



OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Public Health and Safety Committee
DATE/TIME: Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall (407 Grant Street)
Council Chambers

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

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney , Sarah Watson
Members Not Present:
Members Excused: Carol Lukens
Present 4, Not Present 0, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 05:16 PM.

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

1. Matt Brewer, Owner of Matt's 101 Pub - spoke on an event held by the establishment.
2. Phil Rentmeester, Emergency Management Director of Marathon County Emergency Management - spoke on emergency management initiatives.

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

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve all items outlined below. Motion Passed, 4-0.

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3 Discussion and possible action.

Approval or denial of various license applications.

Rasmussen stated Braxten Grajkowski and Faysia Vang, applicants for New Bartender/Operator License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation. It was stated Renee West, applicant for New Bartender/Operator License, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation.

Rasmussen stated the applicant that appeared to appeal the denial recommendations could communicate with the City Clerk to submit evidence of rehabilitation to distribute to the Chief of Police and the committee to have the recommendation overturned. It was stated that a recommendation based on that communication would come at the next committee meeting.

Rasmussen stated Lindsey Adams, applicant for Bartender/Operator Renewal License, did not appear to appeal the denial recommendation.

Motion by Alderperson Larson, seconded by Alderperson Watson, to approve or deny various license as recommended by staff with the exception of Renee West. Motion Passed 4-0.

4 Discussion.

Wausau Fire Department Quarter 3 2025 Report.

Report placed on file.

Wausau Police Department Quarter 3 2025 Report

Report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report from September 2025.

Larson requested that Bull Falls Brewing within the report be listed by the correct name of Bull Falls Brewing Company on future reports.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update.

Larson requested a future update on the progress of the Bridge Street Mission expansion.

Report placed on file.

5 Adjournment.

Motion by Alderperson Watson, seconded by Alderperson McElhaney, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 05:41 PM.



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Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 3 –2025



(WFD personnel set up flag for 9/11 on Grand Avenue)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

This report covers departmental activities, progress, and challenges for the third quarter of 2025 (July through September). Despite facing several ongoing operational and infrastructure challenges, we have made significant progress toward key goals and milestones that support our mission and enhance the services we provide to the community.

Operational Updates and Progress

The apprenticeship program continues to perform exceptionally well. All six initial candidates remain active and are on track to complete their training and test for paramedic licensure in November. This milestone positions us to be fully staffed by the end of the year.

We are still awaiting decisions on several FEMA grants applied for earlier in the year. However, we have recently received several other important funding awards:

- A Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant provided wildland firefighting gear for 13 department members who previously lacked this essential equipment.
- A \$15,000 grant from the Community Foundation will go toward the purchase of new extrication equipment, alleviating the need to use previously earmarked CIP funds.
- We have successfully completed the first phase in qualifying for a Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant, which would fund the acquisition of new thermal imaging cameras.

Planning continues for a training tower, with site assessments currently underway. Our partnership with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) remains strong, and we are actively exploring cost-sharing models to ensure the project's long-term sustainability.

Personnel development is another area of focus this quarter. We have officially begun the promotion process for a new Battalion Chief, who will succeed Battalion Chief Michael Becker upon his planned retirement in March 2026, following a distinguished career with WFD. We are also in the early stages of hiring or promoting a new EMS Division Chief to fill the currently vacant position.

Leadership and Strategic Development

Our strategic planning committee continues to meet regularly and has begun drafting core focus areas for the department's future direction. These areas include:

- Staffing and personnel development
- Facility planning and infrastructure
- Technology and equipment modernization
- Public engagement and education
- A refreshed mission statement and department slogan

Facilities and Infrastructure

Central Fire Station remains one of our most pressing challenges. The station is showing significant signs of aging, with ongoing issues such as:

- Leaking pipes
- HVAC system failures (including a major disruption due to the replacement of the shared cooling tower with the Police Department, leaving both departments without air conditioning since June).
- Deteriorating platforms on both the front and rear of the station (patching was done in September) - thank you DPW!
- Chronic overcrowding and inadequate working and parking space

We have reached out to state representatives to explore potential financial assistance and are currently awaiting feedback on available funding options.

To address immediate overcrowding, we have initiated early-stage planning to add office space to Station 2, which will help alleviate space constraints at Central.

A facility assessment report has outlined several critical infrastructure needs for Central Fire Station. Based on these findings, we are actively pursuing \$700,000 in funding to begin the architectural design phase for a new fire station on Grand Avenue—a critical step toward ensuring the department can continue to grow with the city.

Conclusion

The third quarter of 2025 has been marked by continued progress across key operational, strategic, and infrastructure areas. From preparing our next paramedic class and receiving critical funding to advancing our long-term facility planning and leadership transitions, the Wausau Fire Department remains committed to excellence in service, preparedness, and innovation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the City of Wausau, our community partners, and the residents we serve. Your ongoing support and collaboration enable us to meet the evolving needs of our community with strength and resilience.

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

The Wausau Fire Department continues to serve and protect the citizens of Wausau while advancing the department's standing within the modern fire service. This past quarter was a pivotal time for both operational progress and public engagement.

This summer, the department successfully provided EMS coverage at the Wisconsin Valley Fair. The presence of our personnel was well received by the fair board and attendees, demonstrating our commitment to community service and public safety.

Additionally, for the first time since 12 additional firefighter positions were approved over three years ago, WFD is proud to report that at the conclusion of the most recent recruit academy, we will be fully staffed at the firefighter level.

Our recruitment efforts remain strong, with continued participation in career fairs, technical colleges and community outreach events. One highlight includes our involvement in the 'Build My Future Northcentral WI' career expo, where students explored a wide array of skilled trades. WFD provided hands-on demonstrations and education about careers in fire and EMS, strengthening our talent pipeline.

Fleet

During the third quarter, the Wausau Fire Department advanced several critical Capital Improvement Projects, including the acquisition of Ladder 2 and the procurement of a new ambulance (Med-3). These capital upgrades are instrumental in maintaining ISO compliance, meeting modern safety and operational standards, and enhancing our emergency response capabilities.

The Wausau Fire Department operates three frontline ambulances that collectively respond to well over 6,300 emergency medical calls annually. Due to the high call volume, these units experience significant mechanical stress and frequent wear. As a result, it is not uncommon for one or more ambulances to be taken out of service for routine maintenance or repairs. In several instances during this quarter, we faced operational strain when only two frontline ambulances were available, with the remaining units awaiting parts or service. These challenges underscore the importance of timely ambulance replacement and strategic fleet management.



Workforce Development and Training

The department continues to strengthen internal leadership development and succession planning through structured mentoring, updated promotional assessment centers, and continued education. The firefighter/paramedic apprenticeship program has progressed with six apprentices nearing their completion of their clinical rotations.

Build My Future Northcentral Wisconsin



As part of our continued commitment to workforce development and public outreach, the Wausau Fire Department proudly participated in the Build My Future Northcentral Wisconsin event this quarter. This hands-on career exploration event invited over 1,600 area high school students to engage directly with various professions within the construction and public safety sectors. Students were able to experience fire apparatus up close, explore tools and gear, and speak directly with firefighter-paramedics about their career paths.

Leadership Staffing and Assessment Center Preparation

During Q3, significant effort was invested into preparing the job postings, application screening process, and assessment materials for two key leadership positions: Battalion Chief and Division Chief of EMS. These hiring processes incorporate rigorous interviews, scenario-based simulations, and a comprehensive assessment center, all designed to ensure that the next leaders of the Wausau Fire Department embody the highest professional standards and exemplify our core values. The two-hiring process will take place in mid to late October.

