

Chenequa Police Department

2021 Annual Report



Message from Village Administrator and Police Chief Daniel R. Neumer

On behalf of the staff of the Chenequa Police Department, it is my pleasure to introduce our first annual report. The impetus for this report is a desire to communicate with our community stakeholders the actions taken by our department to preserve and improve the quality of life in our very special community.

We are blessed with an experienced group of officers, with over 168 years of law enforcement experience between our 8 full-time personnel. Despite that experience, our department offers and supports many training opportunities to our personnel, driven by the belief that self-improvement benefits our officers and the Village simultaneously. As you look through this report, please take a moment to appreciate our skilled staff and the efforts that they make every day to keep Chenequa safe.

As much as our staff works hard to keep our community safe, we could not do it without the support and appreciation of our residents. If you see something suspicious, or have a concern related to public safety in the village, please bring it forward - our residents are a vital partner in our efforts. In today's political climate, our officers have been shown many times over the last few years that they are appreciated and valued by our village residents - thank you for this support!

Our department officers several services to our residents that are unique from other communities in the area, including finger printing, vacation house checks, and vehicle unlocking services. Please take advantage of these services, as they are offered free of additional charge to our residents.

As we move forward into 2022, our staff is focused on continuing to find new and innovative ways to provide the best possible service to our residents and the other members of the public passing through the village on a daily basis. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

