

2012 Annual Report
Village of East Troy Police Department



2012

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Full time staff:

Alan Boyes, Chief of Police completed 5 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on December 17, 2012.

Jeremy Swendrowski, Deputy Chief of Police completed 13 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on September 30, 2012. Jeremy is assigned to the afternoon shift. Jeremy is responsible for report approval, the department's shift schedule and other duties as assigned.

Beverly Rhode-Hillman, Patrol Officer and School Resource Officer completed 22 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on June 29, 2012. Beverly is assigned to work in the East Troy Schools two days per week. Officer Rhode is assigned to dayshift. She handles commitments and most child related investigations.

Ruben Ojeda, Patrol Officer completed 7 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on May 16, 2012. Officer Ojeda's duties include Firearms Instructor for the department, assisting with managing the Property Room, vehicle upkeep and managing TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software). This computer software allows for the electronic submission of all traffic citations, criminal citations traffic accident forms and other forms as required directly to the State of Wisconsin. Ruben is assigned to the midnight shift.

Melinda Jaekl, Patrol Officer completed 6 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on April 18, 2012. Officer Jaekl's assignments include transferring of booking photographs to records for inclusion with case reports. Mindy rotates between afternoon and midnight shifts.

Jeffery Price, Patrol Officer has completed 4 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on October 7, 2012. Officer Price's assignments include reviewing fingerprint cards prior to submission to the state and he is assigned as the department "Key Person" to work with the Walworth County Drug Unit. Jeff currently rotates between day and afternoon shift.

Aaron Hackett, Patrol Officer has completed 2 year of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on February 15, 2012. Officer Hackett's assignments include assisting with managing the Property Room and transferring evidence to the Milwaukee Crime Lab. Aaron is assigned to the afternoon shift.

Part-time staff:

David Gerber, Patrol Officer completed 12 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on January 5, 2012. Officer Gerber was a prior full time officer with the department. He currently works full time with the Walworth County Sheriff's Office with rank of Captain and is in charge of the courts and records department.

Robert Rowland, Patrol Officer completed 9 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department on June 20, 2012. Officer Rowland conducts police officer background checks for Geneva Lakes Police Department and is certified by the State of Wisconsin. He assists during the hiring process, completing parts of the background investigations on potential new hires. Officer Rowland is retired from the Walworth County Sheriff's Department.

Jacob Buer, Patrol Officer completed by the Village of East Troy Police Department in December 2010.

Dan Nichols, Patrol Officer was hired in 2012 as a part-time officer. Officer Nichols is a full time Sheriff's Deputy with the Walworth County Sheriff's Department.

Jill Gerber, Records Clerk completed 4 years of service with the Village of East Troy Police Department in June 2012. She manages the entire records department for the police department. Jill works 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Josh De Maio, worked as a police intern for several weeks. He completed his internship with the police department and was to attend University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. He assisted the department with several alcohol buys and an inventory of police department property.

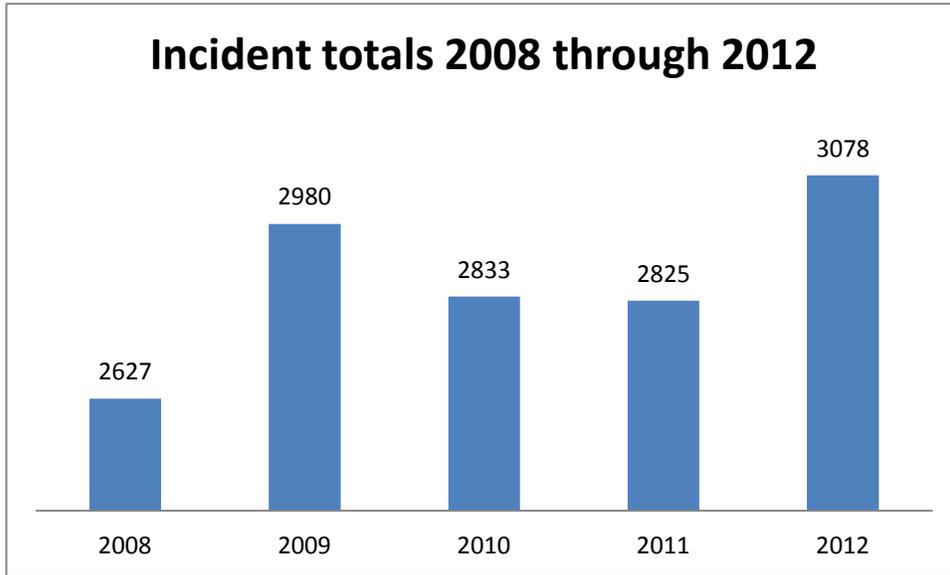
The experience level of the police department staff includes time with other law enforcement or criminal justice agencies. The staff holds/held positions as: deputy sheriffs, police officers, dispatchers, and correctional officers. Most of the officers and staff have worked with agencies larger and smaller than East Troy, thus bringing valuable experience with them to the Village of East Troy Police Department.

