

**VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



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During 2021 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 2021 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 assistance to the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Lomira, Theresa and Beaver Dam Police Departments. Marshal Seymour also received mutual aid assistance from other police agencies with incidents occurring in the Village.

The residents of Brownsville were fortunate in that very few significant incidents occurred in the Village of Brownsville in 2021.

Unfortunately, 2021 continued to present numerous challenges for the Brownsville Police Department regarding dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Brownsville Police Department continues to deal 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 that were put in place to minimize direct contact between the public and police department personnel continue to be in effect to protect the health of department personnel.

To date, those protocols continue to be 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 2021 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 2021. 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 2021 numerous serious crimes occurred in Dodge County. During 2021, 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 continues to remain 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 2021 Marshal Seymour received 9 animal complaints. This is a significant decrease from the 23 animal complaints received in 2020. Four 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. One dog bite occurred in the Village during 2021.

Marshal Seymour worked with the Brownsville Department of Public Works Department regarding traffic safety issues. Marshal Seymour continues 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 2021 Marshal Seymour had contact with 614 people either thru traffic stops or complaint investigations. This is similar from the previous year. This total reflects efforts to limit contact with individuals due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, 1348 calls handled had a case number assigned to them which allows easier documentation of the incidents.

During 2021 Marshal Seymour worked a total of 2036 duty hours. Marshal Seymour spent 1150 hours patrolling the village, 160 hours investigating complaints and 25 hours handling court matters. 555 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 355 traffic stops which is similar to last year and continuing efforts to limit potential exposure to persons who might be infected with the COVID-19 virus. During this year's continuing 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 309 traffic citations and 205 warnings being issued. Marshal Seymour investigated five traffic crashes which occurred in the Village.

Marshal Seymour responded to and investigated 195 complaints which is a slight increase over the total of complaints investigated in 2020.

In 2021 Drug Offense arrests continue to be lower than historic levels in previous years. In 2021 no arrests were made for drug charges. I suspect 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 44 mutual aid requests which included assisting the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, the Lomira Police Department, Theresa Police Department, Beaver Dam 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.

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Marshal Seymour received 99 requests for service while off duty. In most of these cases Marshal Seymour came on duty and responded to deal with the matter.

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

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Personal injury traffic crash      | 2   |
| Property damage only traffic crash | 5   |
| Alarms                             | 9   |
| Animal complaint                   | 9   |
| Building check                     | 744 |
| Civil matter                       | 1   |
| Controlled burn                    | 1   |
| Death investigation                | 1   |
| Disorderly conduct                 | 2   |
| Domestic disturbance               | 2   |
| Emergency detention                | 2   |
| EMS request                        | 7   |
| Family trouble                     | 1   |
| Fight                              | 1   |
| Fire request                       | 4   |
| Fireworks                          | 1   |
| Found item                         | 5   |
| Fraud                              | 3   |
| Gas Drive Off                      | 11  |
| 911 Hang up                        | 8   |
| Hit and Run traffic crash          | 2   |
| Litter                             | 4   |
| Vehicle/Home lockout               | 2   |
| Miscellaneous                      | 32  |
| Missing juvenile                   | 4   |
| Neighbor dispute                   | 3   |
| Noise complaint                    | 1   |
| Open door                          | 9   |
| Ordinance violation                | 53  |
| Parking complaint/violation        | 28  |
| Sex offense                        | 2   |
| Suicidal person                    | 2   |
| Suspicious person/vehicle          | 15  |
| Theft                              | 5   |
| Traffic complaint                  | 15  |
| Traffic pursuit                    | 3   |
| Traffic stop                       | 355 |
| Trespass                           | 1   |
| Warrant check                      | 2   |
| Welfare check                      | 9   |

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.

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2021 saw the fourth 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.

The charts below are a breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during 2021.