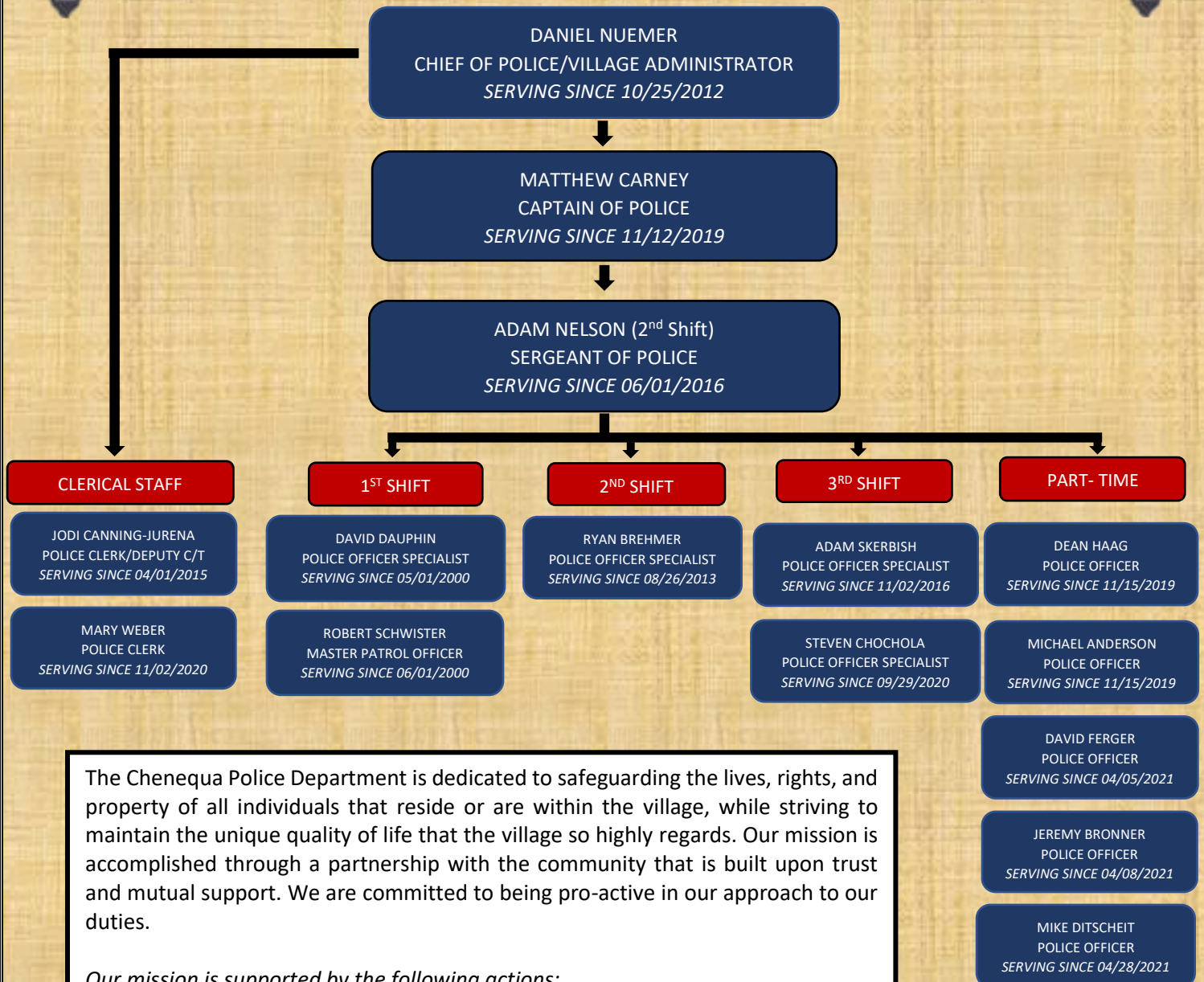
Chief Daniel R Neumer

Village of Chenequa Police Department





CHENEQUA POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Chenequa Police Department is dedicated to safeguarding the lives, rights, and property of all individuals that reside or are within the village, while striving to maintain the unique quality of life that the village so highly regards. Our mission is accomplished through a partnership with the community that is built upon trust and mutual support. We are committed to being pro-active in our approach to our duties.

Our mission is supported by the following actions:

- Deter crime through highly visible patrol, crime prevention programs, and innovative methods.
- Provide service orientated functions that are responsive to the needs and concerns of the Village.
- Provide safe traffic movement in and through the Village.
- Provide a thorough investigation and follow-through on all reported incidents.

This mission is performed with dedication and professionalism while being fair and impartial.

Personnel Updates

The core strength of any organization is its people. The Chenequa Police Department is fortunate to have a staff of experienced officers serving our community. The department is staffed by 8 full-time Police Officers, 2 part-time Police Clerks and 5-part time Police Officers.



In 2021, we said goodbye to **Officer Rick Johns**, who retired from our department in August. Officer Johns was a key member of our organization who will be missed, and we wish him well in his retirement.



Officer Steven Chochola, a part-time officer with our department since 2020, transitioned into a full-time role in September of 2021. Officer Chochola was previously a full-time Officer for 5 years with the Village of Pewaukee Police Department, and brings a wide skill-set and knowledge base to our department.

Personnel Updates (Continued)

In 2021, we welcomed three new part-time officers to the Department, **Officers Jeremy Bronner, Michael Ditscheit** and **David Ferger**. All three officers work in a full-time capacity in other area law enforcement agencies, and we are proud to have their unique skills and experiences as part of our department.



