

VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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During 2020 the Brownsville Police Department continued with its philosophy of taking a proactive approach to law enforcement with a goal of obtaining voluntary compliance with the law. The keys to highway safety are Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Whenever possible, attempts were made to combine the education element along with the enforcement component while interacting with offenders.

The professional working relationship that the Brownsville Police has established with other police agencies in Dodge County continues to serve the residents of Brownsville well in providing police services as needed. In 2020 Marshal Seymour worked with the Dodge County Sheriff's Department when appropriate in conducting joint agency investigations into incidents which have occurred in the Village. The Brownsville Police Department also has close working relationships with the Lomira Police Department and the Theresa Police Department. The ongoing working relationship that has been established with other local police agencies has benefited the residents of the Village of Brownsville. The Mutual Aid agreement that the Brownsville Police Department has with the Lomira Police Department continues to allow for both agencies to have additional law enforcement assistance when needed with a quick response time.

Marshal Seymour provided mutual aid to the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Lomira and Theresa Police Departments. Marshal Seymour also received mutual aid assistance from the same agencies with incidents occurring in the Village.

The residents of Brownsville were fortunate in that no significant incidents occurred in the Village of Brownsville in 2020.

Unfortunately, 2020 presented numerous challenges for the Brownsville Police Department regarding dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Brownsville Police Department dealt with the challenges of obtaining the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required to protect police department personnel from becoming infected with COVID-19 while interacting with the public.

Protocols were put in place to minimize direct contact between the public and police department personnel.

To date, those protocols have been effective in preventing police department personnel from contracting the COVID-19 virus.

Since 2016 the Brownsville Police Department has been a member of the Standard Mutual Aid Response Team (SMART) agreement which includes all police agencies in Dodge County. The SMART agreement provides mutual aid assistance to local police agencies to provide assistance at events requiring more law enforcement assistance than the local agency has available. The additional assistance provided by the assisting law enforcement agencies is provided at no cost to the Village of Brownsville. During 2020 the Brownsville Police Department was requested to provide assistance per the SMART agreement providing assistance to the Dodge County Child Abduction Response Team (CART) being activated to respond to missing child complaints in Dodge County.

The Brownsville Police Department participated in several Wisconsin Department of Transportation highway safety initiatives during 2020. Local media was advised of the participation of the police department in these initiatives. These initiatives targeted unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, impaired and distracted driving and failure to wear seat belts.

During 2020 numerous serious crimes occurred in Dodge County. During 2020, few serious crimes occurred in the Village of Brownsville. Unfortunately, the level of crime has increased in the Village as compared to the previous year.

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Although the numbers of some crimes increased over previous years, the incidence of crimes in the Village is very low. Village residents being security conscious and the efforts of the Police Department to be highly visible patrolling the Village likely contributed to the incidence of crimes still being significantly lower than in neighboring communities.

In 2020 Marshal Seymour received 23 animal complaints. Three citations were issued to persons for allowing Cats to be Running at Large within the Village this year. Complaints regarding dogs barking decreased significantly as compared to previous years. No dog bites occurred during 2020.

Marshal Seymour worked with the Brownsville Department of Public Works Department regarding traffic safety issues. Marshal Seymour continued to interact with Superintendent Lechner regarding a number of other concerns regarding issues that posed a potential safety threat to Village residents and visitors to our community.

During 2020 Marshal Seymour had contact with 595 people either thru traffic stops or complaint investigations. This is a significant decrease from the previous year. This decrease is due to efforts to limit contact with individuals due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, 1192 calls handled had a case number assigned to them which allows easier documentation of the incidents.

During 2020 Marshal Seymour worked a total of 1985 duty hours. Marshal Seymour spent 1220 hours patrolling the village, 133 hours investigating complaints and 21 hours handling court matters. 462 hours were spent handling administrative duties which includes writing reports, drafting proposed revisions to Village ordinances, attending meetings and submitting monthly documentation to the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Marshal Seymour made a total of 385 traffic stops which is much lower than last year due to efforts to limit potential exposure to persons who might be infected with the COVID-19 virus. During this year's pandemic, traffic enforcement efforts continued and targeted serious traffic law offenders. Even though fewer vehicles were stopped Marshal Seymour maintained high visibility which kept most drivers complying with the traffic laws while traveling in the Village. The traffic stops made resulted in 307 traffic citations and 233 warnings being issued. Marshal Seymour investigated two traffic crashes which occurred in the Village.

Marshal Seymour responded to and investigated 185 complaints.

