

# **FOX CROSSING**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

# ***OUR MISSION:***

*The Fox Crossing Police Department exists for the purpose of providing an enhanced level of public safety in the community, protecting the constitutional rights of all people, and improving the quality of life of each citizen.*



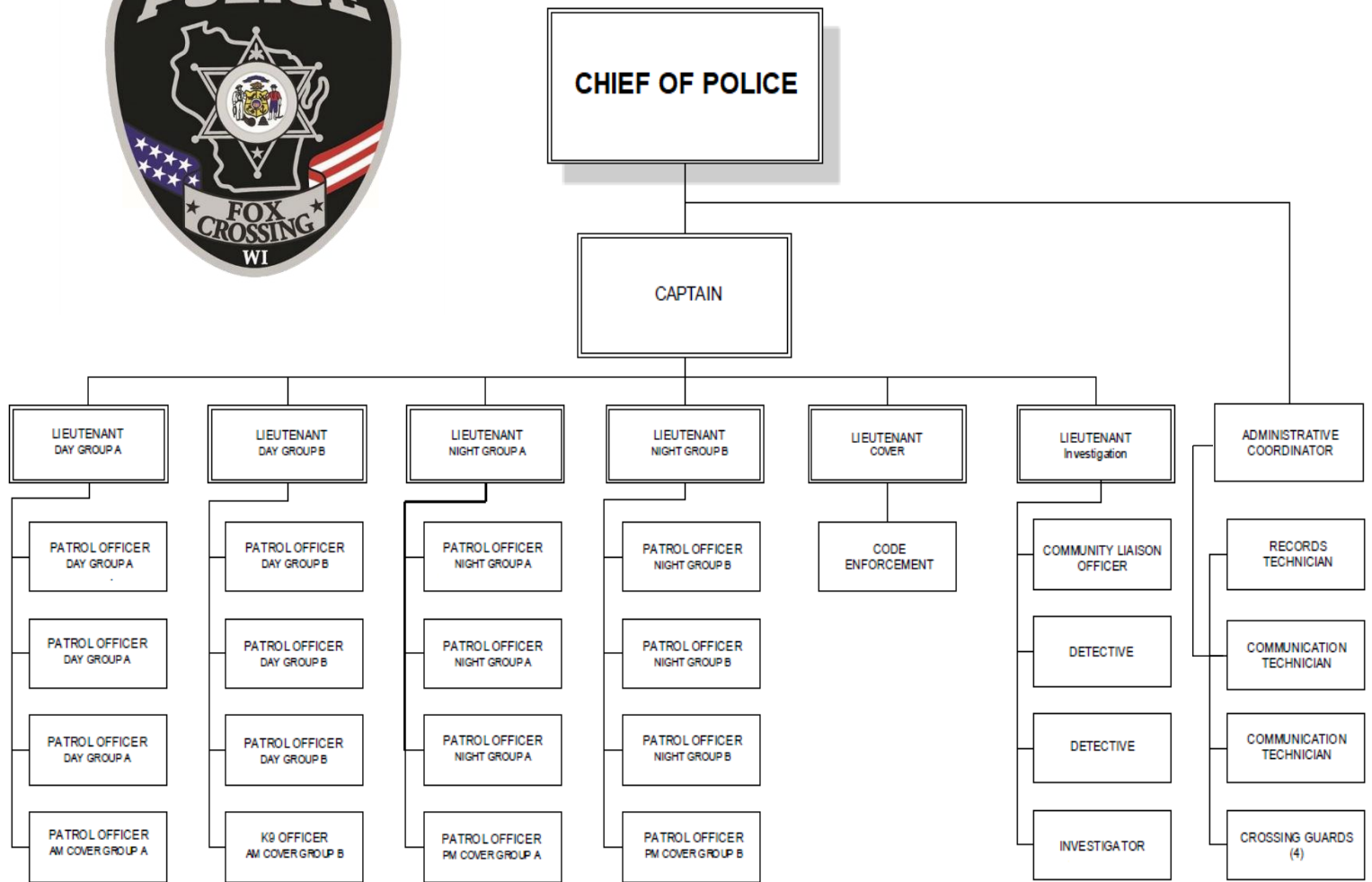
# ***OUR COMMITMENTS:***

- ~ Problem solving*
- ~ Openness*
- ~ Providing leadership to the police profession*
- ~ Teamwork*
- ~ Planning for the future*

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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## FOX CROSSING POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAIN OF COMMAND



# **PERSONNEL**

(AS OF 12/31/2022)

## **SWORN**

**CHIEF OF POLICE** – Scott Blashka

**CAPTAIN** – Tim Callan

**INVESTIGATIONS LIEUTENANT** – Jason Feucht

**PATROL LIEUTENANTS** - Rick Leneau, Gary Cutler, Scott Farrell

**DETECTIVES** - Megan Hickey, Jeremiah Gustafson, & MEG Unit Investigator

**COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER** - Daniel Wiechman

### **PATROL OFFICERS**

Scott Boehlen

Gerard Stephanie

Christopher LaSage

Seely Moe

Christopher Brandt

Corey Colburn

Clay Davis

Jon Evers

Corey Haag & K9 Hans

Meredith Birmingham

Nathan Jack

Christopher Schreiber

Paul Mittelstaedt

Levi Skeens

Karolanne Johnson

Joe Kotloski

Anthony Miorin

## **CIVILIAN**

**ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR** - Erin LeMahieu

**RECORDS TECHNICIAN** - JoAnn Richards

**COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS** - Angela Oppor, Kelly Christman

**CODE COMPLIANCE** - VACANT

**CROSSING GUARDS** - Jacquelyn Lovejoy, Tori Niemuth, Tara Kelbert, Jeff Mullen, Jessica DeDecker

# ***2022 PROMOTIONS, HIRINGS, & RETIREMENTS***



*Retirement: April 8th, 2022  
Officer John Swenson*



*Promotion: May 9th, 2022  
Tim Callan - Captain*



*New Hire: July 25th, 2022  
Joe Kotloski – Patrol Officer*



*New Hire: October 24th, 2022  
Anthony Miorin – Patrol Officer*

# ***OUR COMMUNITY***



The Village of Fox Crossing lies in the Fox Cities area of Wisconsin, near the northwest corner of Lake Winnebago, about thirty minutes southwest of Green Bay. The Village of Fox Crossing has enjoyed steady growth for many years, and is presently one of the largest villages in Wisconsin with a 2022 population estimate of 19,011.

The Village of Fox Crossing has a service area of 14.12 square miles that includes two major highways that intersect within our boundaries. Approximately 59,500 vehicles utilize the USH 10 Roland Kampo Bridge each day, and up to 104,000 vehicles travel along I-41 every 24 hours. In addition, the Village of Fox Crossing services approximately 122.5 miles of local roadways.

The Village of Fox Crossing has a variety of zoning types within its jurisdiction, ranging from industrial/commercial to agricultural and residential. The economy of the area is strongly based in the paper industry and the village is home to many large corporations including Kimberly Clark, Outlook Corp., Great Northern Container, Essity, Secura, Community First CU, Miron Construction, Pierce Manufacturing, and many other well-known businesses, just to name a few.



## ***TRAINING HOURS***

The State of Wisconsin requires that sworn officers attend a minimum of 24 hours of training annually to maintain their law enforcement certification. *Our officers attended 2,151.25 total hours of training in 2022. Of those hours, 720 were Recruit Academy training for a new officer, resulting in 1,431.25 remaining hours of training. This averages to approximately 51.1 hours of training per each sworn staff member.*

This training includes firearms qualification - along with annual legal updates on new laws and court rulings. Officers also attended a variety of specialized training such as Law Enforcement Emergency Response to an Active Shooter, Media & Public Relations, Online Fraud & Cryptocurrency Investigations, Investigating Internet Crimes Against Children, TASER Instructor, and many other seminars, conferences, and other online training certifications and coursework.



## ***ACCOUNTABILITY***

As outlined in our mission statement and commitments, the Fox Crossing Police Department takes great strides to ensure that we maintain a high level of service to our residents, businesses and visitors. The police department maintains several methods of receiving and processing comments and/or concerns regarding staff performance.