Officer Michael Ditscheit



Officer Jeremy Bronner



Officer David Ferger

Calls For Service

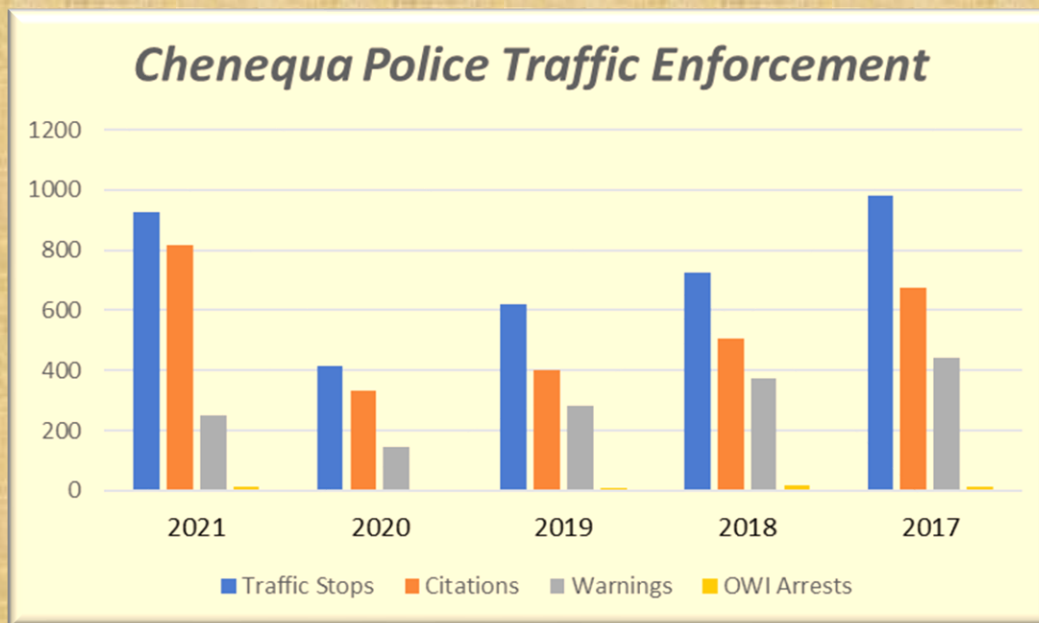
Nature of Incident	Total Incidents	Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 CELL HANG UP	9	FI STOP	1
911 NO CAUSE	21	FIREWORKS	2
911 OPEN LINE	11	FOLLOW-UP	38
ABANDONED VEHICLE	1	FOUND PROPERTY	8
ACCIDENT CAR/ANIMAL	1	FRAUD	3
ACCIDENT CAR/DEER	21	HOUSE CHECK	66
ACCIDENT H&R PDO	5	HUNTING VIOLATION	1
ACCIDENT PDO	22	IDENTITY THEFT	2
ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	4	JUVENILE PROB	1
ALARM BURGLARY	28	LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	1
ALARM OTHER	19	LITTERING-DUMPING	3
ANIMAL BITE/AT LARGE	5	LOST PROPERTY	4
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	26	MAIL RUN	243
REPORTS OF ANIMALS FOUND	4	MAINTAIN PEACE	4
ANIMAL LOST	6	MATTER OF RECORD	45
ASSIST EMS	12	MENTAL COMMITMENT (ED)	2
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	34	MISSING PERSON	2
ASSIST MOTORIST	5	MUTUAL AID POLICE	3
ASSIST OTH DPT	172	NOISE	6
ASSIST OTHER	268	NOTIFICATION	6
ASSIST PREEMS	1	OAWI	15
BUILDING CHK/OPEN	31	ORDINANCE VIOL	28
BOAT STOP	43	OTHER CALL FOR SERVICE	5034
BOATING VIOL	8	PARKING	11
BOLO	3	PARKING ILLEGAL	99
BURNING VIOL	2	PHONE MESSAGE FOR OFFICERS	31
CALL OR MEET	72	POSSIBLE DRUNK DRIVER	9
CDTP	1	POWER OUTAGE	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1	PR 1 ASSIST EMS	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	PURSUIT	1
DEBRIS IN THE ROADWAY	29	RADAR/TRAFFIC REQUEST	6
DELIVERIES	216	RECKLESS DRIVER/VEHICLE	40
DISABLED VEHICLE	49	REPOSSESSED	1
DISPUTE	2	ROAD RAGE	1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1	SEXUAL ASSAULT NOT RECENT	1
DRUGS	3	SHOTS FIRED	1
ESCORT/TRANSPORT	3	BURNING PERMISSION (REFUSE FIRE)	176
EXTRA PATROL REQ	182	SOLICITORS	1
SPECIAL EVENT	3	TRESPASS	3
SUICIDE THREAT	1	TRESPASS IN PRO	2
SUSPICIOUS	54	TRESPASS TO LAND	2
THEFT	3	VEH IN DITCH	4
TRAFFIC CONTROL	16	VEHICLE LOCKOUT	5
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT REQUEST	2	WANTED PERSON	8
TRAFFIC HAZ	20	WARRANT SERVICE	7
TRAFFIC STOP	927	WELLBEING CHECK	10
TRAINING	1	WIRE/POLE/TREE DOWN	39

In 2021, the Chenequa Police Department responded to **8333 calls for service**. These calls ranged from an accidental call to 911 to trees being down on the roadway and all call types in between. The above table shows call types, and number of times a call for service of that nature was taken.