Several officers received thank you letters and/or letters of commendation from the public during 2012. Those letters and notations were included with the monthly board report. The officers are:

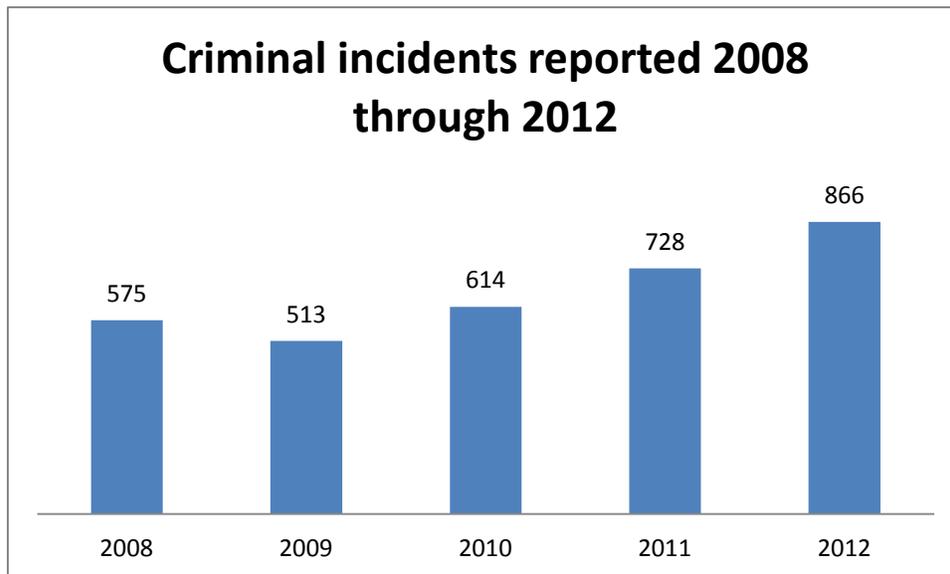
Chief of Police Boyes
Deputy Chief of Police Swendrowski
Officer Beverly Rhode
Officer Jeffery Price
Officer Aaron Hackett

Police Activity 2012

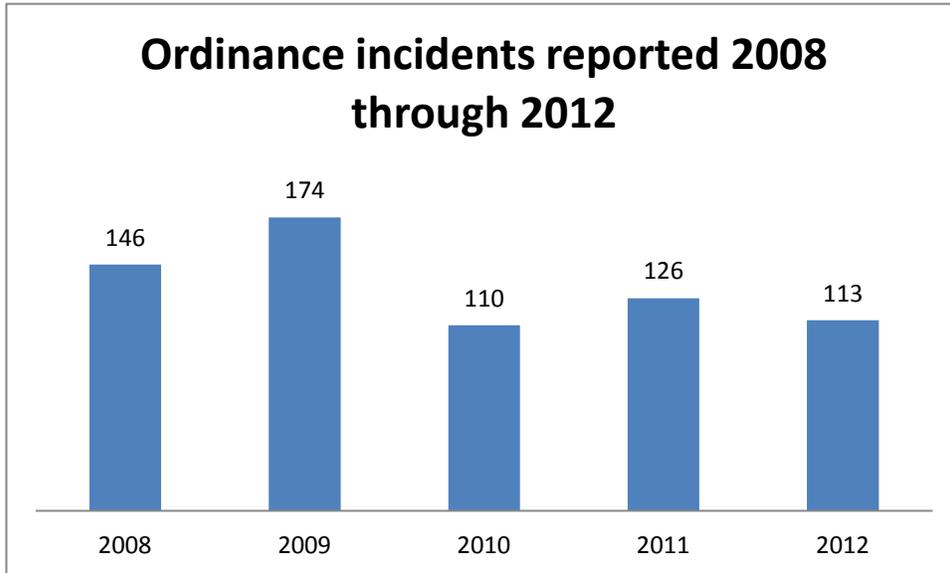
While this report is for the period of 2011 to 2012, I have included the graphs depicting the past 5 years as a reference for the board. During the 2011 to 2012, an increase is shown of 8.955% in the number of recorded incidents.