Community Engagement Highlight: Fire & Police Department Community Picnic

In a show of unity and service, the Wausau Fire Department joined forces with the Wausau Police Department to host a Community Picnic on the 400 Block this quarter. The event was designed to give back to the residents we proudly serve, while fostering positive relationships between public safety personnel and the community.





Many Wausau residents came out to enjoy the festivities. Children and families were given the opportunity to explore fire trucks and police vehicles, engage directly with officers and firefighters, and learn more about the services and people that keep their community safe. Events like this not only strengthen the community bond but also help humanize our departments, allowing citizens to see us beyond the uniforms.

EMS Division Chief Report

This section is reserved for the EMS Division Chief's quarterly update. As the position was vacant during Q3, there is no report for this period.

Division Chief of Fire Report

This section typically provides updates on fire operations, training, and compliance efforts. Due to this position not being filled during Q3, there is no report available at this time.

Significant Incidents

July 9 – Lake Wausau Water Rescue

On July 7th, Wausau Fire Department's Airboat unit was dispatched to assist the Wausau Police Department with the retrieval of an individual who had entered Lake Wausau after scaling a fence at a local healthcare center. Upon arrival at the Memorial Park boat launch, WFD personnel were joined by officers from WPD and navigated to the individual's location on the water. The subject was safely transported back to the boat launch and transferred to the custody of WPD without incident.

July 18 – Boat Rescue on Wisconsin River

Wausau Fire Department was dispatched for a water rescue incident at the Brokaw boat landing in the Village of Maine. Initial response included the department's airboat (88 Airboat), but due to the specific location of the stranded individual, the response was adapted to utilize the department's smaller Tracker vessel (88 Boat), which was better suited for river navigation in the area.

Marathon County Sheriff's Office advised that an adult male and his dog were stranded in a small boat downriver from the launch point. Wausau Fire launched 88 Boat with a crew of three firefighters. Using a tethered rope system, they secured the individual and his dog, and safely towed the boat back to shore. No injuries were reported, and no additional rescue measures were needed.

August 30 - Structure Fire

WFD was dispatched for a reported structure fire in a two-story multi-family residence. Upon arrival, light smoke was visible from the D-side of the structure. Engine 3 crew entered the affected unit and located a mattress smoldering against a baseboard heating unit. The fire was quickly controlled, and ventilation was performed. The fire was determined to be accidental, likely due to a child unintentionally adjusting the heating control. Power was secured to the affected heating circuits. Affected tenants were offered support via the WFD Charitable Foundation.

September 29 - Mutual Aid Structure Fire

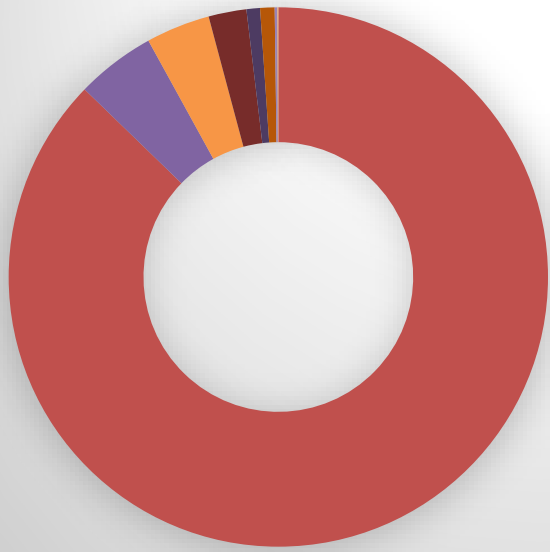
WFD Truck 1 was dispatched to provide mutual aid to SAFER for a structure fire at Crystal Finishing Inc. Upon arrival, SAFER crews were actively deploying lines and initiating a fire attack. Truck 1 assisted with backing up interior crews during initial operations. Later, Truck 1 completed reconnaissance of the main building. Truck 1 was subsequently released from the scene without further incident.

Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
7/6/2025	300 North 1st Street	City of Wausau	F25001195	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
7/7/2025	1520 Elm Street	City of Wausau	F25001204	Cooking fire, confined to container
7/10/2025	507 North 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001218	Special outside fire, other
7/11/2025	500 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001225	Cooking fire, confined to container
7/18/2025	1500 North 1st Street	City of Wausau	F25001283	Cooking fire, confined to container
7/27/2025	530 North 32nd Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001340	Building fire
8/4/2025	Us 51 NB To Bridge Street & W Bridge St	City of Wausau	F25001387	Grass fire
8/7/2025	1921 North 10th Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001413	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
8/11/2025	7100 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001429	Building fire
8/18/2025	South County Road K & Naugart Dr	Merrill	F25001482	Passenger vehicle fire
8/23/2025	1418 North 1st Street	City of Wausau	F25001516	Cooking fire, confined to container
8/27/2025	232851 US 51 SB	City of Wausau	F25001540	Passenger vehicle fire
8/30/2025	2202 North 13th Street	City of Wausau	F25001554	Building fire
9/2/2025	8000 Highland Drive	City of Wausau	F25001574	Forest, woods or wildland fire
9/7/2025	914 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F25001603	Cooking fire, confined to container
9/29/2025	2608 Ross Avenue	Village of Weston	F25001747	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2025	2024	2023	2022	% Of Change from 2024 to 2025
January	677	646	579	591	4.80%
February	590	597	506	507	-1.17%
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	638	585	679	531	9.06%
August	615	581	571	600	5.85%
September	597	547	548	524	-0.18%
October		564	616	545	
November		556	624	574	
December		606	623	612	
TOTAL	5449	6961	6951	6686	



- Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident (1614)
- False Alarm & False Call (88)
- Good Intent Call (71)
- Service Call (42)
- Hazardous Condition (No Fire) (15)
- Fire (15)
- Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire) (0)
- Special Incident Type (3)
- 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	1,750	94.59%	5,094
Clark County	0	0.00%	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	9	0.49%	32
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	1	0.05%	6
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	0	0.00%	2
Town of Harrison	1	0.05%	1
Town of Hewitt	2	0.11%	13
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	1	0.05%	4
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	1
Town of Marathon	0	0.00%	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	0.05%	5
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	4
Town of Texas	11	0.59%	54
Town of Wausau	21	1.14%	69
Town of Weston	0	0.00%	0
Town of Wien	2	0.11%	5
Village of Athens	1	0.05%	3
Village of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village of Edgar	1	0.05%	4
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	39	2.11%	99
Village of Marathon City	2	0.11%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	3	0.16%	12
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	2
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	1
Village of Weston	5	0.27%	17
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,850	100.00%	5,449

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	482:00:22 Hours
EMS Incidents	2919:44:14 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	2,736.50 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	3,109.01 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	9
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	2
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	55
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	2
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	2
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	2
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	2
Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	14

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)	32

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	1,536	94.12%	4,487
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	9	0.55%	32
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	1	0.06%	6
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	0	0.00%	2
Town of Harrison	2	0.12%	2
Town of Hewitt	2	0.12%	13
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	1	0.06%	4
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	0	0.00%	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%	5
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	4
Town of Texas	11	0.67%	54
Town of Wausau	25	1.53%	73
Town of Wien	2	0.12%	5
Village of Athens	1	0.06%	3
Village of Edgar	1	0.06%	4
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	37	2.27%	98
Village of Marathon City	2	0.12%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.06%	8
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	1,632	100.00%	4,823

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	1,736.76	64.53%	6,082.47
Driver/Operator Training	470.50	17.48%	763
Facilities Training	0	0.00%	32
Hazardous Materials Training	6	0.22%	213.15
Misc Training	3	0.11%	56
Officer Training	132.50	4.92%	414
Specialty Training	342.50	12.73%	468.50
Total	2,691.26	100.00%	8,029.12

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	27	6.46%	115.50
EMS Training	321.50	76.96%	2,371.80
Fire Instructor Training	67.25	16.10%	261.75
Fire Prevention Training	0	0.00%	1
Investigation Training	2	0.48%	64
Total	417.75	100.00%	2,814.05

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Prevention Division Chief Shahn Kariger

Inspections: Throughout the third quarter of 2025, the Prevention Division diligently inspected 643 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 553 inspections that passed, and we had 90 properties with fire code violations. 107 of the 643 were re-inspections from previous violations. The failed inspections were primarily overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, fire alarm system annual service or repair, and smoke alarms needing replacement. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted 28 consultation inspections for the quarter. These include consultations for new and modified sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, Knox box updates, liquor license inspections, and new construction or remodeling. We also received and reviewed 363 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various businesses. 29 re-inspections carried over into the fourth quarter.