Traffic Enforcement

The Village of Chenequa Police Department conducts active traffic enforcement on the roadways within the Village with a three-part objective: 1. To maintain a visible police presence in the Village; 2. To ensure the safety of our residents and the motoring public; and 3. To reduce the amount of traffic accidents that occur in the Village.

In 2021, our Officers conducted 927 traffic stops, issued 818 traffic citations, 252 traffic warnings, and made 15 arrests for impaired driving (OWI/DUI). These numbers were a substantial increase over 2020 due to the greatly reduced traffic patterns in 2020 that occurred as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.



Traffic Accidents

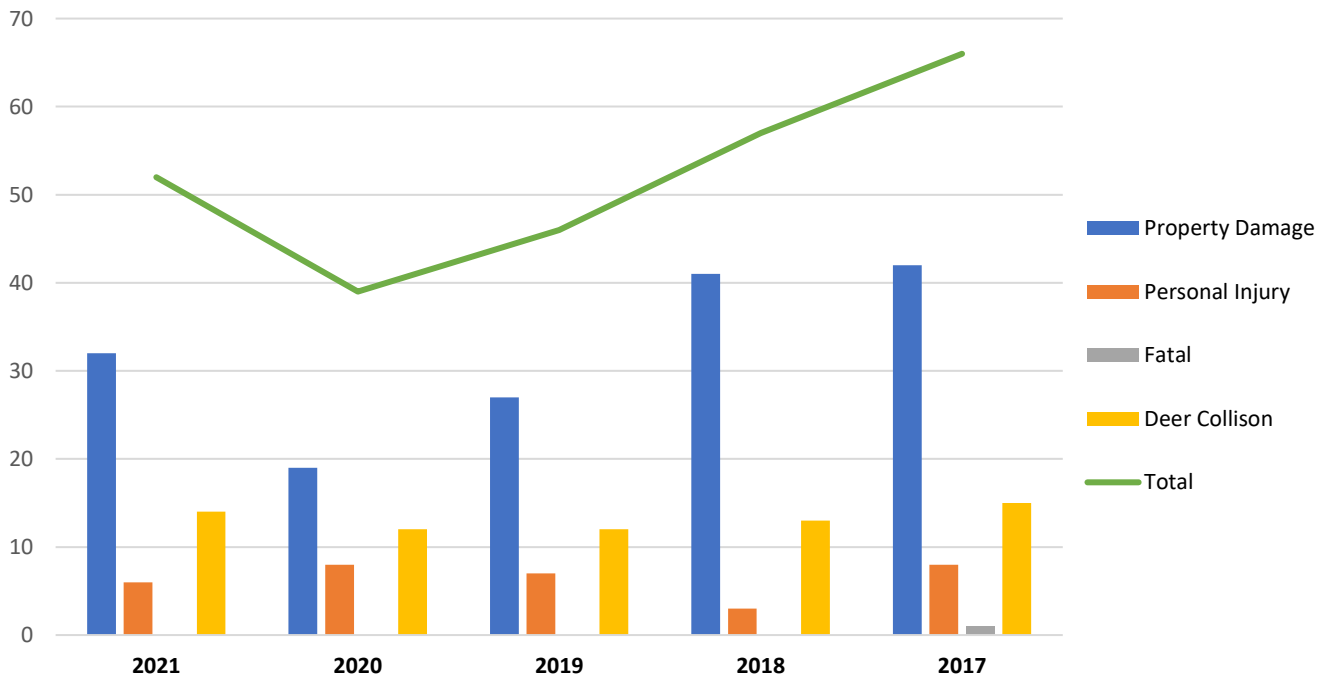
Despite the small size of the Village of Chenequa, the village hosts two Wisconsin State Highways (STH 83 & STH 16) and two Waukesha County Trunk Highways (CTH C and CT K). As a result, a high amount of traffic moves through the village on a daily basis. Despite proactive traffic enforcement by our department, traffic accidents are an unfortunate reality.

