants
 - Drug search warrant on the eastside resulting in drugs and a stolen gun from Weston recovered.
 - Search warrant on westside resulting in the arrest of an adult female who was on the run for 3.5 years.
 - Undercover predator operation where an adult male was arrested for several charges to include utilizing a computer to facilitate a child sex crime.
 - 1 Controlled buy.
 - **Seized over 380 grams of Methamphetamine**
 - One use is usually around 0.1 gram (point)
 - *3800 doses/uses seized this quarter*
 - Seized 15 prescription pills.
 - **Seized 5.38 grams of Heroin**
 - One use is .05 - 0.1 gram (half point or point)
 - *53-106 uses/doses seized this quarter*
 - Seized over 2.81 grams of Cocaine
 - One use is about 0.1 grams
 - *29 uses / doses seized*
 - **Seized 1610 grams of Marijuana**
 - a gram will produce 1 to 2 joints
 - *1610-3220 joints worth seized this quarter*
 - Seized one firearm.
 - 55 Arrests / Referrals
 - 62 Felony Charges
 - 50 Misdemeanor Charges
 - *88 Traffic stops*
 - *46 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 January 1 to March 31

	2025	2026
Incident reports	2991	2543
Arrest Reports	568	556
Accident Reports	258	260
Traffic Citations	797	748
Criminal Citations	183	186
Warnings	1344	1070

Open Records Statistics - NextRequest

** Statistics are based on the current date ran [4/10/26]. Requests completed reference the month/quarter they were intaked into Next Request.

	January	February	March	Total by QTR
Number of Record Requests (Intake)	135	120	116	371
Number of Interagency Requests - NR	18	13	1	32
Number of Interagency Requests-Email Folder	108	77	114	299
How Many had videos	40	41	35	116
Number of requests completed	135	115	106	356
How Many Media Requests	28	20	12	60
How Much Time Spent on Requests (hrs/min)	33hr 45m	107hr 47m	161hr 35m	303hr 7m
	April	May	June	Total by Qtr.
Number of Record Requests (Intake)				0
Number of Interagency Requests - NR				0
Number of Interagency Requests-Email Folder				0
How Many had videos				0
Number of requests completed				0
How Many Media Requests				0
How Much Time Spent on Requests (hrs/min)				
	July	August	September	Total by Qtr.
Number of Record Requests (Total NR)				0
Number of Interagency Requests - NR				0
Number of Requests-Email Folder				0
How Many had videos				0
Number of requests completed				0
How Many Media Requests				0
How Much Time Spent on Requests (hrs/min)				
	October	November	December	Total by Qtr.
Number of Record Requests (Total NR)				0
Number of Interagency Requests - NR				0
Number of Requests-Email Folder				0
How Many had videos				0
Number of requests completed				0
How Many Media Requests				0
How Much Time Spent on Requests (hrs/min)				



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Date: April 6, 2026
To: Chief Barnes
From: Lt. Peter Fish
Subject: Tavern Report, March 1 – March 31, 2026

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	N	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	N	N	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	N	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	N	N	N
Limerick's Public House	634 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Emerald Night Club	320 Washington St	N	N	N
Nevermore On Third	1206 N 3rd St	N	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	N	N
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	N	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	N	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 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	N	N	N

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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	Y	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*

*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

Pregame Pub, 2002 N 6th Street

- (1) *Event #26030413 03/07/2026 at 00:54 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a fight on the front porch of the bar between two females. Upon arrival officers were unable to locate one of the involved women. Officers remained on scene until the bar closed at the request of the caller who was also the bartender.

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

- (1) *Event #26028344 03/02/2026 at 22:03 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: The bartender called to report a male who was kicked out of the bar who then kicked the door. Officers located the male who warned him against trespassing at the request of the bartender.

M&R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (2) *Event #26027570 03/01/2026 at 00:17 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A patron called to report she was upset because she was told to leave by the owner. She explained she pushed someone and was pushed back. Officers determined no crime occurred. The female called was driven home by her husband.

Matt's 101 Pub, 101 N 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #26033601 03/14/2026 at 02:25 Hours.* FIGHT: The bar owner reported he told a male to leave after the male lit a cigarette inside the bar. The male left and came back moments later and threatened the bartender and lunged toward him. The owner stated a physical altercation ensued where the owner was victim of 4th degree sexual assault (battery to the complainant's intimate parts), disorderly conduct and battery.

Labor Temple, 318 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #26037539 03/21/2026 at 00:48 Hours.* WELFARE CHECK: Officers responded to the report of a male laying in the parking lot. The male told officers he was walking from bar to bar and was returning to the Labor Temple when he began to feel ill. The male was transported to the Aspirus Emergency Room for evaluation.

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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed during the month of March.

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
Days Bowl-A-Dome	Server Under Influence	25	9/28/2025
Lemongrass	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	No Licensed Bartender	50	7/05/2025
Glass Hat Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25
Hutch's	Sale/Serve Underage	25	4/17/25