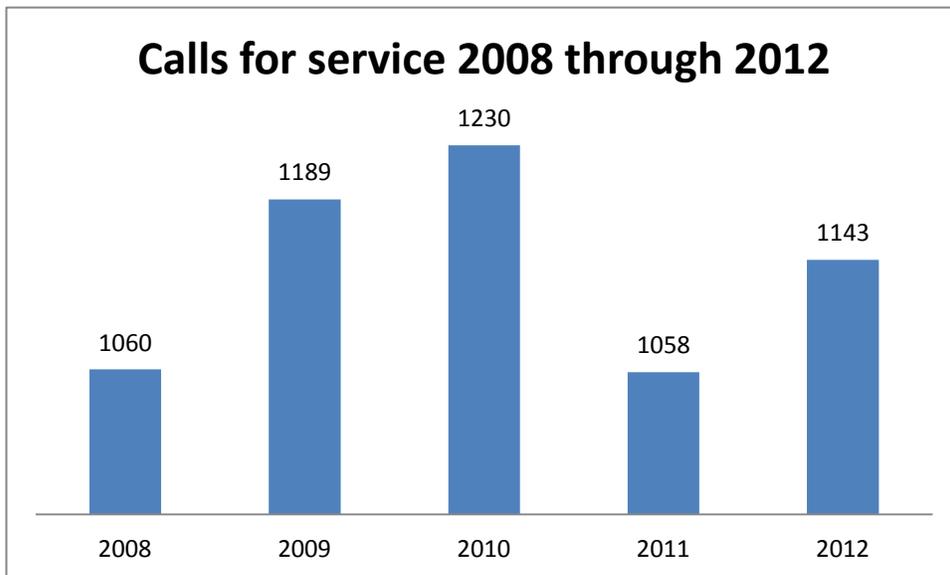
The criminal category showed an increase of 138 incidents or 18.95% from 2011 to 2012.



The ordinance violation category showed a decrease of 13 incidents from 2011 to 2012 or -10.31%.