Our department has focused on accident reduction by utilizing several methods, including data-driven enforcement, deer herd management, and utilizing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for roadway engineering analyses of high-crash intersections.

In addition, after officers noted a sharp increase in the amount of commercial motor vehicle traffic (and two severe crashes involving them) in the village in the Summer of 2021, The Wisconsin State Patrol Truck Enforcement Unit was requested to assist with our enforcement efforts. These are specially trained State Troopers who are familiar with Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement. This cooperative venture was undertaken to create deterrence through additional presence, and was driven by a desire to ensure the safety of our roadways for our citizens, as opposed to revenue generation.

In 2021, our department responded to 32 Property Damage Crashes, 6 Personal Injury Crashes and 14 Car-Deer Crashes.

Traffic Accidents in Village of Chenequa, 2021-17



Traffic Accidents Cont.



April 2021 Single Vehicle Injury Crash, caused by driver using his cell phone for GPS while driving. Driver was cited for inattentive driving.



June 2021 Head-On Crash, caused by a commercial vehicle driver eating food while driving. Driver was cited for failure to keep vehicle under control. Despite severity of collision, both dump truck drivers had only minor injuries.



July 2021 Rollover Crash, caused by a commercial motor vehicle driver using excessive speed while negotiating a sharp turn. Driver was cited for failure to keep vehicle under control. Driver was not injured.

Major Investigations Unit

This unit is a team of selected officers from the Villages of Butler, Chenequa, Elm Grove, Hartland, Oconomowoc Lake, Pewaukee and Summit, the City of Delafield and Waukesha County Sheriff's Department who are trained and prepared to investigate all major crimes and traffic accidents that may occur in any of these jurisdictions.

This is a significant mutual aid agreement that allocates the necessary resources to investigate these major incidents, yet also allows each community to maintain police coverage for other types of activities. The sharing of expertise and equipment makes this team cost-effective and provides a professional quality of investigative efforts.

The Chenequa Police Department's unit is overseen by **Sergeant Adam Nelson** (evidence collection) and **Captain Matthew Carney** (major investigations). **Officers Adam Skerbish** (photography) and **Steven Chochola** (electronic evidence) are also currently assigned to the team.

In 2021, The Major Investigations Unit had 9 call-outs, including one in the Village of Chenequa.



Suburban Critical Incident Team (SCIT)



Terradyne Gurkha tactical vehicle purchased in 2021, largely in part thanks to generous donations made by Village of Chenequa residents.

The Chenequa Police Department is also a member of the Suburban Critical Incident Team (S.C.I.T.). The Chenequa Police Department was a founding member of this team in 1980. This team is comprised of tactical officers from nine different departments, including: the Villages of Chenequa, Elm Grove, Hartland, Mukwonago, Pewaukee and the Cities of Brookfield, Delafield, Muskego, and New Berlin.