This can be done by speaking with a supervisor on the phone, completing an online survey, filling out a form at the police station, emailing the department, through direct contact with any supervisor, or by contacting the Fox Crossing Police and Fire Commission. When a report is filed that may indicate a possible violation of department policy, the complaint is referred to the supervisor of the employee. The supervisor will gather information regarding the circumstances of the complaint and ensure that it follows through the chain of command.

Regardless of the outcome, the complainant will be contacted and advised of the findings. In 2022, there was one (1) citizen complaint filed against Fox Crossing police staff. After the investigation of this complaint, the complaint was determined to be false.

# ***USE OF FORCE***

The Fox Crossing Police Department requires an officer to complete a Use of Force report each time an officer uses any type of force, such as: empty hands, intermediate weapon (baton, OC spray, TASER) or lethal force.

In 2022, the Fox Crossing Police Department reported the Use of Force in twenty two (22) separate incidents, while responding and answering calls for service. **With 10,295 total police incidents recorded in 2022, that equates to .21% of all police interactions resulting in some level of use of force.** Each incident is reviewed by a supervisor, trained in Use of Force requirements.

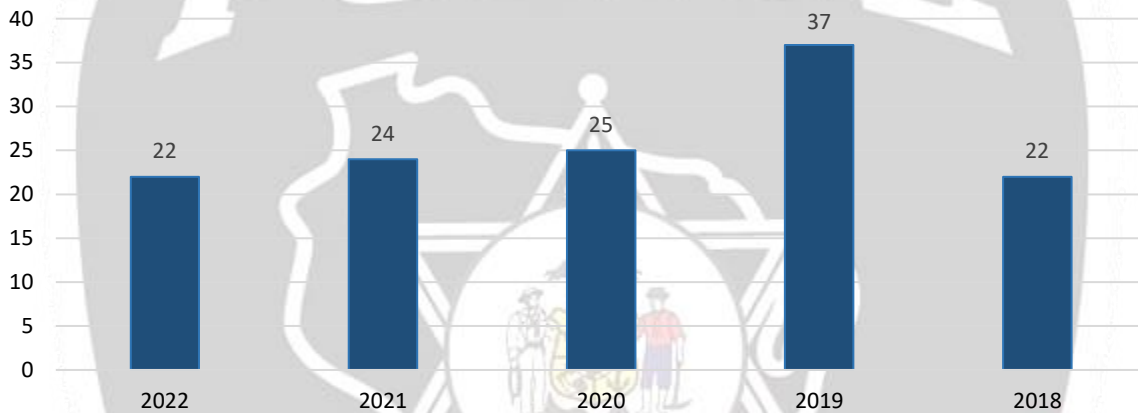


The following four pages are a comprehensive analysis of our agency's use of force statistics, including a graph depicting the number of Use of Force reports filed for the last five years, as well as several charts depicting the types of force used, the weapons the suspects used, the report of injury, either visible or claimed, and the number of complaints/short form calls for service throughout 2022:



# 2022 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

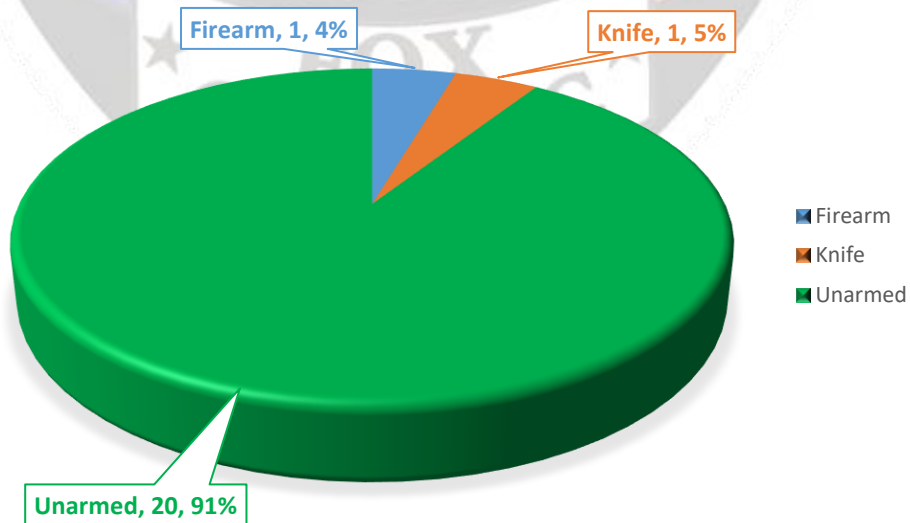
Shown below is a graph depicting the number of Use of Force Reports filed for the last five years, along with a pie chart depicting the number and type of weapons that suspects were armed with during these 2022 incidents.



Fox Crossing P.D. Use of Force Incidents

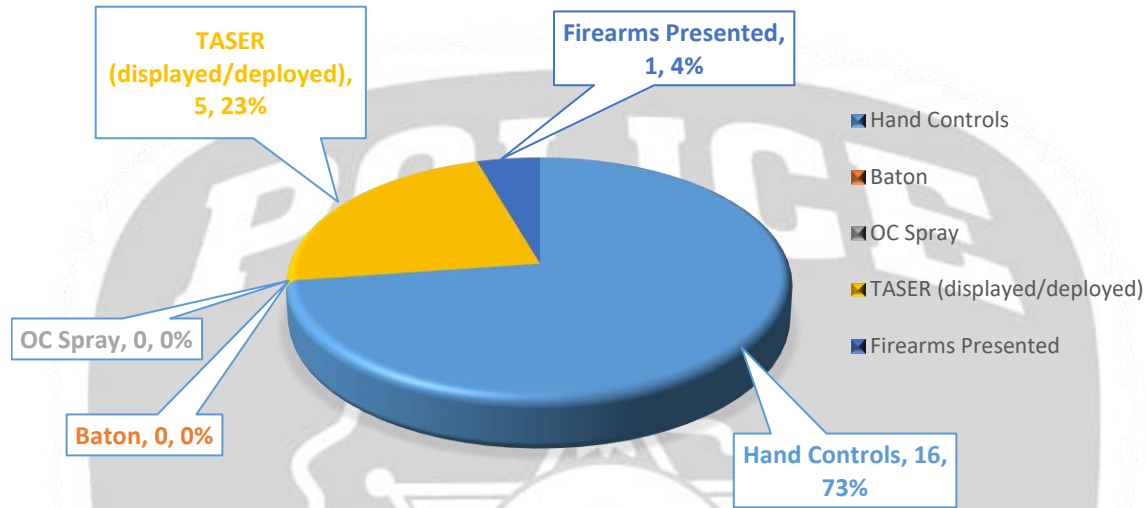
■ Use of Force Incidents

## SUSPECT WEAPON USED



Shown below is a chart depicting the type of force the officers utilized to protect themselves and others to effect the arrest during the incidents in 2022.

### **TYPES OF FORCE USED**

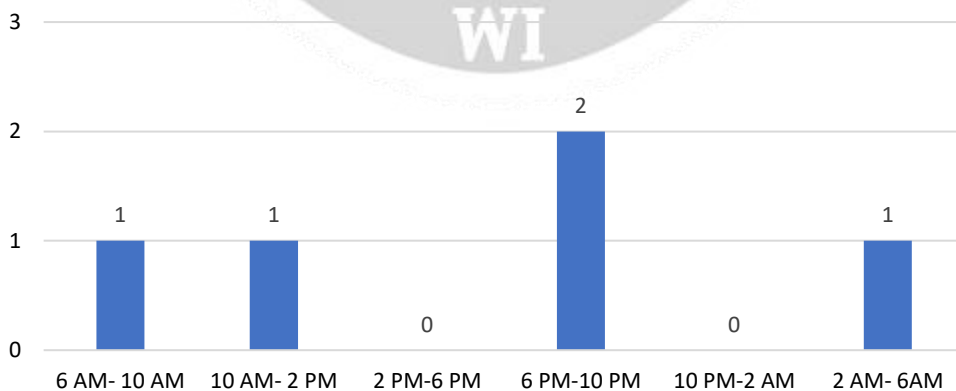


### **TASER DEPLOYMENTS BY OFFICERS**

In 2022, officers from the Fox Crossing Police Department DEPLOYED (fired cartridge) their TASER five times.