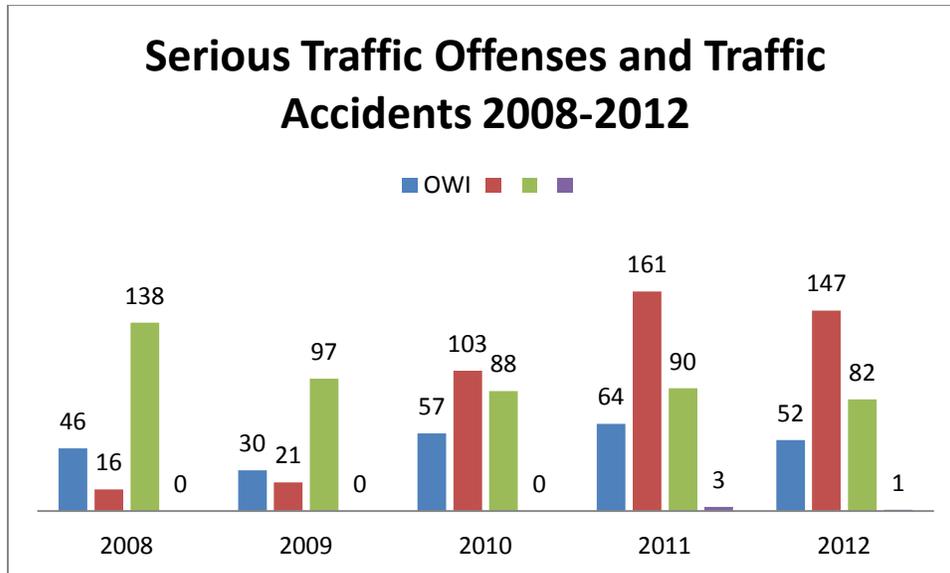


The number of calls in the service category increased by 85 calls from 2011 to 2012 or 8.03%



Traffic -The number of arrests for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests decreased in 2012 to 52 from 64 in 2011, a -18.75% decrease. Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Revoked/Suspended arrests decreased from 161 in 2011 to 147 in 2012.

Traffic Accidents resulting in fatalities, were 0 in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In 2011, there were 3 traffic fatalities and in 2012 there was 1 traffic fatality. Total accidents reported since 2008 has decreased 40.57%.



Cases/Individuals Referred to the District Attorney – 194

(Note: Total cases referred to the District Attorney’s Office in 2012 were 194 compared to 202 in 2011. This reflects -3.96% decrease from 2011.)

Criminal Traffic Cases Referred to the District Attorney – 39

Criminal arrests are charged by the arresting officer based on state statute, cases are heard at the Circuit Court in Elkhorn. These are the more serious ordinance or repeat traffic offenses. Less serious traffic offenses are issued municipal citations and heard in the East Troy Municipal Court.

(Note: Total Criminal Cases in 2012 were 39 compared to 40 for 2011.)

Municipal Citations – 344

These citations officers issue for violating municipal ordinances and are heard in the Village of East Troy Municipal Court.

(Note: Total Municipal Citations in 2011 were 286. There was a 26.27% increase from 2011.)

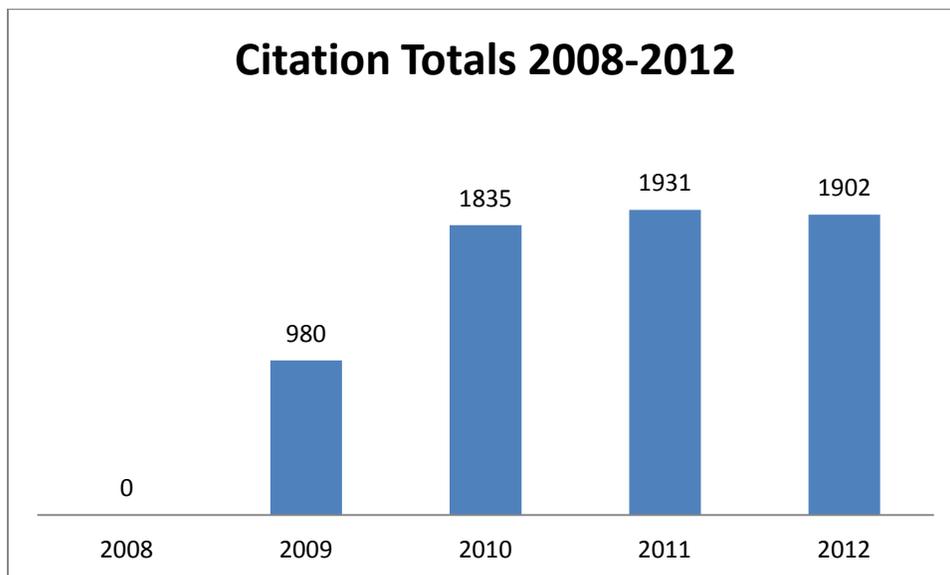
Traffic Citations – 927

These are citations officers issue for OWI-1st Offense and all other traffic related violations.