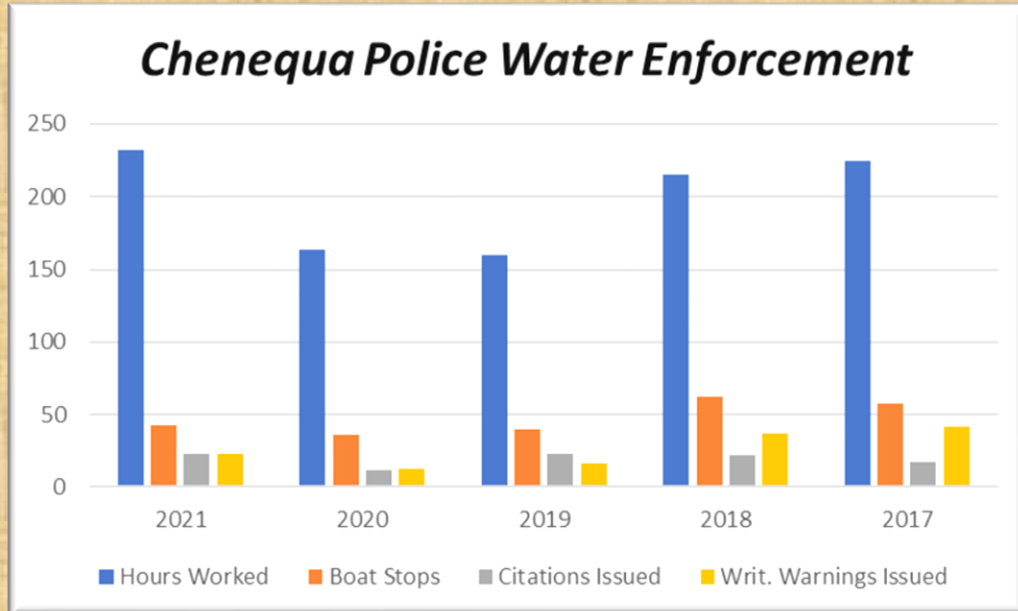
The mission of the SCIT is to respond when requested by member agencies or other law enforcement entities to potentially life-threatening situations and/or incidents requiring specialized skills, tactics and/or equipment; to secure, isolate and resolve situations in a manner consistent with the proper use of force; and, to provide a diverse and professional life saving resource to the community. SCIT covers the majority of population of Waukesha County.

In today's social climate, we find officers placed in more hostile situations than in recent years. The Village of Chenequa's affiliation with the SCIT has never been more important to ensure our Village has the resources it needs to handle any situation it might encounter. We currently have one officer assigned to SCIT, **Officer Steven Chochola**, who is a member of the negotiations team.

Water Patrol

Our Village is blessed with a wonderful natural resource in our three lakes: Pine, Beaver and North. During the summer months, Chenequa Police Department Officers conduct regular patrol of all three lakes with a goal of maintaining a police presence, promoting safety, and enforcing local and state boating laws. Water Patrol members worked over 232 hours this year between May and September, wrote 23 citations, issued 23 warnings, assisted 8 boaters and conducted 43 safety inspections. The Chenequa Police Department places an emphasis on fairness, education and discretion when dealing with boating violations.

Most water patrol expenses are reimbursed (at a variable rate of 64-70%) to the Village by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, meaning that this service is provided at an excellent value to our taxpayers.



Training

The Village of Chenequa Police Department believes that the money and time spent training our staff is a wise investment, with returns on that investment including:

1. Creating a more skilled and knowledgeable staff;
2. Creating staff that have specific areas of in-depth expertise; and
3. Reducing risk and liability exposures to the municipality.

The Village of Chenequa, in an example of inter-agency cooperation and efficiency, is a member of the LACS training consortium, which includes police departments from the Villages of Butler, Hartland and Pewaukee and the City of Delafield. Having multiple departments involved allows our department more flexibility with scheduling officers and instructors to participate in the training, thereby reducing the expense needed to train each officer.

In 2021, Village of Chenequa Officers completed a total of 480 hours of professional training on topics including Firearms, Defensive and Arrest Tactics, Professional Communications, De-escalation Tactics, and Taser Operator Certification.

In addition, our staff has three state-certified Instructors, **Chief Dan Neumer** (Firearms), **MPO Robert Schwister** (Firearms), and **Specialist Ryan Brehmer** (Firearms, DAAT & Taser) who teach throughout the year.



Officer Skerbish, Officer Johns, and Officer Brehmer at one of our quarterly range trainings.