1. FCPD #22-0862. (Deployed) To achieve and maintain control of resisting subject.
2. FCPD #22-1469. (Displayed) To achieve and maintain control of resisting subject.
3. FCPD #22-1766. (Deployed) To achieve and maintain control of resisting subject.
4. FCPD #22-1957. (Deployed) To achieve and maintain control of resisting subject.
5. FCPD #22-2017. (Deployed) To achieve and maintain control of resisting subject.

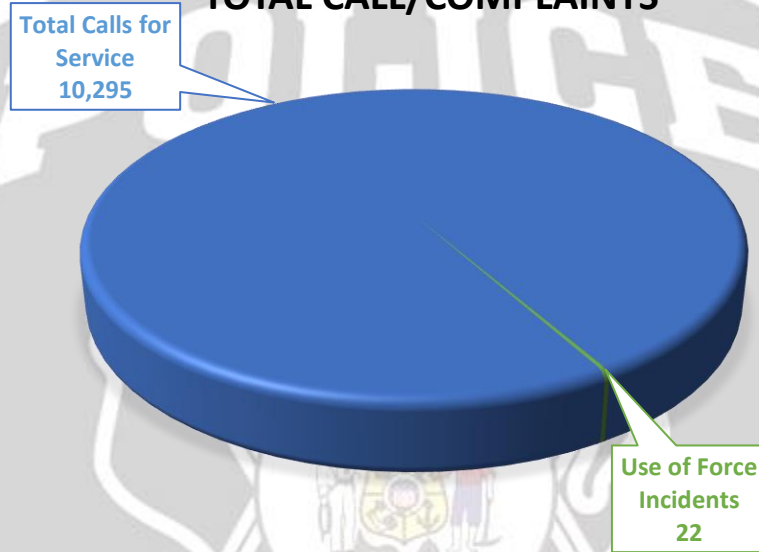
### **Time of Day - TASER Deployments**



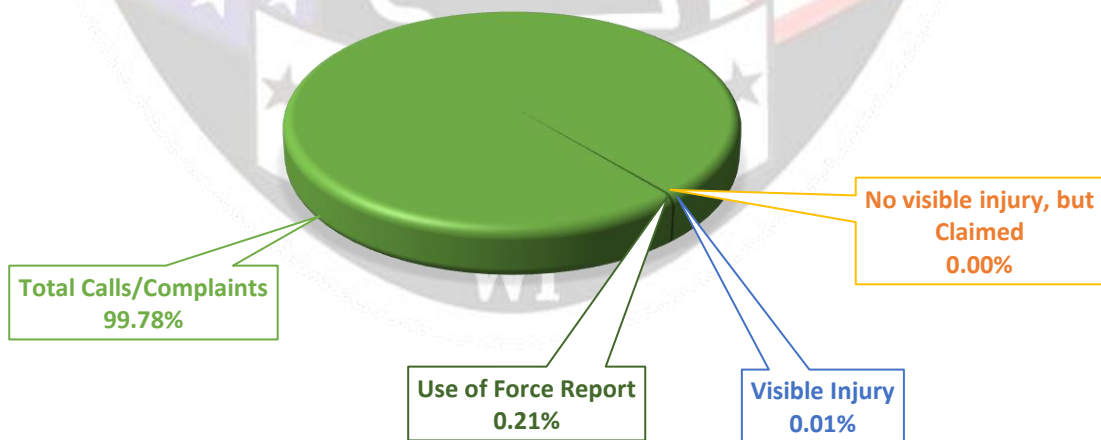
# SUSPECT INJURIES

During 2022, out of the 10,295 total police incidents, one suspect was visibly injured out of the 22 incidents where use of force was implemented.

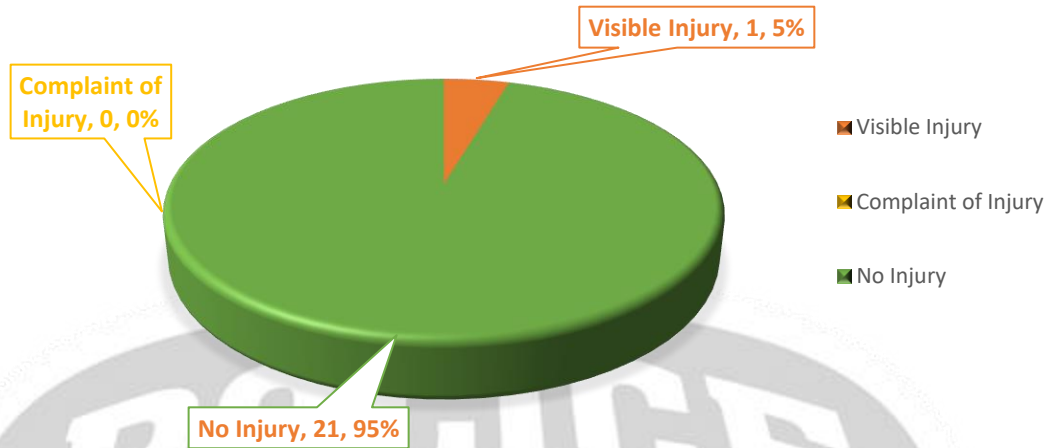
## USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS VERSUS TOTAL CALL/COMPLAINTS



## NUMBER OF CALLS/COMPLAINTS VERSUS USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS WITH VISIBLE OR CLAIMED INJURIES



## REPORTS OF SUSPECT INJURY



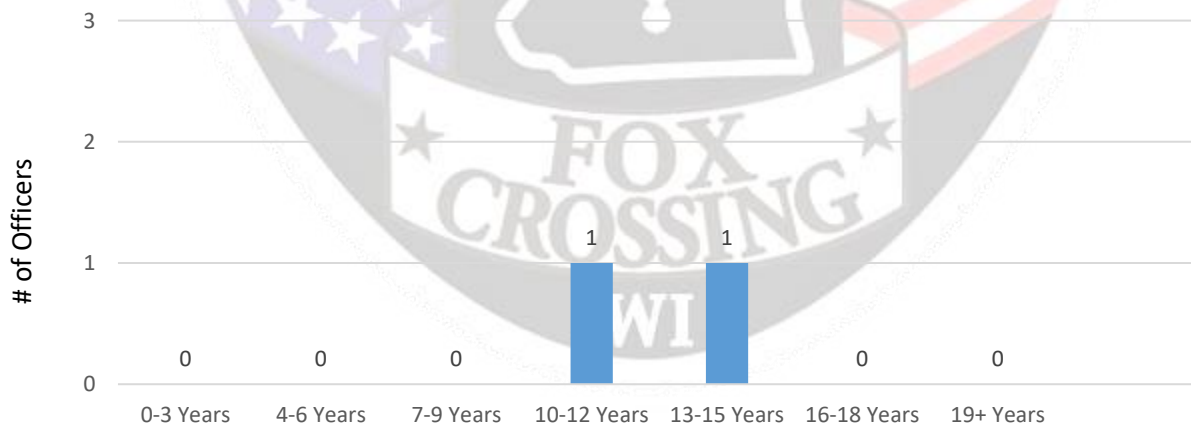
## OFFICER INJURIES

In 2022, there was one (1) incident in which two (2) officers were injured, out of the 22 Use of Force reports filed.

1. Complaint # FCPD 22-2002. Struggling with a resistive subject to maintain control.

\* All officers were able to return to full duties without any time off from the injuries.

## Injured Officers' Years of Service





## ***TRAFFIC PURSUITS***

Vehicle pursuits can expose citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. Officers must weigh the safety of the public and themselves against their law enforcement duty to apprehend violators of the law when determining whether or not to engage and continue in a pursuit. The Fox Crossing Police Department reviews all pursuits in which officers are involved to ensure that officers follow policy and minimize the risk of pursuit related crashes.

Fox Crossing Police Department sworn officers are required to attend both classroom and practical hands-on emergency vehicle operation biennially. The State of Wisconsin requires law enforcement officers to attend four hours of emergency vehicle operation training biennially. Fox Crossing Police Department sworn personnel completed this requirement in 2021 and will require additional pursuit training in 2023. The training is hosted at Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Training Center.