(Note: Total Traffic Citations issued in 2011 were 1024. This shows a decrease in traffic citations of 9.47% from 2011 to 2012)

Warning Citations – 364

Warning citations include speeding, registration violations, headlight violations and other minor violations of the traffic code. Those receiving a warning must correct the violation immediately or within 5 days, depending on the violation, and provide proof to the department of the correction. Failure to provide proof the violation was corrected may result in a traffic citation being issued.



Officer Training:

The State of Wisconsin mandates all law enforcement officers attend 24 hours of training per year. Departments are required to send officers which are full time or when the department is the primary employer.

Training is an important part of any police agency and is much more valuable to a smaller agency such as East Troy. Keeping officers up-to-date and providing them with up-to-date training allows them to be able to handle different situations, which they are exposed too. With continuing training, the public views the officers as a more professional agency and better respected. I have not included all training only a portion of the training officers attended.

Training completed in 2012 includes:

Chief of Police Boyes – Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Conference, Midwest Law Enforcement Symposium, Asset Forfeitures and Sovereign Citizen Training.

Deputy Chief Swendrowski – Domestic Violence Training, Training and Standards Board Training for Managers, Sovereign Citizen Training and the Crime Information Bureau Conference.

Officer Rhode – Wisconsin School Resource Officer Conference and National Advised School Resource Officer Training.

Officer Ojeda – Glock Instructor's Course, Investigating Domestic Violence and Drug Enforcement for Criminal Patrol.

Officer Jaekl – Drug Enforcement for Criminal Patrol, Investigating Domestic Violence, Sovereign Citizen Training, and Crisis Intervention Team Training.

Officer Price – Federal Asset Forfeiture, SAR/InCop II, Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Conference, Sovereign Citizen Training, Characteristics of an Armed Gunman, Drug Interdiction II and Search Warrant Execution.

Officer Hackett – DAAT with MMA, Investigating Domestic Violence, Community Policing and Problem Solving, Sovereign Citizen and Evidence and Property Room Management.

Officer Buer – Radar and Lidar training.

All full time and available part-time officers attended Hyper-Vigilance training, DA's Legal Update, Bloodborne Pathogens and periodic weapons training and qualification courses. All officers attended the required weapons qualification training and the number of hours required by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standards Board.

Participation with Community Events and Organizations and Special Events at the Police Department:

Bicycle Rodeo was held on May 19, 2012 at the Doubek Elementary School. Officer Melinda Jaekl coordinated the event with the East Troy Family and Community Resource Center. The event brings children together to learn about bicycle safety. Helmets were provided as a grant from the Habush Habush and Rottier Charitable Foundation. Several pictures of the event have been posted on the police department's web page.



East Troy Bicycle Rodeo May 19



East Troy Bicycle Rodeo Ofc. Jaekl

East Troy Classic Cycling event was held on June 22. Leading up to the event the department met with the East Troy Chamber of Commerce and race organizers on several occasions. The event was a great opportunity for the department to be seen by more than the local community. The event put a strain on the department; I feel we met the challenge with flying colors. Assistance was provided by police explorers from the Lincolnshire Police Explorer Post, Lincolnshire Illinois.



Patrolling on two wheels in East Troy By

MARGARET PLEVAK Friday, June 29, 2012



East Troy Deputy Police Chief Jeremy Swendrowski patrols on a Segway during a bicycling event in East Troy last week. The East Troy Police Department has found the Segways advantageous in community policing. Terry Mayer photo.

On patrol last weekend, East Troy Deputy Police Chief Jeremy Swendrowski rolled through the village's historic downtown square during the East Troy Cycling Classic race, keeping an eye on the crowds.

But Swendrowski wasn't on a bike himself—or even in a squad car. He was patrolling on a Segway, the two-wheeled battery-powered vehicle its manufacturer dubs “a personal transporter.”

“I'm more accessible in a Segway than I am in a squad car,” Swendrowski said. “People obviously notice it right away and are very interested in it. They come up to me and start talking about it, and from there, they're more willing to talk about other things, like concerns in their neighborhoods.”

He and East Troy Police Chief Alan Boyes discussed getting a Segway for the department when a Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance grant became available, and used the funding to pay for one last August.