The Division is proud to announce we proactively transitioned from the state adopted 2012 edition of NFPA 1, Fire Code, to the 2024 edition through an update to the city ordinance in September. This marks a significant step to maintain current standards and has a positive impact on the City's ISO rating. We will automatically adopt the newest version of NFPA 1 going forward.

Investigations: The Division did not formally investigate any fires during the third quarter of 2025.

Public Outreach: Throughout the third quarter we had several outreach opportunities. We were invited to participate in Longfellow's monthly neighborhood meeting and speak about the Department's smoke alarm and CO detector program, fire safety in the home focusing on cooking safety. Recreational burn permits were thoroughly discussed to ensure understanding of when and where firepits are allowed in the city. It was a great discussion. New smoke alarms and CO detectors were installed in 4 private residences, with a total of 9 smoke alarms and CO detectors placed. A strobe light smoke detector was also installed in an apartment for an individual with hearing impairment. Instead of a loud audible alarm, it uses a flashing strobe like what is found in a commercial building to

wake them in the event of a fire. The Division witnessed a school fire drill 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. 22 adults and 173 children participated in this drill. We also gave out “We Visited the Fire Station” goodie bags to nearly 35 children during several station tours at Station 1.

Education: The Prevention Division continued working on Paramedic refresher courses to maintain our state licenses. We also participated in tested online training for fire investigation continuing education focusing on fire patterns.

Promotions and vacancy: The Inspector position received three applicants when posted externally. An interview process was completed in late July/early August, with an offer of employment made to a well-qualified candidate. The position is still vacant at the time of this report as the candidate had obligations to fulfill with their current employer. Operating with only two staff members instead of the usual three, the Prevention Division successfully completed all the required inspection and prevention activities which demonstrated exceptional dedication and efficiency despite limited staffing.

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e-vehicles	power tools	mobile phones	remote control cars
e-scooters	laptops	e-cigarettes/vapes	drones
golf carts	smart watches	headphones	toys

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- BUY** only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
- CHARGE** devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- CHARGE** your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.
- STOP** using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.
- RECYCLE** batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.
- RECYCLE** your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

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Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	508	2,269
Re-inspections	107	359
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	28	72
Community Paramedic Home Inspection	0	21
Total Inspections	643	2,710
Fire Investigations	0	8
Inspection Department Activities	Quarterly	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	31	88

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT

3rd Quarter 2025



Chief's Message

This is a busy time of year at the Wausau Police Department. In addition to a new school year starting with SROs and Crossing Guards back at the schools, numerous significant and successful investigations taking place, it is also budget season.

I am proud to report the Wausau Police Officers have been working hard. We unfortunately have had several sexual assaults, a first-degree homicide arrest, and record-breaking drug seizures. The dedication, character, and training of our officers and detectives has resulted in successful investigations and arrests.

As we often discuss challenges with the growing unhoused population, the managing of a shelter, and budget challenges, it is easy to forget the women and men of this department who come to work every day and handle the calls for service, investigate the crimes, make the traffic stops, and perform the expected duties of a police department. Being a police officer is a difficult job, requiring sacrifice, and I am proud of this entire department.

As in most municipalities in Wisconsin, balancing the budget, and finding the revenues to continue providing the services the community has grown to expect is increasingly difficult. In my view, Wausau experienced the most difficult budget season in my memory. Each department had to find ways of reducing their expenses, including the police department.

The responsibility for delivering a police department budget rests with the Chief. This year, I sought input from the entire department as we navigated reducing costs. Meetings were held with the supervising staff as well as the union representatives. The goal was to identify cuts to our budget that would 1) not impact the level of service to the citizens of Wausau, and 2) not negatively impact the safety or competence of our officers and not negatively impact the culture of our organization. With the Finance Committee approved budget as of 10/13/2025, I believe we have accomplished what we set out to do. We will have less money in some areas of our budget, new revenue sources to fund specialized positions, but we will still be capable of performing our duty to the standard Wausau citizens deserve.

I want to publicly thank the members of this department for their help and understanding as we navigate the budget challenges and their continued hard work of policing the City of Wausau.

Regards,

Chief Matthew Barnes



Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

July 2025 - September 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	476	489	299	192	11	203
Crimes Against Persons	100	100	71	47	9	56
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	10	10	3	2	1	3
• Rape	4	4	0	0	0	0
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	1	1	1	0	1	1
• Fondling	5	5	2	2	0	2
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	2	2	0	0	0	0
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	2	2	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	82	82	62	41	8	49
• Aggravated Assault	23	23	21	10	2	12
• Simple Assault	52	52	36	29	6	35
• Intimidation	7	7	5	2	0	2
Kidnapping/Abduction	4	4	4	4	0	4
Human Trafficking	1	1	1	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	1	1	1	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	153	166	40	33	1	34
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	4	4	1	1	0	1
Theft/Larceny	53	58	17	15	1	16
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Shoplifting	24	24	14	12	1	13
• Theft From Building	5	10	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	3	3	0	0	0	0



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
July 2025 - September 2025

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	20	20	3	3	0	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	7	1	1	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	9	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	37	38	4	3	0	3
• Fraud - False Pretenses	21	22	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	7	7	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Impersonation	1	1	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	8	8	2	1	0	1
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	2	2	1	1	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	42	47	16	12	0	12
Crimes Against Society	223	223	188	112	1	113
Weapon Law Violations	23	23	21	5	0	5
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	196	196	163	105	1	106
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	106	106	90	76	1	77
• Drug Equipment Violations	90	90	73	29	0	29
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	4	2	0	2
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0	0



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

July 2025 - September 2025

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	288	25	313
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	8	2	10
Disorderly Conduct	50	8	58
Driving Under the Influence	47	1	48
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	26	3	29
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	26	1	27
All Other Offenses	131	10	141