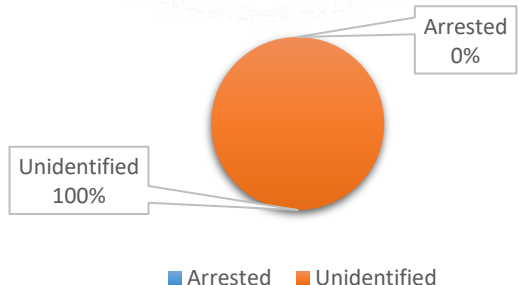
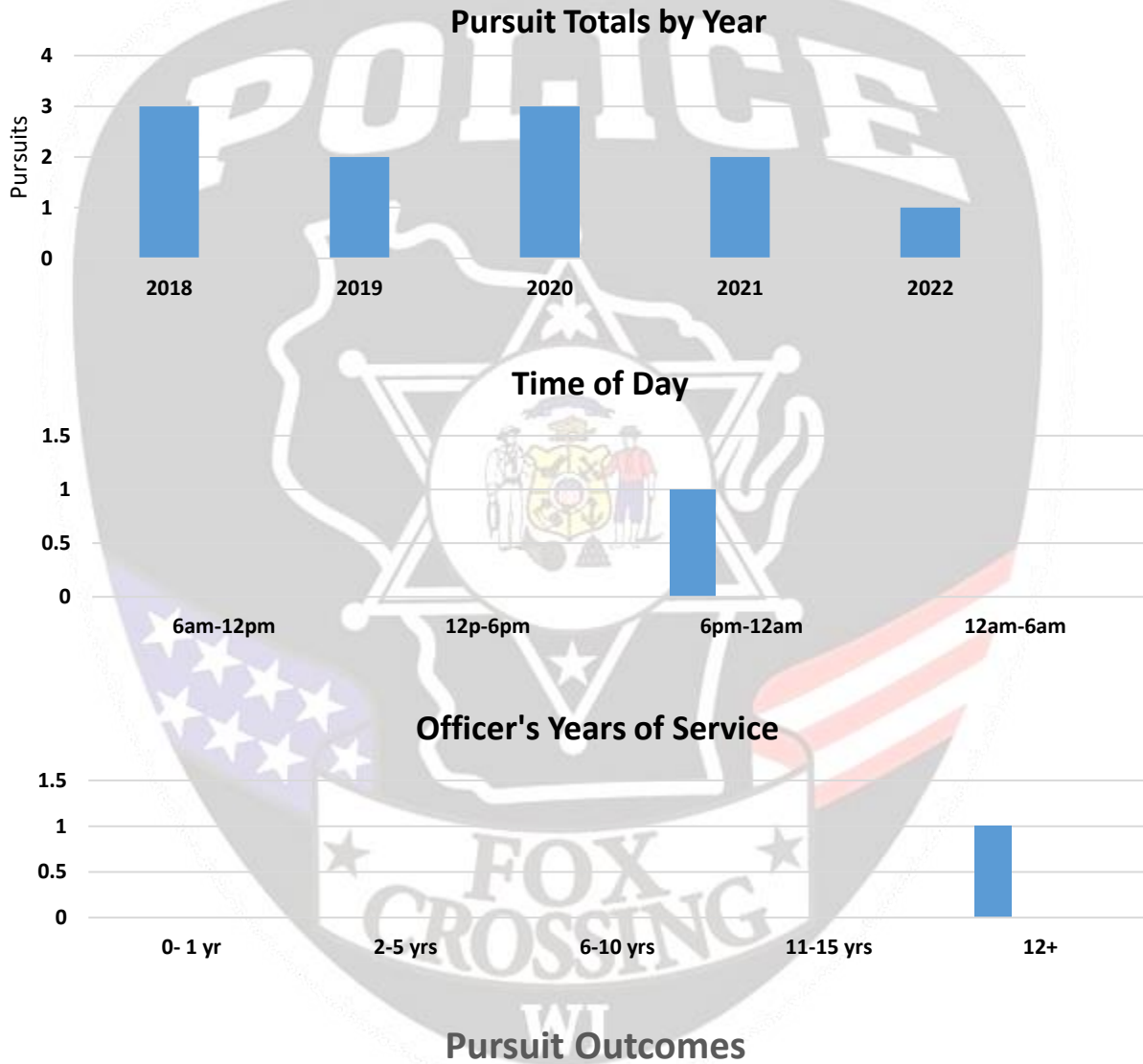
There was only one pursuit report sent to the State of Wisconsin in 2022:

#22-000493 – Terminated by the agency after > 1 mile due to residential area

There were eight (8) additional incidents where officers initiated attempts to make a traffic stop on a vehicle and it fled, in which there was no pursuit. However, investigative measures were always taken to pursue criminal charges or issuance of a municipal summons to the vehicle owner/operator for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, eluding, and any other observed traffic violations.

Following are a few graphs depicting the current year's numbers versus past years, day of the week, time of day, age of the drivers, apprehensions, and the officer's years of experience.

# 2022 TRAFFIC PURSUIT ANALYSIS





## ***PATROL DIVISION***

The patrol division is the backbone of the police department. This division is responsible for handling a majority of the emergency and non-emergency calls received each year, along with enforcing traffic laws on the freeways and roadways throughout Fox Crossing.

The Village of Fox Crossing has 16 patrol officers and 5 patrol lieutenants that are assigned to this division. The officers are split among 4 patrol shifts, each with a lieutenant, that provide coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At any given time, there are typically 3-5 officers working each shift, depending on the time of day.

Officers primarily conduct their patrols from police squad cars. The police department utilizes seven patrol vehicles. This has traditionally been the primary means of providing police services, but we have also initiated alternative patrol methods.

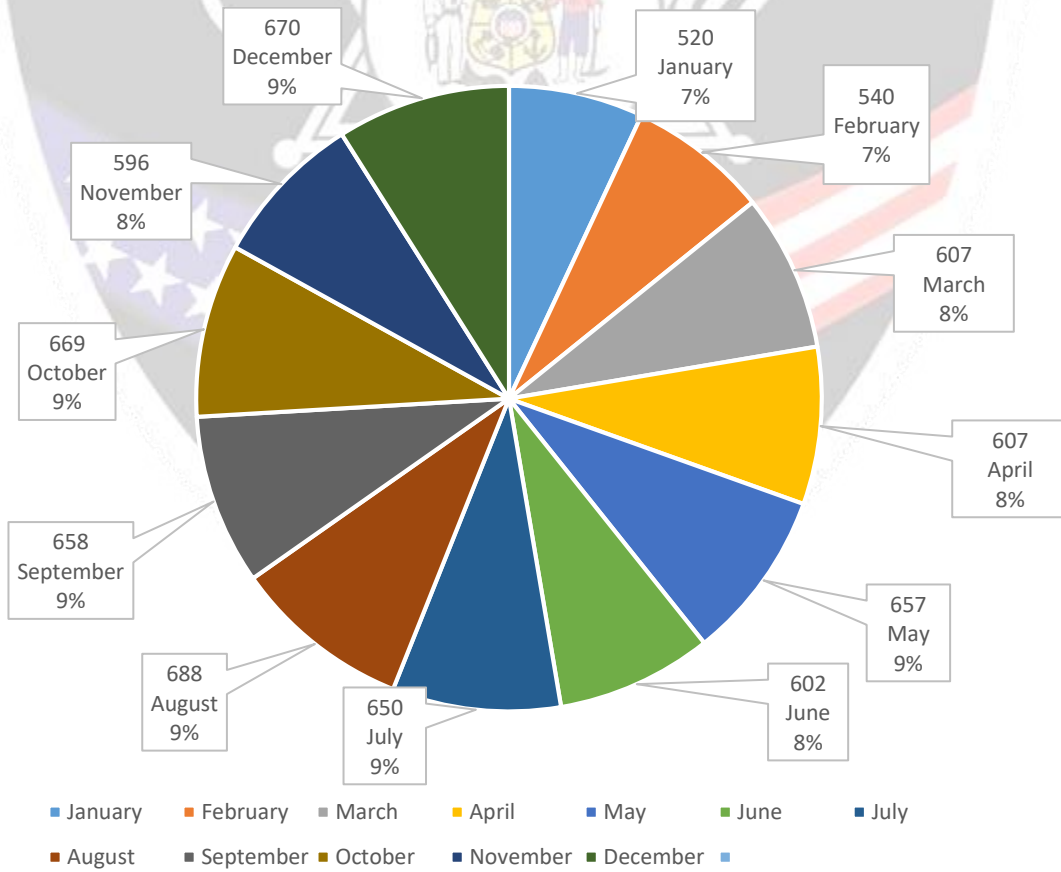
Our officers also get out of their patrol cars and will patrol certain areas of the village on foot. These efforts afford the officers the opportunity to interact more freely with the residents outside the confines of a patrol car. Officers can be periodically assigned to a specialized directed patrol as well. This places officers in certain areas of the village due to a high call volume.

