

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

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Waunakee Police Five Year Statistics (2005-2009)

The Waunakee Police Department is providing an activity report for the five year period January 1, 2005-December 31, 2009. Our hope is to educate citizens on the volume and type of calls their police department responds to. We as a police department would not be successful without the assistance and support of the community.

This report covers four areas: UCR crimes, arrests, drugs, and traffic violations. Aside from investigating crimes and enforcing traffic laws, the police department responded to a variety of calls over the five year period. Here is a sampling:

CALL TYPE	NUMBER OF CALLS RECEIVED
Accident	1,308
Alarm (commercial and residential)	919
Animal Complaint	982
Assist EMS/Fire	2,115
Assist Other Law Enforcement Agency	463
Check Person	772
Check Property	1219
Disturbance	341
Domestic/Family Trouble	497
Juvenile Complaint	741
Missing Person (juveniles and adults)	136
Neighbor Trouble	119
Noise Complaint	424
Parking Complaint	1,322
Preserve the Peace	219
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	990
9-1-1 Disconnect	658

UCR CRIMES

Waunakee's overall crime rate for Uniform Crimes Reported (UCR) was below the state and national average per capita during each of the five years.

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) crimes are specific and clearly defined crimes for which the Department of Justice (DOJ) keeps statistics. UCR crimes are broken down into two categories, property crimes and violent crimes.

UCR crimes make up a portion of crimes reported in Waunakee. Many crimes including; forgery, identity theft, white collar crimes, drug violations, domestic crimes, battery (simple assault), disorderly conduct, sexual assault, and others do not meet the definition of UCR crimes. An example of this is:

Aggravated Assault versus Simple Assault

Aggravated assault is considered a violent crime by UCR standards. To be considered an aggravated assault, the victim had to suffer one of the following: broken bones, received stitches, loss of consciousness, or a weapon used during the assault.

We investigated 23 aggravated assaults from 05-09.

Simple assault is not considered a violent crime by UCR standards. Simple assault caused a victim pain/injury, but the injuries are not to the extent of aggravated assault. This could include the victim receiving a black eye or bruising.

We investigated 139 simple assaults from 2005-09.

The Waunakee Police Department handled a total of 731 Uniform Crime report cases (UCR) cases during the five year period starting January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2009. The Waunakee Police Department’s UCR crime clearance rate (cases solved by arrest of the suspect) was 50.2%. The statewide clearance rate is approximately 27%. The breakdown of UCR crimes reported, Waunakee clearance rates, and clearance rates for the State of Wisconsin follows:

UCR Property Crimes Reported: 697
Number of Cases Cleared by Arrest: 338

Property Crimes	# Reported	Waunakee Cleared	State Clearance Rate
Theft	553	266 (48%)	27 %
Burglary	121	52 (43%)	15 %
Theft of Motor Vehicle	23	20 (87%)	17 %

UCR Violent Crimes Reported: 34
Number of Cases Cleared by Arrest: 29

Violent Crimes	# Reported	Waunakee Cleared	State Clearance Rate
Aggravated Assault	23	22 (95%)	58 %
Robbery	5	2 (40%)	25 %
Forcible Rape	5	4 (80%)	80 %
Murder	1	1 (100%)	58 %

ARRESTS

The Waunakee Police Department made a total of 3,158 arrests over the five year period. The year 2008 led with 807 arrests, which included 152 for property crimes (theft, burglary, motor vehicle theft.) Arrests **do not** include traffic citations, except for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

DRUG CASES

Citizens of Waunakee have voiced concerns about illegal drugs for many years, dating back to the 1980's. The Waunakee Police Department places a high priority on working drug cases. This can be shown in the following statistics:

2005-2009

142 Arrests for drug violations

24 Arrests for sale of drugs (drug dealing)

7 Drug search warrants served, over \$15,000 in cash, illegal firearms and one vehicle seized, drugs recovered including: marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, and prescription narcotics.

These numbers are much higher than the department produced for the period 1995-1999 (shown below)

1995-1999

52 Arrests for drug violations

1 Arrest for sale of drugs (drug dealing)

1 Drug search warrant served, nothing seized/recovered

Interestingly, we had more police officers in Waunakee per capita from 1995-1999 than we did from 2005-2009.

The Department is very proactive about information received regarding drug cases. We have five department members on staff with extensive drug training. Additionally, the Department added a K-9 in 2007. The K-9's main focuses are drug work, educational programs, and deterrence.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS/WARNINGS

Driving complaints and accidents are a frequent occurrence in Waunakee. We are proactive about enforcing traffic laws. A commonly held misconception is that every person who gets stopped for a traffic violation in Waunakee receives a citation. This is not case, as indicated in these statistics:

2005-2009

Total traffic stops:	12,954
Warnings (verbal/written)	9,487
Citations	3,467

This means 26.7% of people stopped for a traffic violation received a citation (slightly more than 1 in 4).

Waunakee continues to be a very safe place to live. We look forward to working with the community in the future to accomplish the Department's mission of service, protection, and justice.

Your 2010 Waunakee Police Department:

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