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

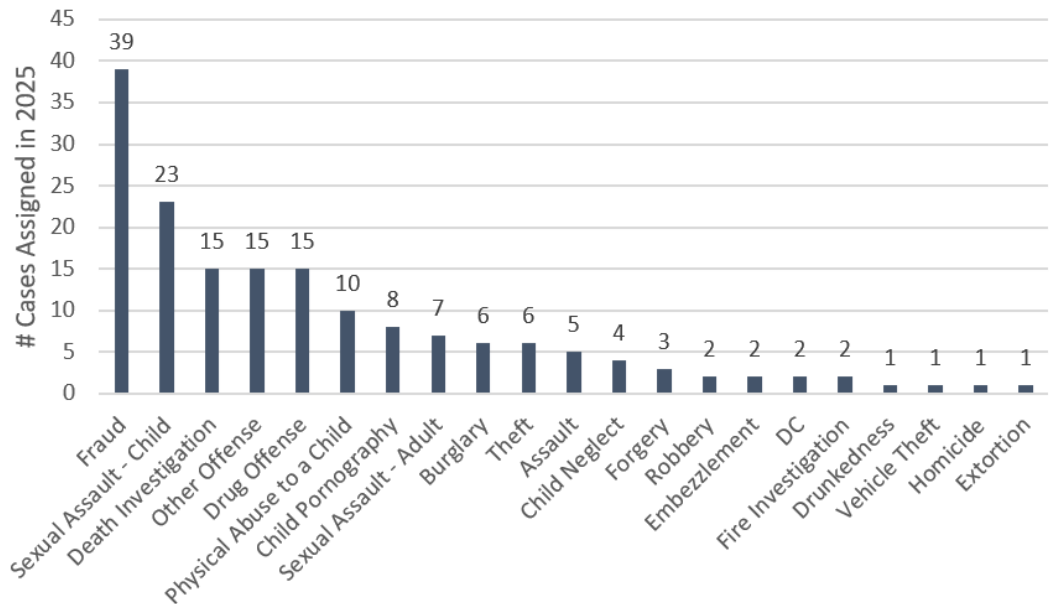
School Resource Officers (SRO)

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	16	21	26	18	15	21	18	20	8			

3rd Quarter Convictions

Todd Tucker

1st-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety
10 year Prison; 10 years Parole

Matthew Gesicki

1st Reckless Homicide/Deliver Drugs
23 years Prison; 21 years Parole

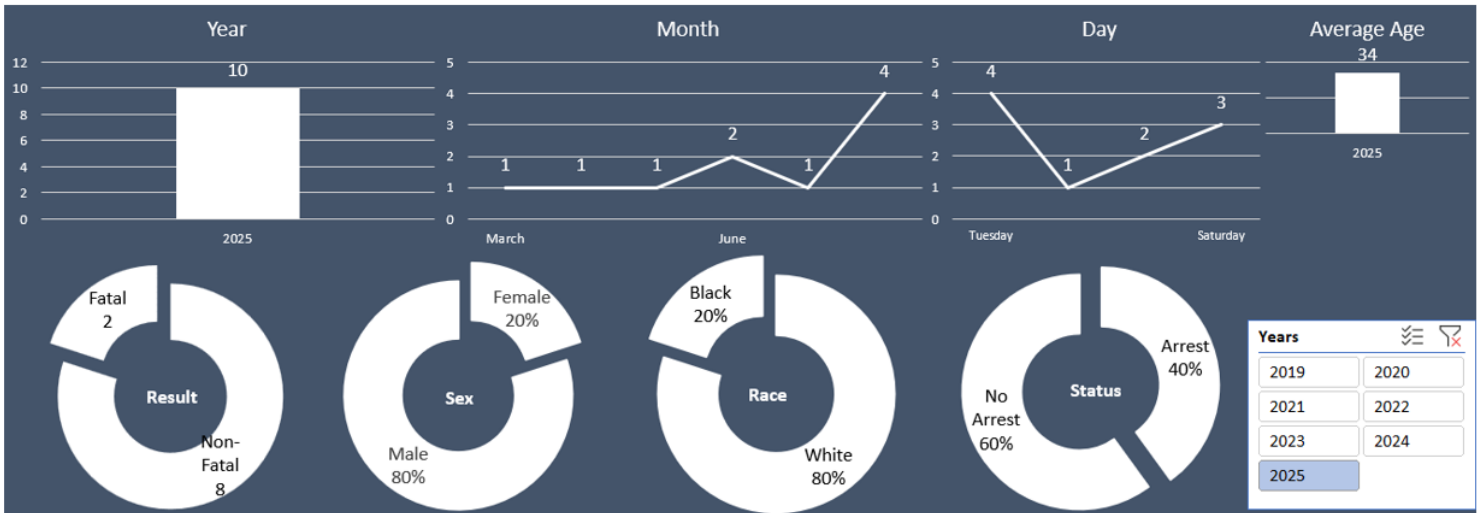
Kyle Brenchley

1st Degree Child Sex Assault
13 years Prison; 12 years Parole

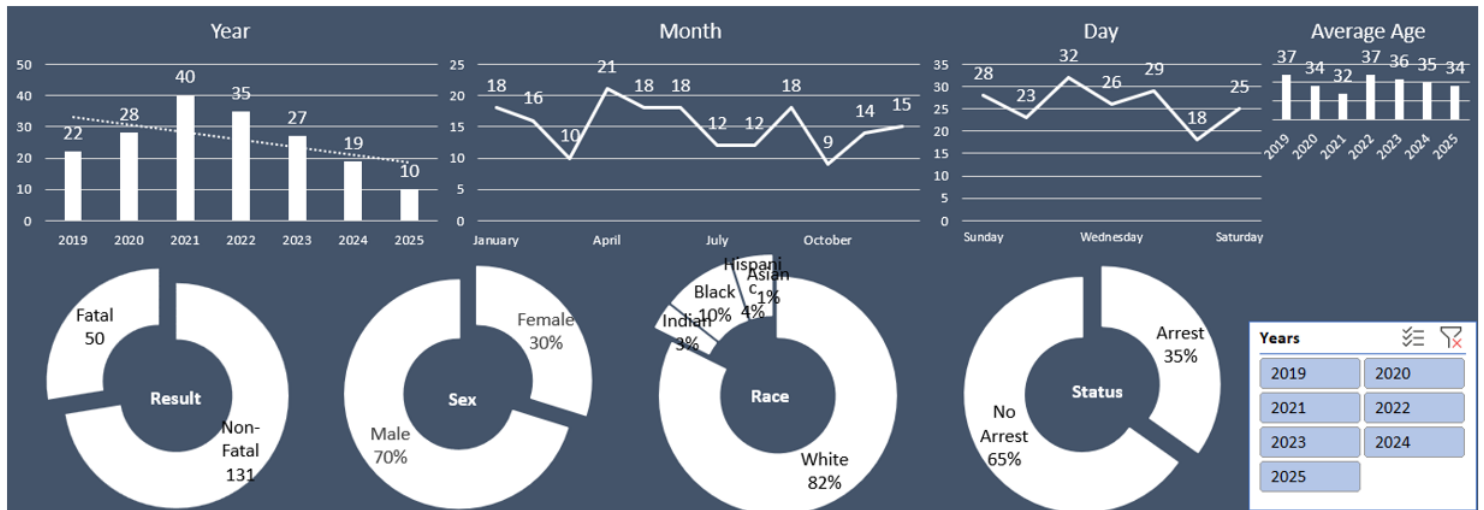
Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
7/21/2025	Death Investigation	Suicide 47-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
8/15/2025	Death Investigation	Overdose 900 block of N 6 th Street 29-year-old female died by drug overdose 36-year-old male arrested Case Open
9/14/2025	Death Investigation	Homicide 400 block Lazy Creek Way 31-year-old male died by firearm 34-year-old male arrested Case Open

Drug Overdoses

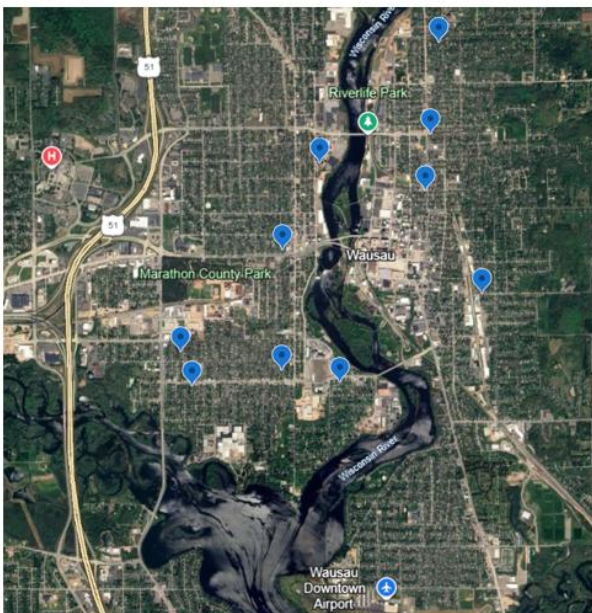
2025



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 Q3):** 10 overdoses (2 fatal) – a 30% decrease compared to 2024.