# ***CALLS FOR SERVICE***

In Fox Crossing, calls for service are received in a variety of ways. Emergency calls are typically placed through 9-1-1 calls that are answered, screened, and then dispatched through the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to these emergency calls, citizens can also report crimes in person at the police department or by calling our non-emergency number. These non-emergency calls are fielded during our desk hours Monday through Friday, 6AM-6PM by a police communications technician or at our police department service window. Lastly, officers can also self-initiate calls for service should they encounter something while out on their patrols.

TOTAL ANNUAL CALLS FOR SERVICE (excluding traffic stops)				
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
7,465	8,072	7,591	8,000	7,687

## **Calls for Service By Month**





## ***INCIDENT TYPES***

Sample Incident Types	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Abandoned Vehicles	45	28	20	30	32
Alarm	241	189	193	240	152
Animal (Barking/Loose/Etc.)	349	314	298	367	283
Civil Matters	64	52	53	55	55
Criminal Damage to Property	54	72	66	62	92
Death	23	20	28	21	27
Disturbance	174	172	210	307	229
Domestic	91	56	45	75	80
Emergency Committal	15	17	17	25	36
Fraud	30	45	31	25	26
Harassment	37	58	71	60	74
Ordinance Violations	201	256	174	260	156
Juvenile	143	158	178	225	214
Lost/Found Property	106	102	79	83	92
Missing Person	7	5	4	4	15
Noise	92	96	150	175	168
Open Door	11	10	27	15	30
Runaway	22	38	18	25	28
Sex Offenses	13	12	16	14	20
Suspicious Incident	229	236	211	201	208
Trespass	28	41	32	10	15
Warrant Arrests	177	141	104	125	170
Weapon	4	7	5	11	3
Welfare Check	409	444	378	453	418

# ***TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT***

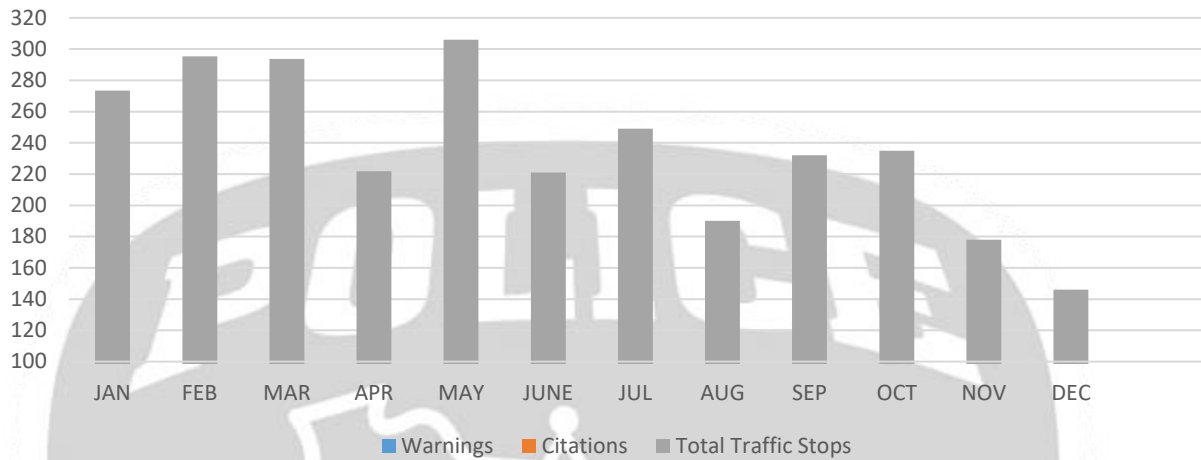
Traffic safety and enforcement is one of the main complaints and concerns we receive from community members. Officers routinely conduct proactive traffic enforcement during their shift as calls for service allow. In 2022, Fox Crossing officers initiated a total of 2,830 traffic stops. Traffic statistics can fluctuate do to the availability of state-funded speeding, OWI, and seatbelt enforcement grants.



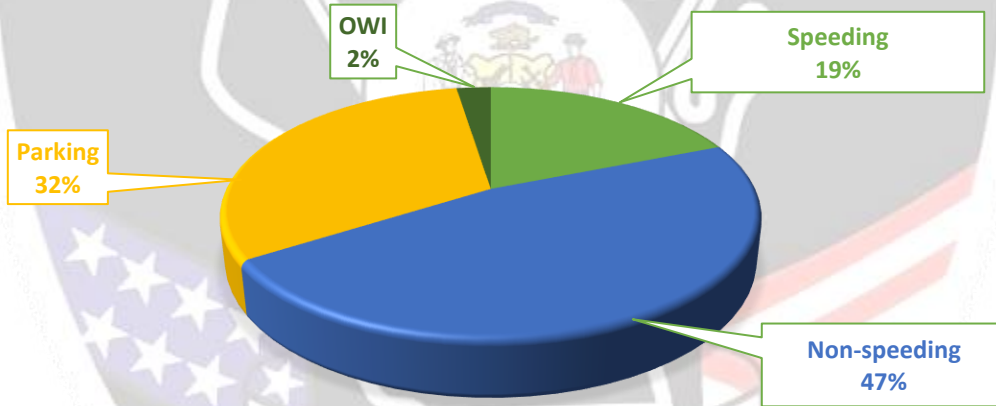
TRAFFIC CITATIONS			
	2022	2021	2020
Speeding	295	437	423
Non-speeding	1,324	1086	846
Parking	746	727	732
OWI	48	57	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>2,050</b>

TRAFFIC WARNINGS			
	2022	2021	2020
Speeding	726	700	611
Non-speeding	1,526	731	389
Vehicle defect	441	360	345
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,345</b>