In 2020 Drug Offense arrests decreased dramatically over the previous years. In 2020 only one arrest was made for drug charges. This decrease is due to the significant decrease in the number of and contact with motorists who reside in the southeast portion of the state not driving thru the Village while traveling to the correctional institutions located in the City of Waupun.

Marshal Seymour responded to 54 mutual aid requests which included assisting the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, the Lomira Police Department, Theresa Police Department, and the Brownsville Fire Company.

While on duty Marshal Seymour responded to numerous requests for Emergency Medical Service calls in the village. When on duty Marshal Seymour was able to arrive at these calls with 2-3 minutes, begin assessing the patient and start treatment as necessary prior to the arrival of the Brownsville Fire Company First Responders.

Marshal Seymour received 81 requests for service while off duty. In most of these cases Marshal Seymour came on duty and responded to deal with the matter.

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The following list is a breakdown of some of the incidents responded to or investigated:

Personal injury traffic crash	1
Property damage only traffic crash	1
Alarms	3
Animal complaint	23
Building check	577
Civil matter	1
Direct traffic	1
Disorderly conduct	2
Domestic disturbance	4
Family trouble	8
Fire alarm	1
Fireworks	3
Found item	6
Gas Drive Off	12
911 Hang up	16
Harassment	2
Vehicle/Home lockout	4
Miscellaneous	43
Missing adult	2
Missing juvenile	1
Neighbor dispute	2
Noise complaint	4
Open door	2
Ordinance violation	21
Parking complaint/violation	33
Sex offense	2
Suicidal person	2
Suspicious person/vehicle	18
Theft	2
Threat	1
Trespass	1
Traffic complaint	10
Unwanted subject	1
Vandalism	1
Vehicle run off	1
Welfare check	10

Administrative changes made by the Police Department in 2017 continue to positively impact daily operations of the police department.

In December 2017 all law enforcement agencies in Dodge County adopted a central Records Management System (RMS). The adoption of the Spillman RMS continues to be a benefit to the Brownsville Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in Dodge County.

2020 saw the third full year of the transition of citations issued by the Brownsville Police Department to being handled by the Fox Lake Municipal Court. The transition to municipal court has resulted in less time spent with court related matters, more flexibility in charging violators for offenses and reduced fines for violators convicted of offenses.

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The charts below are a breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during 2020.

2020 BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED

Date	Patrol	Admin /Rpts	Court Duty	Compt Invest	Arrests	Mutual Aid	Equip Maint	Trng	PR
January	89.8	50.5	2	14.25	0	3.25	.5	0	0
February	105	31.75	3.5	10.75	0	5.75	0	3.5	0
March	108	63	2	6.5	0	3	03.5	0	0
April	97.3	36	3	9.5	0	2.5	0	5.5	0
May	125	41	2.5	9.5	0	3	5	7.5	0
June	118	41	1	6	0	2.25	5	3.5	0.5
July	113	29.25	1.5	12	0	2.5	1.5	1.75	0
August	114	30.5	2	14.25	0	3	1	8	0
September	81.8	49.5	0	14	4	.75	1.25	6	0
October	83.5	40.75	0	9.5	0	3.75	0	16	0
November	90.3	45	1	11	0	6.5	3.75	16.75	0
December	94.3	19	3	6	0	4	2	6.5	0
TOTALS	1262.6	487.5	58.5	106	9.5	64.5	25.5	75	1

2020 BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS

Date	Traffic Stops	Com plts	Mut Aid	Alarm	Radar cits	Laser cits	DL cits	Sign cits	Equip cits	oth cit	OWI arrest	criminal arrests	Speed warn	Equip warn	Oth r warn	Prkg vio	Cras h Inves t	M un Cit s
Jan	60	13	9	0	1	20	4	0	2	13	0	0	2	36	21	6	0	0
Feb	78	11	5	0	1	33	3	0	4	22	0	0	0	47	35	1	0	0
Mar	46	14	6	1	1	16	3	0	1	9	0	0	0	31	13	2	0	1
Apr	4	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
May	28	22	4	0	2	23	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Jun	36	20	3	0	0	22	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	10	8	0	0
Jul	30	12	5	0	2	21	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0
Aug	31	22	4	1	0	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	3	0	0
Sep	12	16	3	0	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Oct	19	11	2	0	2	15	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	0
Nov	16	5	6	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	2
Dec	25	8	5	0	1	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0
Total	385	185	54	2	15	213	18	0	7	54	0	1	11	125	97	32	1	4

Duty Hours totals 1985
 Total traffic citations 307
 Total traffic warnings 233

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The charts below are a comparison of the breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during the past several years.