Downtown Officer Program

The 3rd quarter months of July, August, and September were a busy time across Wausau, and the downtown/near downtown area was no exception. Some of this busy activity was rather benign, while other aspects had definite quality-of-life impacts.

Downtown Officers' efforts in Wausau have led to notable improvements in public safety and community engagement. Increased patrolling, both on foot and by vehicle, has contributed to a significant decrease in loitering activity within the parking ramps, enhancing the sense of security for residents and visitors alike. Additionally, the 400 Block was a vibrant hub for community events, with a rise in organized activities accompanied by a marked decrease in observed ordinance violations. This positive trend reflects the department's commitment to proactive community policing, as Downtown Officers maintain a strong presence and foster relationships by regularly engaging with citizens and local businesses. Through these combined efforts, the police continue to build trust and create a safer, more welcoming environment downtown.

Officer Nathan Porath & Officer Brady Copas



WPD CART QUARTERLY

July - September 2025

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 / 51.45 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
July - Sept 2025	274	496	30	141
2025 YTD	726	1,286	91	380
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	81 / 10	56 / 35
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."



July - September 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 July–Sept.**
 - Four overdoses were non-fatal, one was fatal.
 - The fatal overdose – resulted in referral for reckless homicide.
 - Two of the four non-fatal investigations resulted in referrals for delivery charges.
- **14 people referred to treatment services. 48 total for the year.**
- **Conducted drug trafficking investigations, to include;**
 - **7 residential Search warrants / 15 other search warrants**
 - One search warrant at a residence on the westside, resulting in three arrests or referrals to include over a pound of methamphetamine, a firearm, over 40 grams of cocaine, and US currency was seized.



- One search warrant on the eastside where an adult male was arrested for numerous charges and over 500 grams of methamphetamine was seized.
- **A traffic stop was conducted on E. Wausau Avenue where an adult female was arrested for possessing over a pound of methamphetamine.**
- **1 Controlled buy.**
- **Seized over 1838 grams (4.0 lbs) of Methamphetamine**
 - One use is usually around 0.1 gram (point)
 - *18,380 doses/uses seized this quarter*
- **Seized 40 prescription pills.**
- **Seized 21.58 grams of Heroin**
 - One use is .05 - 0.1 gram (half point or point)
 - *215-430 uses/doses seized this quarter*
- **Seized over 89.22 grams of Cocaine**
 - One use is about 0.1 grams
 - *892 uses / doses seized*
- **Seized 894.82 grams of Marijuana**
 - a gram will produce 1 to 2 joints
 - *894-1788 joints worth seized this quarter*
- **Seized four firearms.**
- **90 Arrests / Referrals**
 - **118 Felony Charges**
 - **77 Misdemeanor Charges**
- **118 Traffic stops**
 - **72 Vehicle searches**

Conducted an undercover predator investigation. An adult male was arrested for Using a Computer to Facilitate a Sex Crime. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be added.

Records Bureau

Law enforcement would not be able to do its job successfully without access to data. The 81 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.

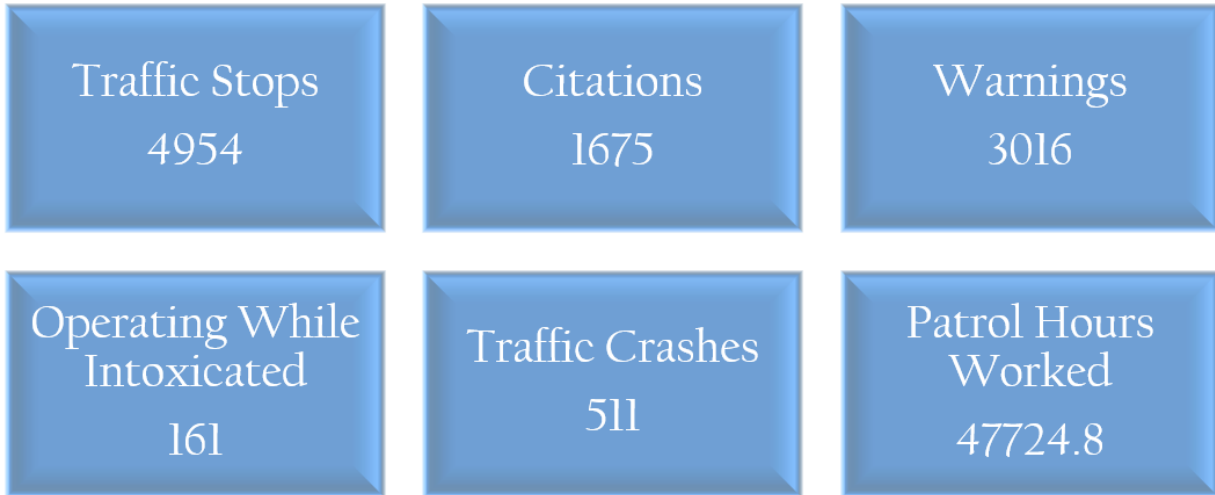
This department is also the first point of contact for customer service for the public. They are a cheerful, resourceful group who go out of their way to be sure needs get met in as timely a manner as possible.

Statistics for July 1 to Sept 30

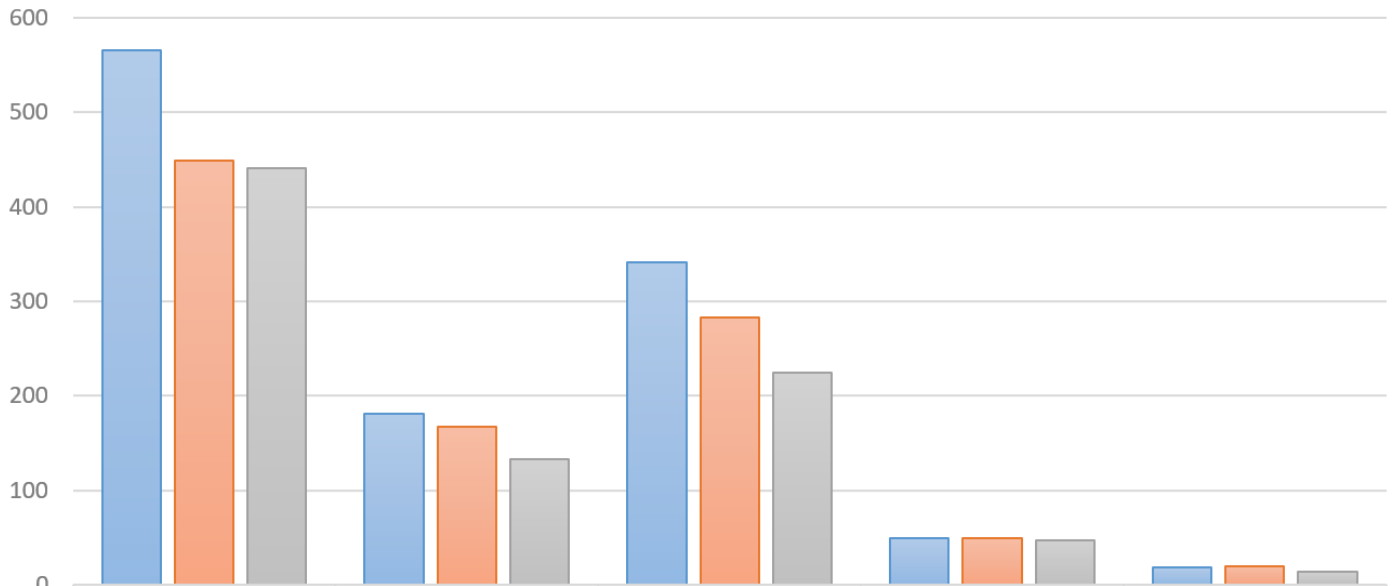
	2024	2025
Incident reports	2822	2791
Arrest Reports	608	686
Accident Reports	207	204
Traffic Citations	740	720
Criminal Citations	194	253
Warnings	1196	1119