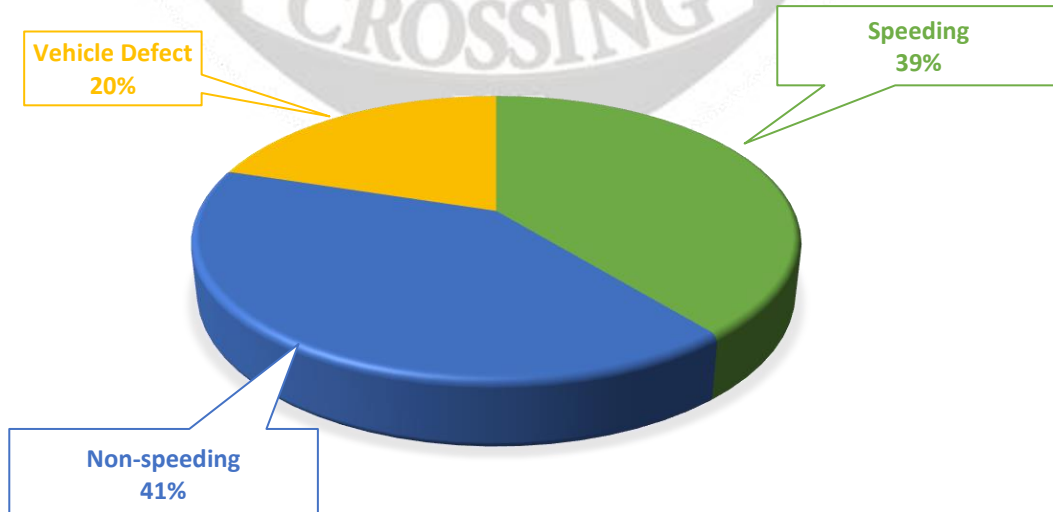
## 2022 TRAFFIC STOPS BY MONTH



## 2022 TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED



## 2022 TRAFFIC WARNINGS ISSUED



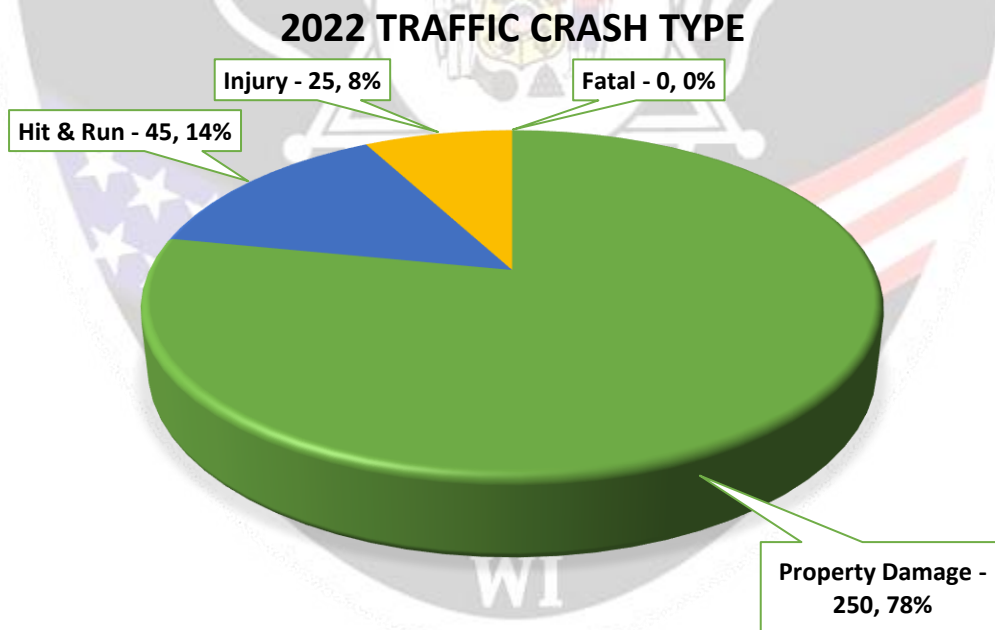
# ACCIDENTS

By definition, state reportable crashes in Wisconsin are those crashes which are defined by one or more of the three following criteria:

1. Any injury or fatality of a person
2. Property damage in excess of \$1,000
3. Damage to government-owned property to the extent of \$200 or higher

All other crashes which do not meet these criteria are considered a non-reportable crash.

TOTAL ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED				2022 CRASH REPORTABILITY	
2022	2021	2020	2019	REPORTABLE	NON-REPORTABLE
320	300	210	350	219	31



*Note: These numbers do not reflect accidents that occur on I-41, USH 10, or STH 441 as those freeways are the responsibility of the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. However, a few crashes in these locations may be documented here as with mutual aid agreements in place, occasionally we are asked to assist and take an accident report if the primary agency is busy on other calls.*

# ***NUISANCE ABATEMENT***



The police department will address any calls for service; specifically the repeat calls to the same property for nuisance-type of activity. These chronic nuisance activities disrupt and threaten the peace, safety, order, aesthetics, and property values of our community and

places and undue burden on police services. Violations meeting the definition of a chronic nuisance can include offenses such as loud noise, disorderly people, fighting, damage to property, drug offenses, to name a few. The police department has researched this problem and developed a chronic nuisance program and an ordinance aimed at not only reducing these calls, but increasing our communication with landlords and property owners to work collaboratively to resolve many of these concerns.

The ordinance allows for three nuisance calls resulting in an arrest or citation on a property within a year. The police department will notify property owners and landlords of these calls and begin working with them to curb future calls. If a property were to receive three such calls, we will meet with the property owner to explain the concern and the need for assistance in combating the problem(s). If the property owner fails to or refuses to provide any assistance, the police department can issue a citation for maintaining a public nuisance and bill the property owner for any future nuisance calls to that property.

<b>Abatement Type</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Nuisance</b>	1	4	9	5	2

# ARRESTS

Arrest data is taken from the Uniform Crime Reports and, for their purposes, a juvenile is identified as a person younger than eighteen. However, presently in Wisconsin, a seventeen-year-old is treated as an adult for criminal purposes. There are also different types of arrests that a law enforcement officer can make.

Type	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Adult State Charges	336	376	359	402	478
Juvenile Referrals	79	83	73	105	87
Village Summons	219	235	235	278	320

- **Prosecution requests** are requests to the district attorney's office for state charges, which can result in a punishment of incarceration in jail or prison, probation and/or monetary fines.
- **Juvenile referrals** are requests to the juvenile authorities for charges and can result in a punishment of incarceration in a secure detention facility and/or juvenile supervision through a case worker.
- **Village summons** are local ordinance violations and can result in a punishment of community service, monetary fines, and/or restitution.

## CRIME REPORTING

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which began in 1929, collects information on the following crimes reported to law enforcement: homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The UCR Program also maintains a database of arrests and clearance rates of law enforcement agencies. Clearance rates reflect the percentage of those cases that are cleared or solved. A new system of categorizing and tracking crime rates, called Wisconsin Incident-Based Reporting System (WIBRS) is actively utilized by our agency, and we continue to be a leading agency in the state for prompt compliancy.

# INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Criminal investigations are an important aspect of the services that we provide. Each Fox Crossing police officer has received training to conduct thorough and complete investigations. Officers routinely conduct their own investigations and frequently resolve the issue with no additional assistance. Those investigations that require additional, specialized, or technical assistance can be assigned to the Investigation Division.



The Fox Crossing Police Department Investigation Division consists of one lieutenant, two detectives, one MEG drug unit investigator and one community liaison officer. The Investigation Division is responsible for investigative follow-up and criminal case preparation related arrest and prosecution of persons suspected of committing crimes.

The Investigation Division works closely with the Winnebago County District Attorney’s Office, as well as many other agencies both locally and nationally. Our investigators meet regularly with other Fox Valley agencies to share and obtain information regarding criminal activity in and around the Village of Fox Crossing and the entire Fox Valley region. The information shared at these meetings has proven invaluable and has directly resulted in crimes being solved not only here in the village but throughout the area.

## CRIME BY THE NUMBERS

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<i>Violent Crime</i>	<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>			
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	5	5	2	6
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	1	2
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	5	13	10	17
<b>Total Violent</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Clearance Rate %</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>
	2022	2021	2020	2019
<i>Property Crime</i>	<b>Crimes Against Property</b>			
<b>Burglary</b>	24	18	22	22
<b>Theft</b>	136	138	99	132
<b>Auto Theft</b>	15	11	8	7
<b>Simple Assault</b>	50	54	87	101
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Clearance Rate %</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>40%</b>