Other Programs:

Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.):

This is a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies in Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Walworth and Waukesha County that allows for mutual aid during a significant event. Within 60 minutes, a community that is a member of S.M.A.R.T. can have up to 65 law enforcement officers respond to their community to help in the case of a significant emergency or disaster. In 2021, our department responded to 2 S.M.A.R.T call-outs in the City of Waukesha and 1 in the City of Oconomowoc.

DRE Program:

DRE's are trained in a systematic method to determine whether observed driver impairment is due to drug use and if so, to identify the category of drugs involved. The Chenequa Police Department has 1 certified drug recognition expert: **Specialist Ryan Brehmer**. Our department is committed to this program as another tool to ensure the safest possible travel to the motoring public. Much like field sobriety tests for alcohol impairment, tests can be performed on a person to determine impairment by use of certain legal and illegal drugs. Each DRE has completed a 40-hour course after which practical field experience is obtained before the officer is available for use by our department. In 2021, Specialist Brehmer conducted 15 evaluations of persons arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

CSO Program:

Within our water safety program, the Village of Chenequa employs CSO's (Community Safety Officer) at our boat launch. CSO's function by maintaining an orderly flow of traffic at the boat launch and by checking for waterborne/boat borne intruders to our lakes. The CSO program is partially funded by the Wisconsin DNR, which funds the program through the "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" program. The CSO program is usually staffed by individuals ages 18-24 who have an interest in law enforcement, and several of our CSO's have gone on to become police officers in the Southeastern Wisconsin area.

Resident Services:

Throughout the year, the Chenequa Police Department offers many services to our community. Fingerprinting and vehicle lock-out services are available on an as-needed basis to Village residents. By request, our Officers conduct house checks throughout the year on vacant homes for our residents who are on vacation or live here seasonally. In addition, tours of the Village Hall and Police Department are offered for community groups such as Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops. All of these services are offered to our community free of charge.

In the Community

The members of the Chenequa Police Department believe in service, and that belief in service extends outside of the normal daily activities of the department. In 2021, members of our department participated in the Shop with a Cop Program, the CARE Center "Trunk or Treat", and National Night Out.



Captain Carney, Officer Brehmer, and Chief Neumer pose with their "Shop with a Cop" partners.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

trunk or treat

Cost: FREE
Where: Waukesha County Expo Center-
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When: October 23, 2021
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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Officer Awards

In 2021, several members of our staff were issued awards for actions they took while serving on behalf of the Village of Chenequa. The actions of these officers demonstrated the core values of the Chenequa Police Department and we, along with their families and our community, are proud of both of them!



Officer Adam Skerbish was awarded a Valor medal by both our department and the City of Delafield Police Department for his actions on November 6th, 2020. Officer Skerbish arrived on scene immediately after a Hartland and Delafield Police Officer were shot, and rendered immediate aid to both officers without regard for his own safety.



Sergeant Adam Nelson was awarded a Valor medal for his actions on November 21st, 2021. Sergeant Nelson was leaving the jail when an urgent dispatch was made advising a mass casualty incident had just occurred in Downtown Waukesha during the yearly Christmas Parade. Sergeant Nelson was one of the first outside officers to arrive on the scene, and after determining there was no further threat to public safety, he assisted with locating and triaging all of the victims. He evacuated two injured parties directly to the hospital with the help of a Hartland Police Officer. After this, Sergeant Nelson took a security post at Waukesha Memorial Hospital to protect the safety of the victims and the medical staff helping them.

Officer Awards Cont.



Officer Rick Johns was awarded a letter of commendation for his actions on February 16, 2021 in which he assisted the City of Delafield Police Department. Under danger to himself, Officer Johns negotiated with an armed and suicidal subject, leading to his peaceful surrender for emergency mental treatment.

Conclusion

We welcome you to contact our department with any questions, concerns or comments. This was the first year of our department providing an annual report, and we will add onto and evolve this report in future years. We look forward to serving our community in 2022!