	Q3	Year to Date
Total Records Requests	273	781
Requests w/ Videos	77	199
Requests Fulfilled	239	710
Hours Spent on Requests	183	674

Year-to-Date Traffic Totals 2025



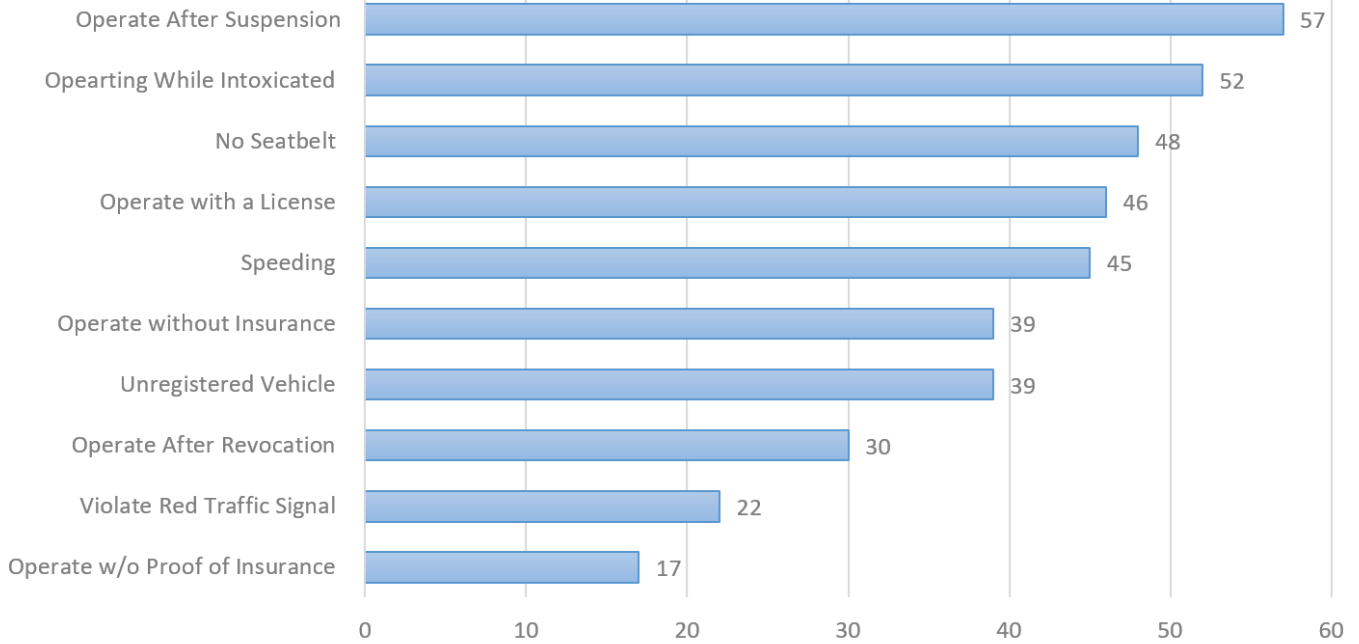
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - Third Quarter 2025



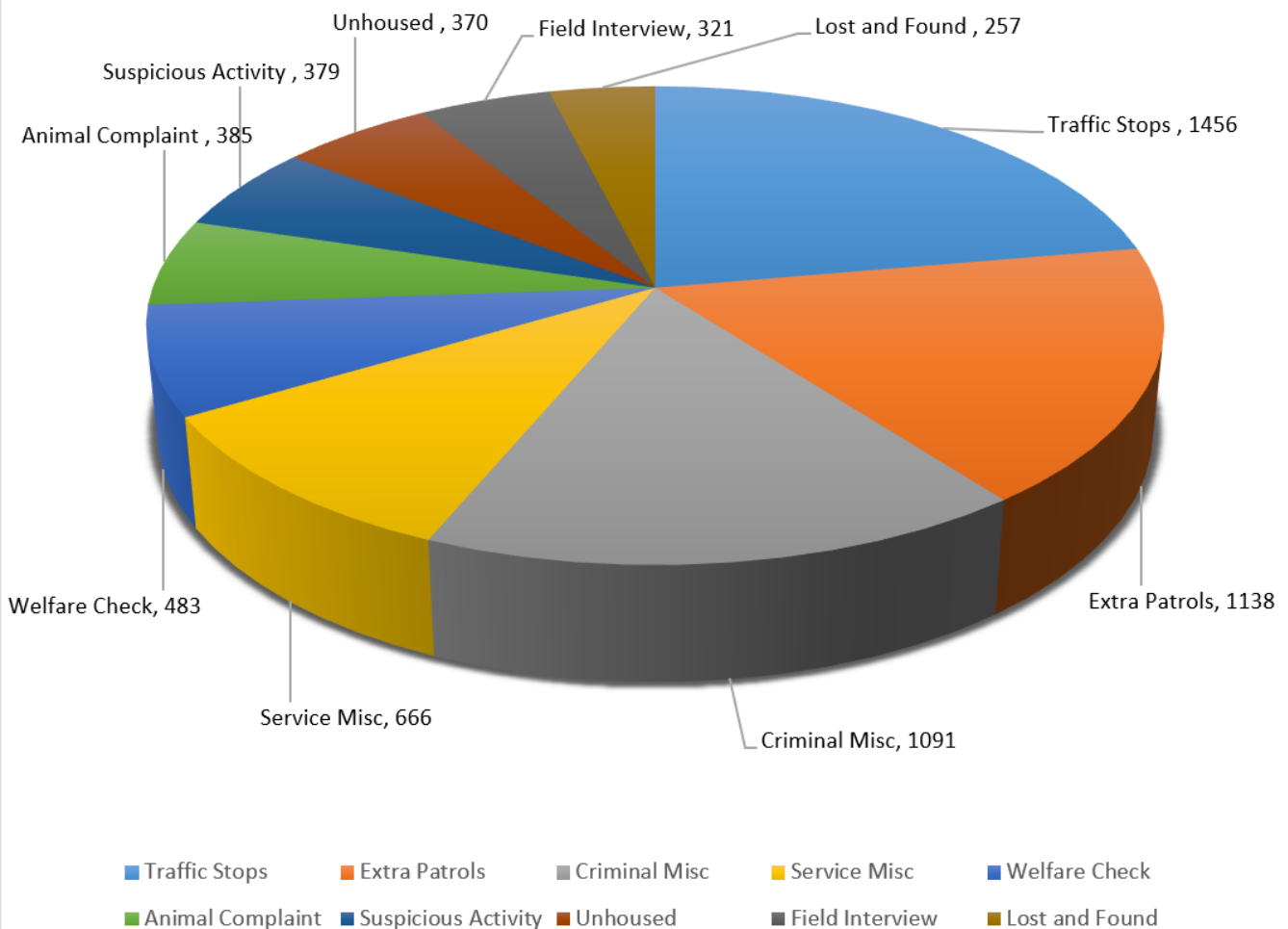
	Traffic Stops	Citations	Warnings	Crashes	OWIs
JULY	566	181	341	49	18
AUGUST	449	167	283	49	20
SEPTEMBER	441	133	225	47	14

JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER

Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - Third Quarter 2025



Top Calls for Service - Third Quarter 2025





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Date: October 11, 2025

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, September 1 – September 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	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	Y	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	Y	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N	N
Labor Temple	318 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	Y	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	Y	N	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	Y	Y	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	N	N	N
Matt's 101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N

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After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	N	N	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	N	N	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	N	N	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	N	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

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #25123317 09/20/2025 at 01:20 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated male who was attempting to leave in his vehicle. Bar patrons took the male's keys, and he became argumentative. Officers arrived on scene and the male left in a taxi without incident.