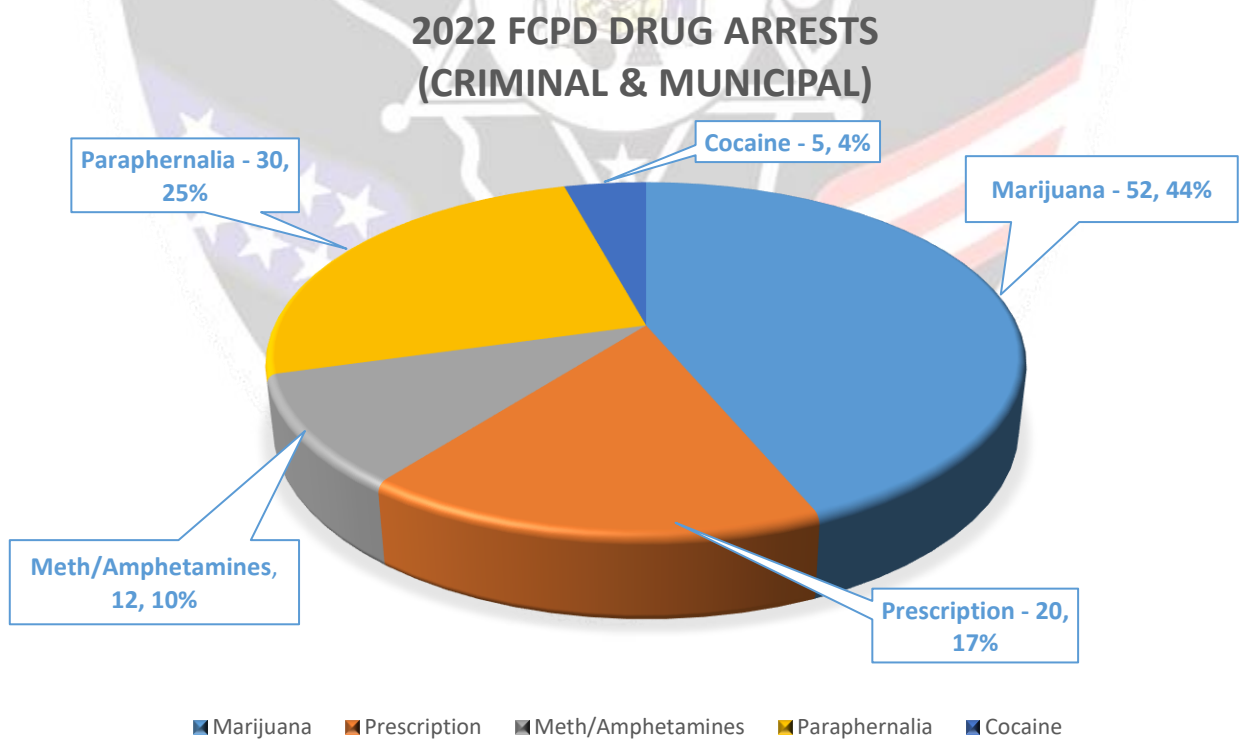
*In comparison, the United States national average clearance rates (for 2019) were 45.5% for violent crimes and 17.2% for property crime*

# DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

Many of the people arrested indicate the reason for committing property crimes is to support their drug habit. Major drug investigations in the village are conducted by the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG). The MEG Unit consists of 13 officers from police and sheriff's departments in Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet and Fond du Lac counties. We have one investigator assigned to this unit since it formed in 1988.



Drug offenses are a unique category for statistical comparison. Possession offenses typically result from the initiative and investigation of an officer at another incident, oftentimes a traffic stop. Arrests for drug sales generally stem from investigations conducted by the Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit as a result of a tip or investigative lead, which is an agency that operates separately from Fox Crossing PD. Their investigations and arrests that occur within our jurisdiction are not represented in this data.





# ***EVIDENCE ROOM & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT***

The importance of this function in a law enforcement agency cannot be overstated. The agency has a fiduciary and legal obligation to store and protect items of evidence and property in its custody, and equally important, an obligation to legally restore property to the rightful owner as soon as practical, or dispose of the property in a legal manner.

In 2020, the Fox Crossing Police Department implemented the **BEAST** Evidence Management Software to create a more efficient means to enter, manage, and audit our property room. This new software allows officers to generate bar-coded property labels for evidence that they turn in, move property to specific storage locations, print owner notification letters, generate evidence submission requests for proper analysis at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, create randomized item audit lists, and many other functions in a fraction of the time that our previous system could not do.

The responsibility of head evidence custodian falls on our Community Liaison Officer, with the assistance of the Investigations Division. The property room receives two audits per year.



The Fox Crossing Police Department had 1,666 individual items of property or evidence processed through the BEAST Evidence Management System in 2022.

# ***COMMUNITY POLICING***

Although a major function of the police department is responding to calls for service and investigating crimes, the Fox Crossing Police Department firmly believes in being actively involved in the community.

Community policing is a concept that saw its origins in England back in the early 1800's. Sir Robert Peel, known as the "Father of Modern Policing," is credited with establishing the modern concept of the police force. He realized that a partnership must exist for the success of the community and the police. Participation by all facets of the community is critical for real problem solving that leads to lasting solutions. A famous quote from Peel is, "The police are the public, and the public are the police".

## ***COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION***

Officer Wiechman is our current Community Liaison Officer and participated in several opportunities of community outreach in the form of special events and presentations on a variety of topics. Subject matter included safety presentations ranging from scam awareness, civilian response to active threats, emerging drug trends, de-escalation, and other crime prevention topics.

In response to several active threat incidents in the United States and here in Wisconsin, we work proactively with area businesses, schools, and churches to assist them with crisis planning and offer suggestions to improve the security at their buildings. This has become a collaborative project with other Fox Valley law enforcement agencies. All of these department's community liaison officers work as a team when conducting these free security and risk assessments.

## ***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH***

Neighborhood Watch is a program to assist neighborhood members in working together with the police department to reduce crime by reporting suspicious activity to police and share that information with their neighbors. The purpose is to have as many neighbors watching after each other's property as if it were their own. Neighbors are asked to be the extra 'eyes and ears' for the police, as they know what is normal for their neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch can be a successful anti-crime tool and the least expensive program in the country to help create safe, pleasant and livable communities.

In 2022, signage for inactive Neighborhood Watch groups were removed, and outdated signage was replaced. There are several registered Neighborhood Watch groups in Fox Crossing; however, there are only a handful of organized neighborhoods that faithfully meet and communicate regularly.

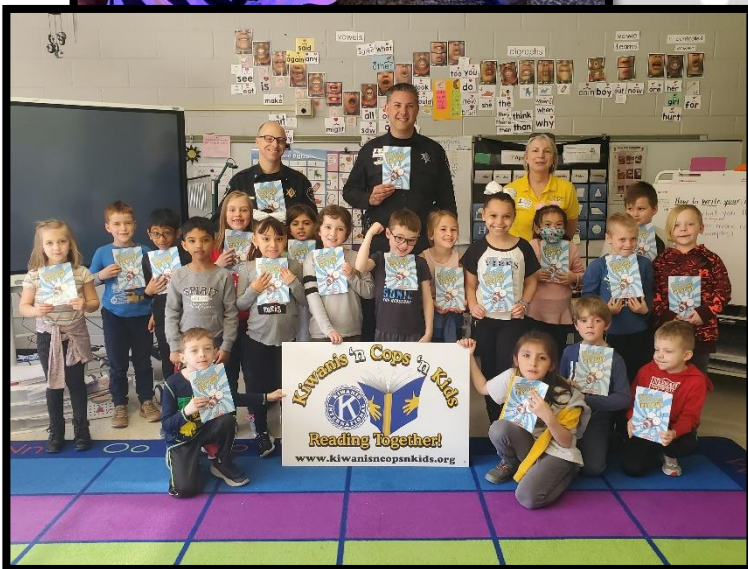
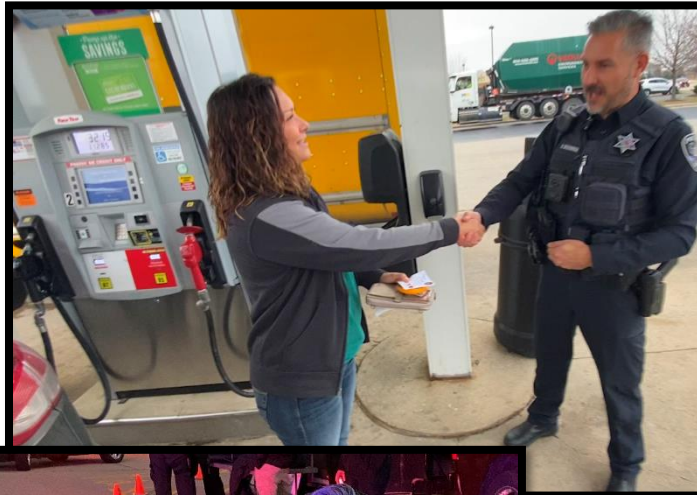
# ***NATIONAL NIGHT OUT***

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Fox Crossing Police Department hosted our annual National Night Out event at O'Hausser Park in 2022, providing food trucks, "Cornhole w/ a Cop", inflatables, and a new family-favorite tradition... the neighborhood kids vs. police kickball game!