## 2021 BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED

| Date      | Patrol | Admin /Reports | Court Duty | Complaint Investigation | Arrests | Mutual Aid | Equipment Maintenance | Training | PR |
|-----------|--------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|----------|----|
| January   | 96.8   | 55             |            | 20.75                   | 0       | 7          | 4.5                   | 1.50     | 0  |
| February  | 98.5   | 44.25          | 3.5        | 9.25                    | 0       | 2          | .5                    | 2.5      | 0  |
| March     | 92.5   | 72.75          | 1          | 12.25                   | 0       | 3          | 1                     | 6        | 0  |
| April     | 93.3   | 44             | 1.5        | 6.75                    | 0       | 4.75       | 7                     | 0        | 0  |
| May       | 124    | 36.25          | 2.5        | 11.5                    | 0       | 5.25       | 3.5                   | 4        | 0  |
| June      | 112    | 36.5           | 0          | 12                      | 0       | 2.25       | 1                     | 1.5      | 0  |
| July      | 92.5   | 46             | 1.75       | 15.75                   | 3.5     | 2          | 2                     | 0        | 0  |
| August    | 108    | 36.25          | 12         | 10                      | 0       | 2          | 2                     | 0        | 0  |
| September | 95.3   | 33.5           | 1          | 11                      | 0       | 2          | 0                     | 9.5      | 0  |
| October   | 74     | 46.5           | 2          | 15.5                    | 2.5     | 5          | 6                     | 23.5     | 0  |
| November  | 93.3   | 44             | 1          | 18.5                    | 0       | 3          | .25                   | 10       | 0  |
| December  | 70.3   | 59.5           | 0          | 16.5                    | 3.25    | 4          | 1.75                  | 4.5      | 0  |
| TOTALS    | 1150   | 554.5          | 24.25      | 159.8                   | 9.25    | 44         | 31                    | 63       | 0  |

## 2021 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 war n | Prkg vio | Cras h Inves t | M un Cit s |
|-------|---------------|----------|---------|-------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Jan   | 28            | 19       | 9       | 0     | 1          | 19         | 1       | 0         | 0          | 0       | 0          | 0                | 1          | 1          | 5           | 6        | 0              | 1          |
| Feb   | 31            | 18       | 1       | 0     | 1          | 26         | 0       | 0         | 0          | 1       | 0          | 0                | 0          | 1          | 2           | 6        | 2              | 0          |
| Mar   | 15            | 10       | 4       | 2     | 1          | 9          | 4       | 0         | 0          | 0       | 0          | 4                | 1          | 1          | 3           | 0        | 0              | 0          |
| Apr   | 19            | 15       | 8       | 0     | 1          | 12         | 0       | 0         | 0          | 1       | 0          | 0                | 0          | 2          | 7           | 4        | 0              | 0          |
| May   | 38            | 23       | 6       | 0     | 0          | 22         | 3       | 0         | 0          | 4       | 0          | 0                | 6          | 17         | 15          | 2        | 1              | 0          |
| Jun   | 46            | 17       | 6       | 0     | 2          | 26         | 1       | 0         | 2          | 1       | 0          | 0                | 5          | 11         | 7           | 3        | 0              | 1          |
| Jul   | 40            | 21       | 5       | 0     | 5          | 24         | 7       | 0         | 1          | 3       | 0          | 3                | 3          | 11         | 13          | 1        | 0              | 1          |
| Aug   | 40            | 22       | 4       | 1     | 3          | 21         | 1       | 0         | 0          | 3       | 0          | 0                | 1          | 19         | 12          | 2        | 0              | 0          |
| Sep   | 30            | 16       | 3       | 1     | 1          | 20         | 2       | 0         | 0          | 7       | 0          | 1                | 2          | 6          | 15          | 0        | 0              | 0          |
| Oct   | 16            | 16       | 6       | 2     | 1          | 8          | 1       | 0         | 1          | 7       | 0          | 1                | 2          | 7          | 7           | 2        | 0              | 1          |
| Nov   | 37            | 12       | 4       | 1     | 3          | 21         | 3       | 0         | 3          | 4       | 0          | 0                | 1          | 3          | 8           | 6        | 2              | 1          |
| Dec   | 15            | 6        | 3       | 0     | 0          | 13         | 1       | 0         | 0          | 7       | 0          | 0                | 0          | 1          | 3           | 0        | 1              | 2          |
| Total | 355           | 195      | 59      | 7     | 19         | 221        | 24      | 0         | 7          | 38      | 0          | 9                | 23         | 81         | 101         | 28       | 5              | 7          |