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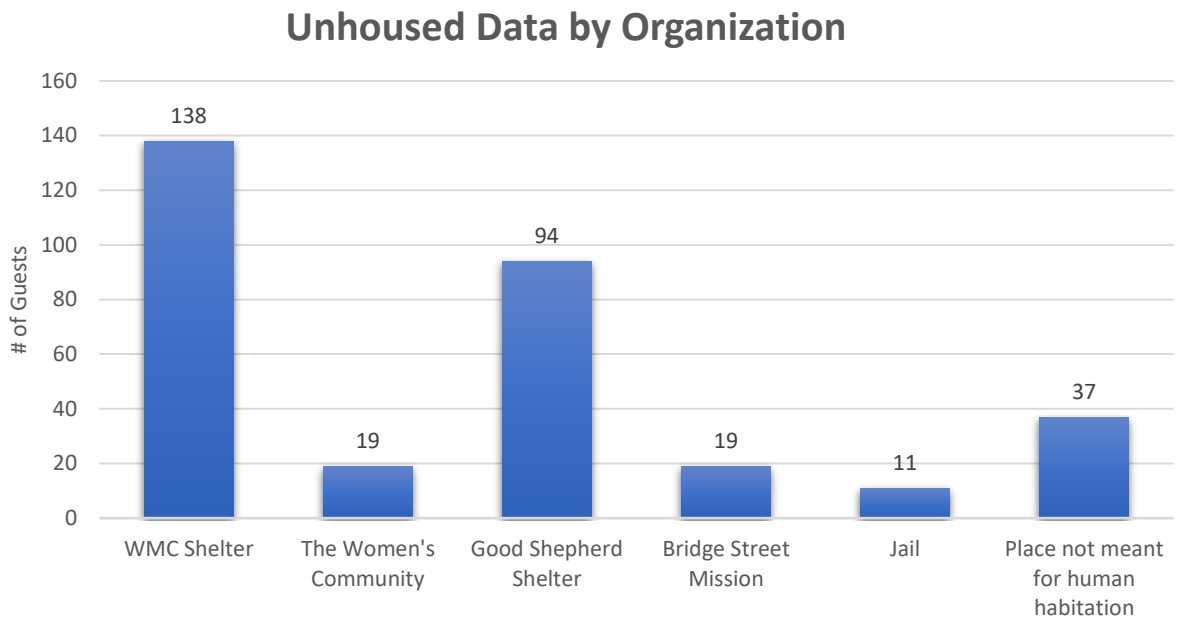
Nathan Cihlar
Administrative Captain

To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: March 16, 2026
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 March, data provided suggests there were approximately 318 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 318 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.

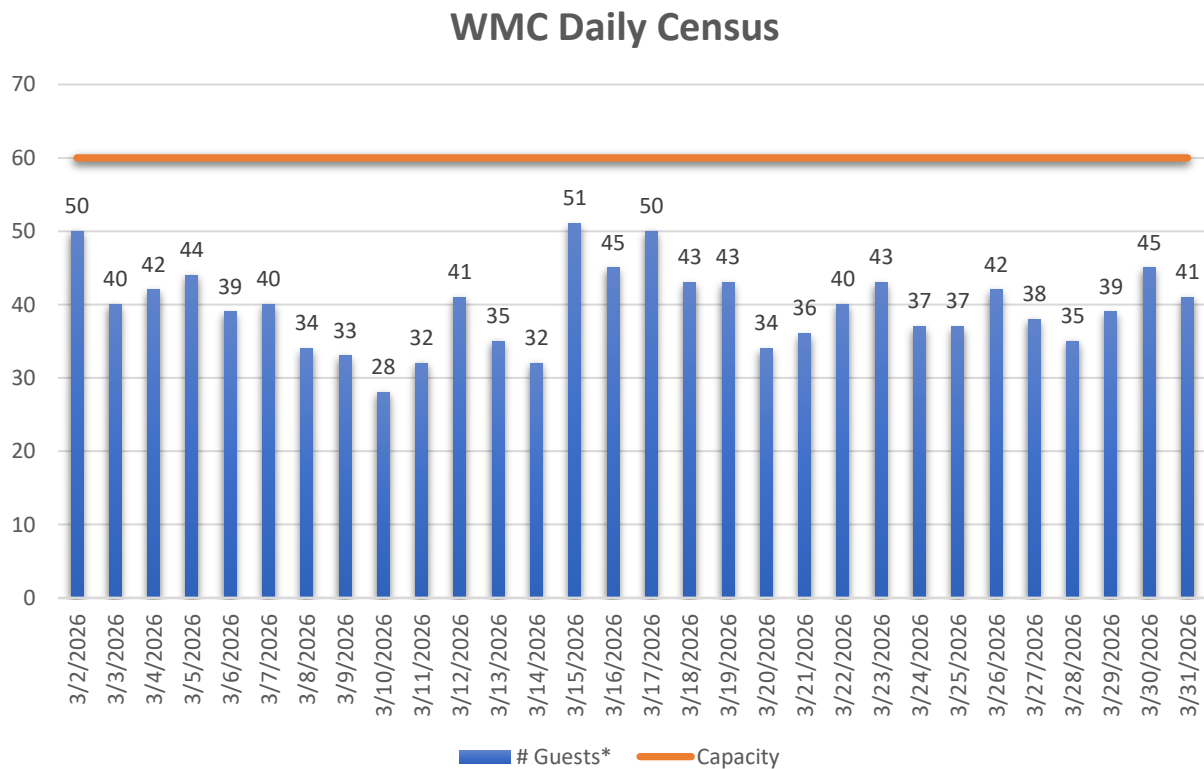
In the graph above, 88 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter at WMC Shelter, in the month of March. Approximately 12 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (11) 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, 19 (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

138 unduplicated individuals sought shelter at WMC shelter in the month of March. The average capacity at WMC Shelter in the month of March was 67%. 26 individuals (19%) were entered in as “new” clients to the shelter. Approximately, 29% of these individuals were unhoused females. Approximately 16% of these individuals are actively employed. To date, 442 unduplicated individuals have sought shelter services at WMC Shelter since May 1, 2025.

890 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of March.

Outreach Update

Three female clients moved into permanent housing in the month of March and 1 female client, reunited with family in a different community. Two male clients moved into permanent supportive housing.

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.