***2022 was another amazing & fun year of community outreach in Fox Crossing. Here is a small sample of photos to prove it!***





# ***MEDIA RELATIONS: TRADITIONAL & SOCIAL***

Even though we would much rather connect with the community through public events and presentations, we understand the value and power of traditional media and social media to reach a much larger audience.



For a number of years, the police department has maintained a great working relationship with the local media. In 2022, we continued our relationship with local television news stations and also worked on proactive and preventative stories with not only the local television stations, but also print and radio outlets too.

We also maintain an active presence on social media with pages on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Social media helps assist the department in distributing timely and emergent information to the public. It can be used as a tool to solve crimes and helps the department connect with the community by promoting conversation and "humanization of the badge". The use of social media has been a great relationship building opportunity and has allowed the department to connect with others in a way that we had not been able to before.

Facebook was an effective crime fighting tool for us in 2022. There were several instances where we had shared surveillance photos of suspects in thefts and were able to identify them through the help of our followers. Our Facebook presence is also steadily growing as we continue to share frequent, engaging posts that our audience is engaging in. **Our followers have grown by 7.5%, from 16,561 to 17,779 strong in 2022.**



# ***SUPPORT SERVICES***

## ***COMMUNICATIONS & RECORDS***

The Fox Crossing Police Department's Communication and Records Division is open to the public typically from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and the Records Division is open Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00 PM with plans to adjust our lobby hours for both to 8:00AM - 4:30PM in 2023.

The Communications Division is the first point of contact the public has with the police department. Communication Technicians are the employees who answer the public's phone calls and greet those that come into the lobby. In addition to serving the citizens of the village, the Communications and Records Division provides support to our sworn personnel. The division monitors cameras placed in and around the municipal complex, and routinely provides searches of Federal, State, and local databases to assist officers with locating information that is pertinent to their cases and investigations.

The Communications and Records Division is responsible for maintaining the information that is entered into these systems. Information is entered into local, State, and Federal databases, and must be done so in accordance with various laws and system regulations. These entries include missing persons, stolen and recovered articles and vehicles, and arrest warrants.

The Communications and Records Division is also responsible for aiding with the information entered into our Records Management System, including the scanning of any attachments to a report. Any incident that involves an officer's response and investigation typically will require that officer to generate a report. In 2022, the Fox Crossing PD generated **2,429 complaints** requiring an incident report, including **2,947** additional supplemental narratives submitted by our officers. Our Records Division also responded to **543** open records requests and conducted **452** background checks!



## ***HONOR GUARD***

In 2010, the department formed an honor guard to represent not only the police department, but the community at formal events both here in the village and around the state. The unit added another officer in 2016 and is comprised of one lieutenant and seven patrol officers. The Honor Guard jointly trains with other agencies as well, since many events are attended by all area departments.

In 2022, the honor guard provided services at several events, including Police Week in Madison, WI, line of duty death funeral attendance, and Veteran's Day.



## ***SWAT TEAM***

The Fox Crossing Police Department has partnered with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to provide assistance for any tactical situations in our community. We have two officers that are assigned to the Winnebago Sheriff's Department SWAT team.



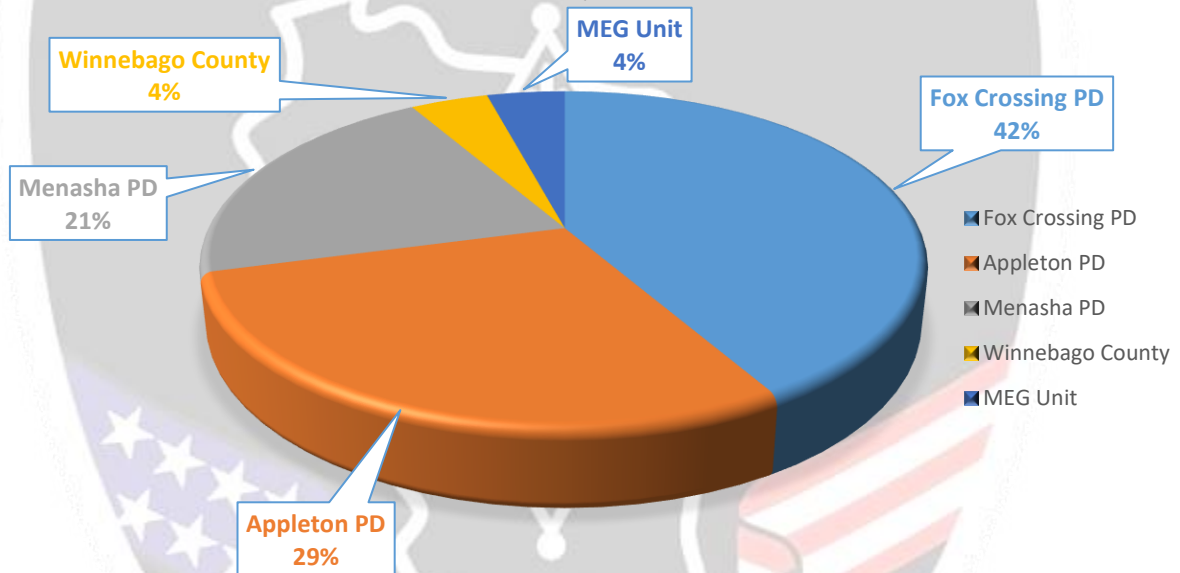
# K9 PROGRAM

Our K9 program started in 2017 and has proven to be an invaluable tool when conducting narcotics detection, article searches, tracking, and apprehension. In 2022, K9 Hans and his handler Officer Haag had 26 deployments. These were either for our own agency, or assisting other departments under our mutual aid agreement. The charts below are a summary of deployments that involved K9 Hans.



Drug Type	Quantity (grams)
Marijuana	11.3
Cocaine	862.1
Methamphetamine	10.4

## MUTUAL AID REQUESTING AGENCIES



Additionally, K9 Hans added in the seizure of \$3,480 in drug-related currency... **Good Boy, Hans!**

# CODE COMPLIANCE

Law enforcement is more than just responding to a call, but also gauging the public’s concerns with problems in their community. We find the areas that tend to be of great concern involve quality of life issues such as junked vehicles, traffic problems, and ignored properties. When compared to other community concerns that rank lower, such as gang activity, drugs, or violence, one could surmise that ‘life is good’ in Fox Crossing.

There is a crime theory called “Broken Windows” that compares a lack of property maintenance to increased criminal activity and mischief. One thing that we can all practice is to be considerate of one another and maintain our property so that it does not become unsightly, and to keep our noise at an acceptable level. Property maintenance goes a long way to reducing crime on our neighborhoods and community.

Our code compliance officer holds a part-time, non-sworn position and is responsible for the enforcement of many of the village municipal codes. There were **118** cases that the code compliance officer investigated and generated incident reports for in 2022. A majority of these cases were for junked and abandoned motor vehicles, unsightly debris, long grass, and other public nuisances.



# HOW DO WE COMPARE?

Mathematical formulas can be used to break down the numbers and put communities on a level playing field (typically per 1,000 residents). Online UCR data allows us to compare different cities and counties throughout Wisconsin as well.

CRIME RATES (2021 US & WI UCR statistics)			
Community	Population 2022	Violent Crime <sup>1</sup> Rate per 1,000	Non-violent Crime <sup>2</sup> Rate per 1,000
USA	333,287,557	3.79	19.58
Wisconsin	5,895,908	3.98	14.58
Fox Crossing (in 2022)	19,011	0.52	11.83

- <sup>1</sup> Uniform Crime Reporting categories for violent crimes include: Homicide/Manslaughter, Rape, Aggravated Battery, & Robbery
- <sup>2</sup> Uniform Crime Reporting categories for non-violent crimes include: Simple Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft, Arson, & Human Trafficking
- Estimated crime statistics are based on data received from 11,794 of 18,806 law enforcement agencies in the USA in 2021.

## CRIME TRIANGLE

The Crime Triangle theory states that in order for a crime to occur, **three** elements must be present: *an offender with the ability to commit the crime; a desired victim or target; and the opportunity to commit the crime.* Based on this theory, crime can be reduced by removing any one of the three elements. Most crime reduction strategies utilize a combination of approaches to achieve this goal. The easiest way is to reduce the opportunity. Often something as simple as locking our car door or garage door can deter the potential criminal.





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