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Police and Fire Commission
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The year 2005 City of La Crosse Police Department Annual Report is herein presented for your review. This report consists of a statistical comparison of the activities of the La Crosse Police Department for the year 2005 as compared to preceding years. The crime picture for the year 2005 continued at about a twenty year low with a slight 6% increase in reported Part 1 Crimes. This low crime rate resulted in La Crosse rating among the safest metropolitan areas in the country. The City of La Crosse was rated seventh among the safest cities in the country according to a publisher’s annual ranking.

The various bureaus of the La Crosse Police Department were successful in advancing the department toward the achievement of our 2005 annual goals and objectives. Sergeant David Schatzley participated on the steering committee and board of directors for the new “Stepping Stones” facility that opened up this year. Stepping Stones is the new children’s advocacy center, located here in La Crosse. It is a safe and comfortable place where children are now interviewed about possible abuse and neglect. Stepping Stones offers child-friendly surroundings and provides a private and confidential environment for families, police and other professionals dealing with possible abuse and neglect.

The past year has presented many challenges and opportunities for the men and women who police the streets of our community. Sergeant Michael Blokhuis and Officers Brian Thomson, Todd Fischer, and Andrew Rosenow distinguished themselves and the La Crosse Police Department through their courageous actions. The officers had to crawl on their hands and knees and feel their way through choking, black smoke to rescue a woman and her elderly parents who were trapped inside a burning house at 1402 Mississippi Street just before 1:00 a.m. on September 10, 2005. Members of the department were able to accomplish a 15% increase in drug arrests and an unprecedented 36% increase in liquor law arrests resulting in a total of 2367 such arrests for both juvenile and adults combined. Police department personnel also participated on the alcohol oversight task force in an effort to address the underlying causes of binge and underage drinking in our community. Through this important collaborative effort the City of La Crosse became one of the first cities in Wisconsin to have a sober bartender and keg registration ordinances. The alcohol task force recommendations address a wide variety of concerns affecting the entire spectrum of social, economic and environmental issues contributing to alcohol related problems in our community.
I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, who helped make 2005 a successful year in the history of policing our community. I am convinced that by working together, we can continue to combat crime and keep the City of La Crosse a safe place in which to live and work. To that end I will remain open to suggestions, constructive criticism and input from our community in order that the La Crosse Police Department might best meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves.

Sincerely,

Edward Kondracki
Chief of Police
Administrative Services

Assistant Chief
Thomas Jacobs

Administrative Lieutenant
Gerard Kabat

Training Lieutenant
Daniel Marcou

Records Division Sergeant
Patrick Hogan

Court Liaison / Traffic Investigator
Randy Rank

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Kristine Gasch
Lisa Putz

Civilian Service Employees (CSE)

Diane Skifton               Kong Xiong
Darrick Smith               Michael Nagy
Kong Lor                    Craig Jeranek
Robert Bott                 Frank Racich
Lacey Alton                 Steve Butterfield

Records Division Civilian Employees

Jayne Abraham               Anne Heilman
Joanne Ruegg                 Kristi Sneath
Rebecca Smith

Parking Utility Civilian Employees

Antoinette Gelbeck          Karen Novak
The Administrative Services Bureau includes the separate divisions of Training, Property and Evidence, Records and Inquiry, Communications, Court Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility and Research. The Bureau is responsible for the accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budgeting, reporting, communications and most other tasks that involve personnel or monies. All the hiring, research and analysis, appropriations, grants, inventories and funding concerns fall within this Bureau’s responsibilities.

Over the course of 2005, thousands of hours of training were provided to the department. Along with training provided from outside the department, this number includes Field Training completed by Lt. Marcou and the Field Training Officers along with numerous other training opportunities. In addition to the traditional law enforcement training, the department has continued its training across the country in many areas including homeland security training by the Federal Government. The Bureau also continues to work with UWL on the UW La Crosse parking program in which university students are trained and used to issue parking tickets in the university area.

The Records Division, charged with the responsibility of all our Department records, as well as communication hardware, continues to accurately detail the work of our department members. During the 2005 year we helped VisionAir software test their new RMS upgrade and then integrated to the new RMS 4.0 on December 1st. With the addition of the new RMS 4.0 we are working towards switching over to Incident Base Reporting, from Uniform Crime Reporting. Our department continues a cooperative agreement with area law enforcement for the improvement of the current record management system.

Members of this Bureau continue to work hard and support the officer on the street in order to provide the best service for the citizens of La Crosse. We continue to strive towards making the department a better and more efficient department that provides the best service for the people of La Crosse.
IN THE NEWS

Wisconsin Chief’s of Police Conference in La Crosse

Chief helps nab meth suspects

By DAN SPROINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Administrative studies tend to keep La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki on the move. "If you get too close to a desk, you can’t function," he said.