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Duty Hours totals            2036  
 Total traffic citations        309  
 Total traffic warnings       205

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 /Reports | Court Duty | Complaint Investigation | Arrests | Mutual Aid | Equipment Maintenance | Training | 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    |
| 2021   | 1150   | 554.5          | 24.25      | 159.8                   | 9.25    | 44         | 31                    | 63       | 0    |
| Totals | 10,103 | 4,007.5        | 634.5      | 1,172                   | 66.25   | 342.5      | 516                   | 865.7    | 32.5 |

## ANNUAL COMPARISON BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS TOTALS

| Year   | Traffic Stop | Com pnts | 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                |
| 2021   | 355          | 195      | 59      | 7     | 19         | 221        | 24      | 0         | 7          | 38      | 0           | 9                |
| Totals | 5,625        | 1,256    | 522     | 43    | 1,325      | 1,325      | 285     | 31        | 151        | 446     | 2           | 38               |

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| Year          | Equipment warnings | Other warnings | Parking violations | Crash Investigations | Municipal Citations | CAD cases |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>2011</b>   | 81                 | 127            | 1                  | 0                    | 0                   |           |
| <b>2012</b>   | 137                | 254            | 24                 | 1                    | 0                   |           |
| <b>2013</b>   | 173                | 244            | 31                 | 1                    | 0                   |           |
| <b>2014</b>   | 146                | 208            | 30                 | 1                    | 1                   | 390       |
| <b>2015</b>   | 133                | 196            | 41                 | 3                    | 3                   | 621       |
| <b>2016</b>   | 268                | 257            | 53                 | 6                    | 3                   | 818       |
| <b>2017</b>   | 301                | 215            | 41                 | 3                    | 4                   | 736       |
| <b>2018</b>   | 314                | 183            | 35                 | 2                    | 5                   | 810       |
| <b>2019</b>   | 333                | 194            | 44                 | 5                    | 8                   | 1008      |
| <b>2020</b>   | 125                | 97             | 32                 | 1                    | 4                   | 1192      |
| <b>2021</b>   | 81                 | 101            | 28                 | 5                    | 7                   | 1348      |
| <b>Totals</b> | 2,092              | 2,076          | 360                | 28                   | 35                  | 6,113     |

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 2021 The Brownsville Police Department accumulated a total of 7,663 patrol miles and used 852 gallons of fuel.

Marshal Seymour attended 63 hours of training during 2021. 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.

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

During 2021 requests were received from citizens to authorize ATV/UTV use on Village Streets. At the direction of the Village Board, Marshal Seymour drafted a new Village Ordinance which was approved by the Village Board to legalize ATV/UTV operation on all Village Streets. To date few issues have arisen from ATV/UTV operation on public streets in the Village.

In 2021 remodeling was begun at the Police Department which included improving the restroom facility, updating electrical service in the building and installing additional insulation to improve the energy efficiency of the building. Additional work to improve the heating system and improve security at the building will be ongoing in 2022.

During 2021 the Brownsville Police Department transitioned from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to the Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System (WIBRS) as required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Wisconsin DOJ. The agency certification process took 6 months to complete.

On behalf of the Brownsville Police Department, I would like to thank the Village Board for your continued support of the Brownsville Police Department during 2021. I look forward to working with the members of the Village Board and serving the citizens of the Village of Brownsville during 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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