Glass Hat Bar, 1203 N 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #25123720 09/21/2025 at 01:57 Hours.* SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: Officers responded to the report of an intoxicated female who was "Taken" out of the bar by a man she just met. Officers located the male and female who both claimed to know each other, despite the female using the male's incorrect name.

Hiawatha Restaurant & lounge, 713 Grant Street

- (1) *Event #25115965 09/04/2025 at 22:46 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a belligerent customer who was threatening people. Officers arrived on scene and located a female who was intoxicated, who they described as escalated and belligerent. The bar staff had no problem with her presence. The reporting person and the person they were with chose to leave the bar and remove themselves from what they felt threatened and were offended by.

Intermission, 325 N 4th Street

- (1) *Event #25120675 09/14/2025 at 19:33 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: It was reported a female was in the bar the day before, using heroin in the bathroom. She reportedly returned on the date of the call and was seen laying on the floor but had already left at the time of the call. The bar did not want any police response but wanted to notify the department about the incident and said they would call if the female returned.

Malarkey's, 412 N 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #25118665 09/10/2025 at 20:40 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: An

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intoxicated male entered the bar, passed out and was awoken by staff who asked him to leave, or they would call the police. The male told them to call the police. An officer responded and the male agreed to leave.

M & R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event 25119336 09/12/2025 at 02:13 Hours.* SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a male who was too intoxicated to get into a car. The male's wife informed EMS he was diabetic and needed to go to the hospital. The male was transported to the hospital by ambulance.
- (2) *Event 25126430 09/26/2025 at 23:50 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A refused caller reported the bartender did not have a license. No enforcement action was taken.

Day's Bowl A Dome, 1715 Stewart Avenue

- (3) *Event #25126869 09/28/2025 at 00:44 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a theft. Upon arrival officers learned a patron took money from the till and from the office and fled on foot. The bartender was extremely impaired from alcohol consumption. As a result, the bartender was cited for being under the influence. The bartender was terminated by management before the conclusion of the investigation. Hours later, officers located the theft suspect, who was a construction worker staying at a nearby hotel. The suspect was arrested on various criminal charges, and the stolen cash was recovered. The reporting person was the manager who was informed by another (sober) staff member who arrived on scene and observed the theft.

Matt's 101 Pub, 101 N 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #25126452 09/27/2025 at 00:29 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a fight. The persons involved refused to make a statement about the fight, however when the officer located one of the involved driving, he was arrested for operating while under the influence.

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DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

Twenty-five (25) demerit points were assessed against Days Bowl-A-Dome on September 28, 2025, after a server was cited for being under the influence.

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
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
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	Disorderly Conduct	50	2/24/2025
4 Fathers Pub	Noise Complaint – Citation	50	2/1/2025
Days Bowl-A-Dome	Server Under Influence	25	9/28/2025

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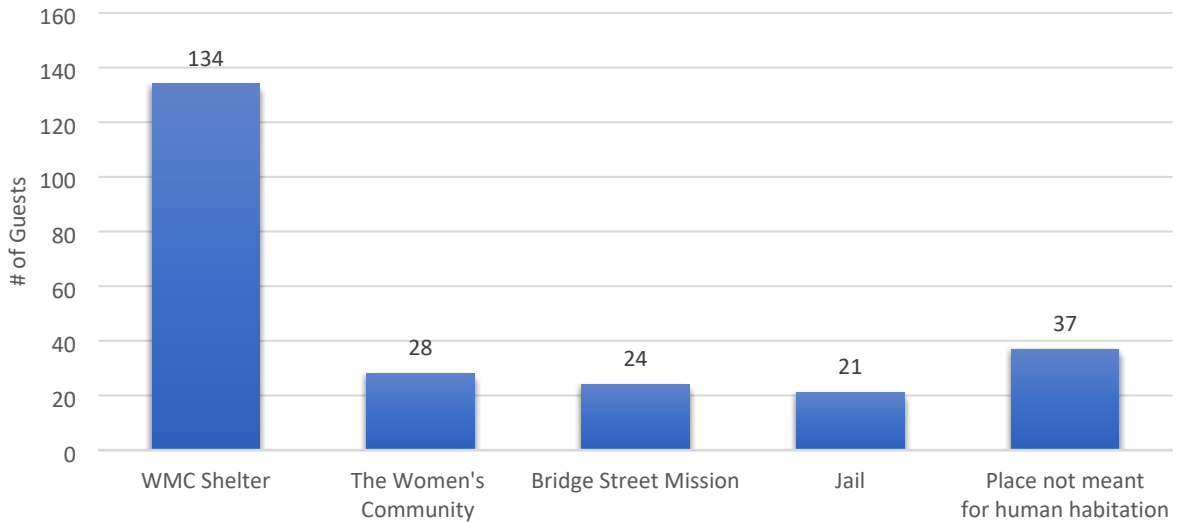
To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

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

Unhoused Data by Organization



Unhoused Data Summary

In August, data provided suggests there were approximately 244 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 244 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.

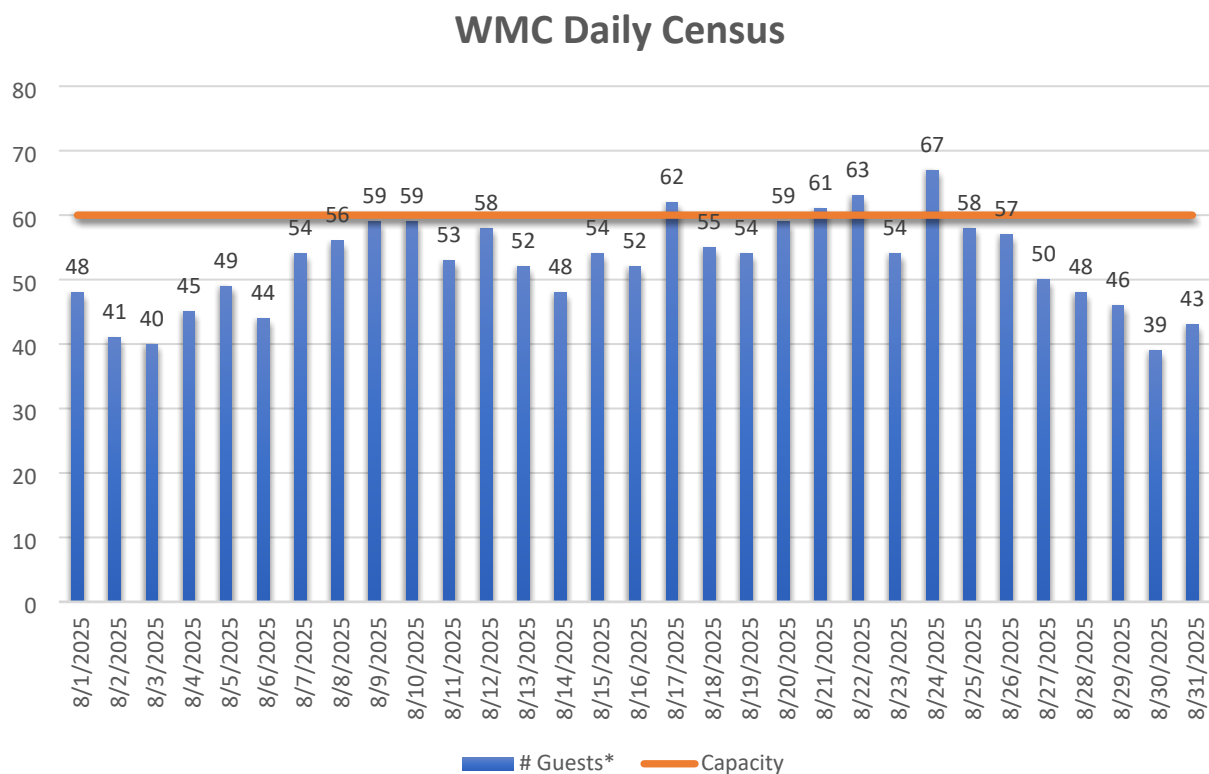
In the graph above, 85 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of August. Approximately 15 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (12) and their children (16).