ANNUAL COMPARISON BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED TOTALS

Year	Patrol	Admin /Rpts	Court Duty	Compt Invest	Arrests	Mutual Aid	Equip Maint	Trng	PR
2011	221	47.25	10.5	6.25	0	0	26.5	0	0
2012	763	160.8	50.5	62.75	0	0	20.75	17	7.5
2013	894	213	65	75.5	0	0	24.5	54.5	0.25
2014	821	410.6	63.75	123.6	7	23.75	49.5	125	6.75
2015	843	434.5	75.25	131.3	3	58.25	18	145	10
2016	1014	364.5	98.8	119.5	22.5	30.5	33.25	82.75	1.5
2017	937	445.3	94.75	87	2	36.5	34.5	134.3	.75
2018	977	427	71.75	166.8	9	44.75	35.75	83.75	4.75
2019	1263	487.5	58.5	106	9.5	64.5	25.5	75	1
2020	1220	462.5	21.5	133.5	4	40.25	18.5	85	0
Totals	8953	3453	610.25	1012.2	57	298.5	480.5	802.7	32.5

ANNUAL COMPARISON BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS TOTALS

Year	Traffic Stop	Com plts	Mut Aid	Alarm	Radar cits	Laser cits	DL cits	Sign cits	Equip cits	oth cit	OWI arrests	criminal arrests
2011	237	6	4	3	60	n/a	6	0	0	8	0	0
2012	539	71	29	1	170	n/a	20	5	2	6	0	0
2013	599	66	21	0	254	n/a	19	3	0	13	0	0
2014	494	86	44	0	236	n/a	9	3	0	11	1	3
2015	474	117	63	8	232	n/a	25	5	0	25	0	3
2016	703	112	57	1	214	121	46	5	6	65	0	7
2017	592	109	56	5	37	245	37	2	21	77	0	1
2018	571	159	49	7	48	210	45	4	51	61	0	11
2019	675	150	86	9	40	315	36	4	57	88	1	3
2020	385	185	54	2	15	213	18	0	7	54	0	1
Totals	5269	1061	463	36	1306	1104	261	31	144	408	2	29

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Year	Equipment warnings	Other warnings	Parking violations	Crash Investigations	Municipal Citations	CAD cases
2011	81	127	1	0	0	
2012	137	254	24	1	0	
2013	173	244	31	1	0	
2014	146	208	30	1	1	390
2015	133	196	41	3	3	621
2016	268	257	53	6	3	818
2017	301	215	41	3	4	736
2018	314	183	35	2	5	810
2019	333	194	44	5	8	1008
2020	125	97	32	1	4	1192
Totals	2011	1975	332	23	28	4765

The 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility police squad which was purchased in 2014 continues to serve the needs of the Police Department very well.

During 2020 The Brownsville Police Department accumulated a total of 7,501 patrol miles and used 830 gallons of fuel.

Marshal Seymour attended 85 hours of training during 2020. Training attended included Chapter 51 Emergency Detentions Updates, Law Enforcement Standards Board annual firearms qualification training for both pistol and patrol rifle training and DOJ required Vehicle Pursuit training.

The illegal use of opioid drugs such as heroin continues to result in numerous medical emergencies in Dodge County. The Brownsville Police Department carries lifesaving Naloxone (NARCAN) in the squad car. Marshal Seymour is trained in the use of Naloxone during opioid overdose emergencies.

Marshal Seymour continues to be vigilant in the enforcement of Village ordinances including parking restrictions. Marshal Seymour continues to work with the Village Board to obtain additional Village ordinances to allow the police department to better address enforcement of existing ordinances and to address other enforcement concerns. The Police Departments proactive approach to addressing citizen complaints and violations of Village ordinances has resulted in maintaining a high level of compliance with Village ordinances.

Marshal Seymour continues to address problem areas such as speeding issues on Oaklane Rd and Main Street and failure of vehicles stopping for stop signs on Prospect Ave and other locations in the Village. Aggressive traffic enforcement has resulted in vehicle speeds being reduced on Village streets.

Marshal Seymour continues to place special emphasis on interacting with individuals utilizing Dale R. Michels Park. Several persons have thanked him for his presence at the park.

Many citizens of Brownsville have thanked Marshal Seymour for his efforts and they advised that the Village streets are safer as a result.

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On behalf of the Brownsville Police Department, I would like to thank the Village Board for your support of the Brownsville Police Department during 2020. I look forward to working with the members of the Village Board and serving the citizens of the Village of Brownsville during 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Seymour
Marshal