Catherine Fisher, a 20-year veteran of Washington County’s sheriff’s office, nabbed one of the two meth suspects on Monday. She said Fisher was responsible for booking the two suspects.

Fisher never too busy to help out his public

By DAN SPROINGER
La Crosse Tribune

La Crosse Police Lt. Dan Marcus bought a coffee shop and restaurant in 1999. He said he is active in community service.

Officers honored at police ceremony

La Crosse Police Lt. Dan Marcus given Distinguished Service Award for his role in hostage negotiations last year

Kondracki next head of state chiefs

The Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association presidency will stay in the Coulee Region another year.

That role will be turned over today to La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki at the association’s annual business meeting at the Radisson, said Onalaska Police Chief Randy Williams, president for 2004-05. A ceremony for Kondracki’s family and friends was held at Tuesday night’s annual banquet, Williams said.

At Tuesday’s banquet, former Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson warned of the threat of terrorism and
LA CROSSE POLICE

CHAPLAIN’S PROGRAM 2005

LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINS

Training Seminar

“Here am I, Send me.”

La Crosse, WI
March 13-15, 2005
Community Services

Bureau Director—Captain
Robert Abraham

Bureau Lieutenant
Robert Berndt

G.R.E.A.T. Lieutenant
Raj Ramnarace

Traffic Safety Officer
James Mc Dowell

DARE / GREAT Officers
Avrie Schott                                           Linnea Moren

School Liaison Officers
Evan Stone                                              Michael Coady
Shawn Kudron                                             Kirk Flatten
Jeffrey Graves                                           

G.R.E.A.T. Civilian
Teri Serres
Stephanie Gavrilos
Roger Barnes
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La Crosse police: Crime Stoppers crucial to fighting crime

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

clear one person of several North Side robberies and catch the robber.

Neighborhood Watch parties are good for the city

OUR VIEW

When La Crosse Police Officer Les McMillan was sent out on patrol many years ago, a woman called to complain about a neighborhood issue. The resident was a man whose wife had reported ongoing drug dealing in the area. During her investigation, police arrested 10 people on drug-related charges.

Neighbors find company nearby

TAKING A BITE OUT OF CRIME

By AUTUMN GROMA
La Crosse Tribune

Barbecues blocked off the soccer fields on Tuesday for National Night Out, one of a dozen events hosted by the city. As her husband grilled hot dogs and neighbors visited, the woman said she couldn’t believe she had just seen 10 people arrested on drug-related charges. She had complained about the activity, but had never done anything about it.

Our View

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The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible for follow-up on all criminal cases initiated in the Field Services Bureau as well as those initiated by investigative staff. The Bureau is divided into three major divisions: general investigations, narcotics and juvenile crime and victimizations. The Juvenile Division has a sergeant and two investigators who handle all juvenile related matters reported to the police department. The balance of the bureau personnel are assigned to general and narcotic investigations. All investigative sworn staff members are capable of performing specialized tasks, which allows considerable flexibility for follow-up to all types of criminal activity.

Personnel generally work two shifts providing expertise in assisting on major crime investigations as well as initiating investigations, developing sources of information, and providing the community with personnel specific to their needs.

The Investigative Staff is actively involved in community policing as personnel serve on a variety of state and local committees, which include: the Child Advocacy Center Committee, La Crosse Area Health Initiative, Coulee Region Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, La Crosse Juvenile Fire Starters Program, La Crosse County Drug Court Task Force, Project Renew Project Crackdown, Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association State Board of Directors and the Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators to name just a few. The investigative staff also provides a variety of educational and instructional training presentations at UW-La Crosse, Viterbo College, local hospitals, neighborhood groups, and the area high schools and middle schools.

The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) also plays an important role in helping the bureau reduce the number of domestic related calls while bringing services to those in need within the community.

The clearance rate for reportable Part I Crimes remains well above the national average. It is through the combined efforts and investigations of the Field Services Bureau and the Investigative Services Bureau that this is possible and it increases the efficiency and effectiveness of the department as a whole.
INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

IN THE NEWS 2005

MAN STABBED
IN DOWNTOWN LA CROSSE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Victim hospitalized; suspect arrested

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Small pockets of blood covered a downtown sidewalk, marking the path a man jogged more than a block after he was stabbed in the back by a teen on a downtown La Crosse corner yesterday afternoon.

The victim, a 40-year-old man, was transported to a local hospital where police said he was not thought to be life-threatening.

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Photo by Dan Springer

Officials concerned about gang activity

Police not panicking but are on guard

By GAYDA HOLLNAEGEL
La Crosse Tribune

While there is concern about gang-related activity,

Photo by Dan Springer

Drug bust nets 14 suspects

With the help of neighbors who took photographs and video, police broke up what they believe is the heart of the drug problem in La Crosse.

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Police action was welcome

By PATRICIA SWOFFORD
La Crosse

I am writing to express my appreciation for the La Crosse Police Department and the City of La Crosse.