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, 24 (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

134 unduplicated individuals sought shelter at WMC shelter in the month of August. 28% (38 individuals) were entered in as “new” clients to the shelter. Approximately, 27% of these individuals were unhoused females. Approximately 16% of these individuals are actively employed. To date, 225 unduplicated individuals have sought shelter services at WMC Shelter.

934 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of August.

Outreach Update

In August, five male guests were exited out of shelter, into stable 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

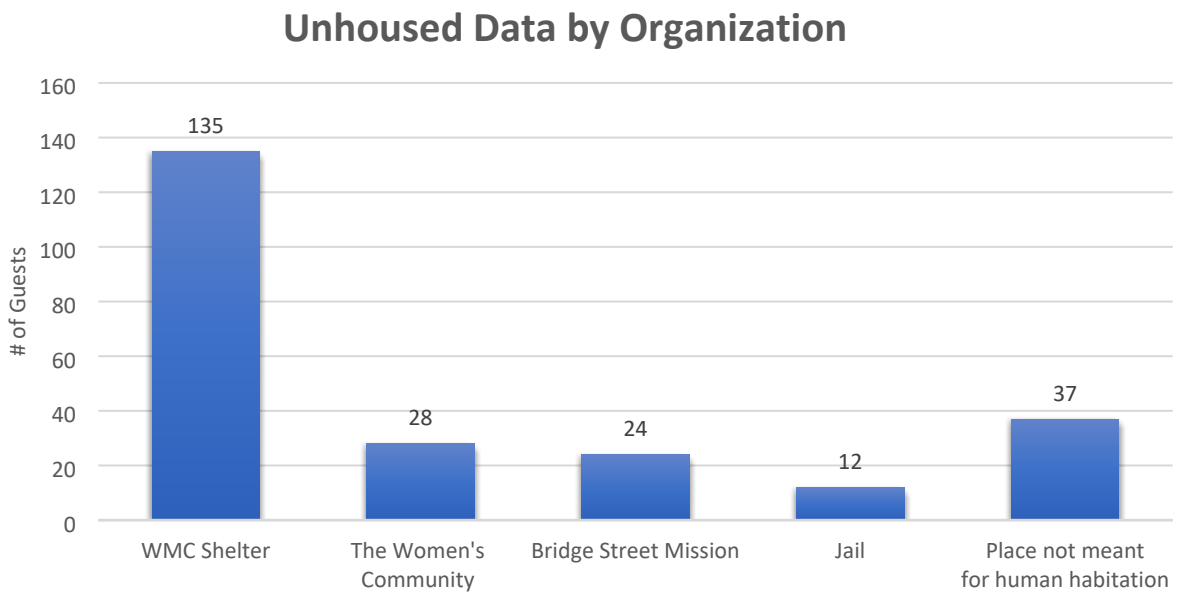
While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. 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.

To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Durante, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: September 15, 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 September, data provided suggests there were approximately 236 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 236 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.

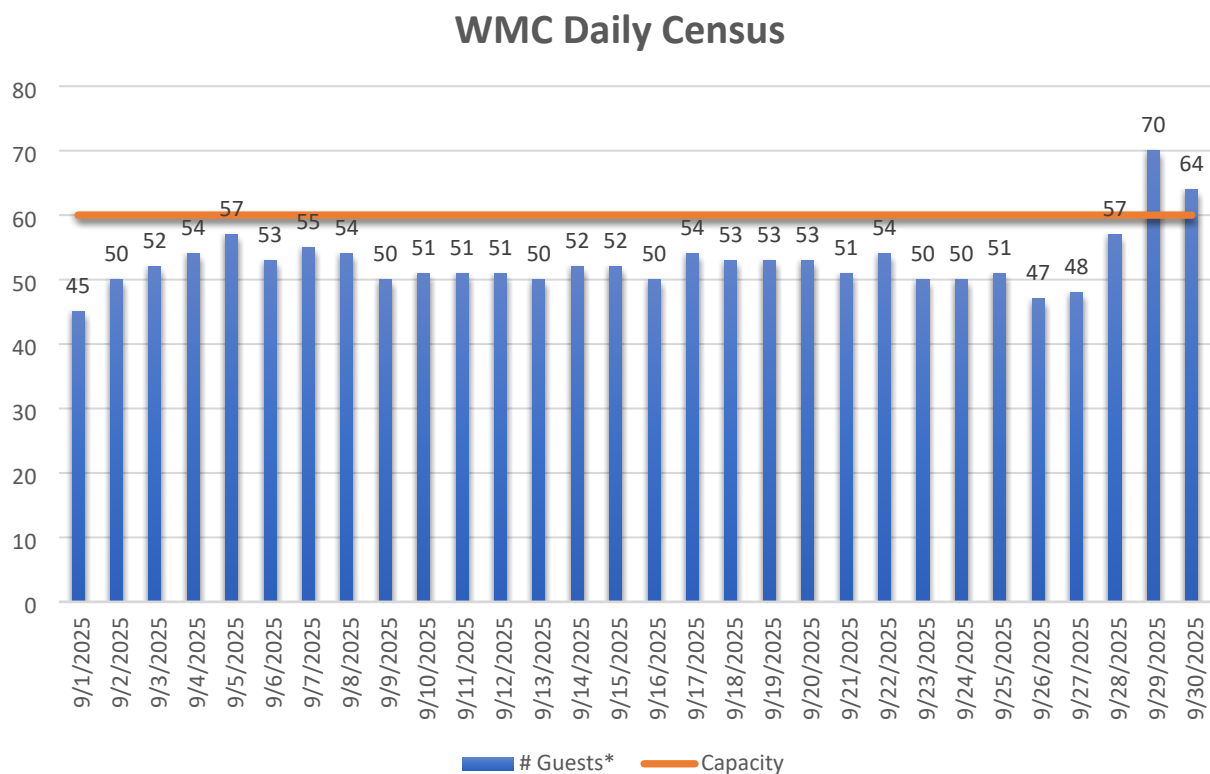
In the graph above, 84 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of September. Approximately 16 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both adult residents (14) 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, 24 (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.

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878 volunteer hours were recorded for the month of September.

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