Drug bust nets 14 suspects

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Your View

Fighting drugs in our neighborhoods

By MICHAEL J. HARNER
La Crosse

Iain off the street, drug trafficking and violent drug sales are the most pressing problems in our neighborhoods.

A little neighborly help

Residents' complaints help police bust suspected drug operations

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

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**PART 1 CRIME & CLEARANCE RATE**

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Crime vs. Clearance Rate from 2001 to 2005.
JUVENILE V. ADULT ARRESTS

- 2005: 2210 juveniles, 7985 adults
- 2004: 2361 juveniles, 6930 adults
- 2002: 2553 juveniles, 7268 adults
- 2001: 2935 juveniles, 7385 adults
- 2000: 2812 juveniles, 7037 adults

Legend:
- Yellow: Juveniles
- Teal: Adults
Field Services

Bureau Director—Captain
Gary Uting

Shift Lieutenants
Raymond Serres
James Ballas
Robert Lawrence

Shift Sergeants
John Ruegg
Troy Nedegaard
Jeffrey Smith
Joe Smith
Michael Blokhuis
Ferdinand Roth
Jerome Korger
Jason Melby
Gary Hauser

Officers
Steven Holinka
Alan Baldwin
Steven Thorton
James Kirby
Heath Graves
Bradley Stoner
Failing Yang
Ronald Secord
Teri Roden
Grant Gyllander
Charles Frandsen
Ryan Stenslien
Tony Delap
Andy Rosenow
Ryan Prock
Timothy O’Neill
John Matuska
Andrew Angst
Richard Rank
Gregory Fitzsimmons
Lisa Barrix
Alan Hagen
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Eric Christianson
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Craig Oleson
Jon Wenger
Andrew Gavrilos
Tom Hansen
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Gary Clements
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Mark Rosenmeier
Robert Wieczorek
Alan Iverson
Corrie Korn
Jovanna Nedland
Brian Thomson
Tony Leque
Bradley Wurtzel
Matthew Malott
Steven Pataska
Brian Deyo
Daniel Kloss
Brad Schomberg
Quintin Schaitel
FIELD SERVICES BUREAU

Gary Uting, Bureau Director
Captain

The Field Services Bureau never Closes; We Protect and Serve 24 Hours a Day Every Day of the Year!

The bureau consists of three shifts; each commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by three sergeants, with support of a 4th shift of patrol officers assisting with peak calls for service during the evening and early morning hours. Services provided include community policing, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, criminal investigation, special event public safety, honor guard duties and handling service-oriented calls with the public.

The bureau provides command, control and most of the officers for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, horse patrol, motorcycle patrol, bicycle patrol and foot patrol. Support is provided to and received from the police chaplain program, police reserve program and the police internship program. The key to our success is our ability to conduct immediate problem solving by team effort working directly with the community involved.

The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the state of Wisconsin with many bureau officers providing training to other officers throughout the state. Many of the bureau officers have attended Federal Homeland Security Training and State Emergency Management Training. The officers continually demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism under difficult circumstances as they serve the community under the department’s mission statement.
PATROL DIVISION

IN THE NEWS 2005

Have technology, will travel

Petrolion Brad Stinner with the La Crosse Police Department takes on his mobile phone as he retrieves information Thursday on the laptop computer in his squad car.

"Today's police squad cars, outfitted with all sorts of high-tech equipment, are simply cool.

30 tries, 13 sales

Crackdown on underage alcohol sales will start up again

"All we're hoping to see is 100 percent compliance with the law, especially when alcohol seems to be the root of so many problems police get involved in."

Capt. Gary Utting,
La Crosse Police

Police officers commended for heroism in fire

By Dan Springer
La Crosse Tribune

On the side of their squad cars is the phrase, "Fire protect and serve," and that's exactly what both La Crosse police officers, Dad and son, did last week to save a woman and her elderly parents from a burning house, officials said.

Capt. Gary Utting, head of the patrol division, praised the response and bravery shown by Sgt. Michael Hembree and officers Brian Thompson, Todd Fischer and Andrew Roesler.

"Due to the quick response, stamina and heroic actions of the officers, three lives were saved." Police Commander Lt. Robert Lawrence wrote while nominating the men for special commendation.

According to Lawrence's commendation, the officers had to crawl on hands and knees and feel their way through choking black smoke to get to the 83-year-old woman and her elderly parents who were trapped inside a burning house at 1405 Massachusetts St., just before 1 a.m. Sept. 10.

An owner of the house, Harold Howard-Ortega, later told investigators the fire started in the microwave, spread to nearby boxes on top of the refrigerator and then grew out of control.

Thompson was the first officer to reach

Police keep eye on drinking

By Dan Springer
La Crosse Tribune

"I'm not surprised by all these busts."
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