It was the grant that clinched the deal on the Segway. At a cost of over \$7,000, Swendrowski acknowledged the vehicle is too pricey a purchase for many smaller police departments, especially in a budget-squeezing economy.

Swendrowski is the designated Segway driver for the department. He completed a two-hour training session that taught him how to balance on the vehicle and the basics of getting around: tilting forward to move ahead, and leaning back slightly to slow down and stop. Within a few minutes, he said, he felt comfortable enough to ride.

The X2 model, with its deeply treaded tires, is what the deputy chief terms an urban off-road vehicle. He's used it to patrol local parks, baseball games and special events on the square, like the bike race.

“I get around faster than I would on foot patrol and because I'm higher up on a platform, I can see over the crowds,” he said.

Swendrowski said he knows police departments in bigger cities in Florida and New Mexico patrol regularly on Segways year-round. But Segways, he says, are not designed to handle winters in Wisconsin.

“The last time I used the Segway last year was at Halloween, when I was riding out there while the kids were trick or treating,” he said. “The parents thought it was great.”

The X2 model—one of two Segway designs for patrolling—can be customized for police use with reflective shields emblazoned with “police” or “security,” and even flashing lights.

At a maximum speed of 12.5 mph, and with 24 miles to a single charge, a Segway isn’t going to be used in police chases. But as a way to have a visible police presence in the village, Swendrowski thinks it’s ideal.

“A lot of police departments are concentrating on community policing,” he said. “This is a great tool for that.”

Take Back Prescription Drugs

The National Take Back Prescription Drug Day was held on September 29 at the police department. Officer Beverly Rhode coordinated the event in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency program. The results for East Troy were over 80 pounds of old medication turned in for destruction. The main concerns are old medication will be used illegally and the public will destroy the old medication by putting it into the sewer system. Due to the overwhelming response, another will event will be held in 2013.

Grants

In 2012, several grants were awarded to the Village of East Troy Police Department.

Chief Boyes participated in the selection/review group in Madison for the Small Agency Grant by the Department of Justice.

The Bike Rodeo held in May, is in part funded by a grant of bicycle helmets from Habush, Habush and Rottier of Lake Geneva. (Chief)

The Bureau of Transportation Safety Grant (BOTS) brought \$4,000 to purchase new antenna heads for two of the radar units. (Deputy Chief)

Wal-Mart Foundation Grant was awarded for \$1,000 for the Bicycle Rodeo. (Chief)

Bullet Proof Vest Replacement Grant. The grant is a 50% match and was awarded in 2011. It provided \$2,050 in 2012.

Vehicles

Police department vehicle were driven approximately 67,800 miles in 2012.

Squad 501 -19,168
Squad 502 -30,596
Squad 503 -18,007



Memorandum

To: Alan Boyes, Chief of Police
From: Jeffrey Price, Police Officer
CC:
Date: 15 February 2013
Re: 2012 Seized Assets

2012 Seized Assets

During 2012 a seized 1993 Honda Civic was sold for \$1,400.00; \$733.00 was also awarded by the court as a result of a drug seizures in 2011.

Vehicle 1:

2000 Kia Sephia; seized after the owner was arrested on charges of possession of a schedule II narcotic, morphine, with intent to deliver.

Status: Awarded and sold for \$400.00

Vehicle 2:

2004 Ford Focus; seized after the owner was arrested for possession of THC with intent to deliver.

Status: Pending

Vehicle 3:

2000 Ford Taurus; seized after the owner was arrested for possession of THC with intent to deliver, the owner had a grow operation in Michigan and was bringing the drugs into Wisconsin for sale. \$1,386.00 was also seized and awaiting a court order which will award the money to the police department

Status: Pending

Vehicle 4:

2001 Ford Escape 4x4; seized after the owner and occupants were arrested for possession of THC and Ecstasy with intent to deliver.

Status: Pending

Vehicle 5:

1994 Cadillac Deville; seized after the owner was arrested for possession of THC with intent to deliver.

Status: Pending

Vehicle 6:

1986 Toyota Celica: seized after the owner was arrested for possession of THC with intent to deliver; our department executed a search warrant in The City of Elkhorn as a result of the traffic stop which yielded in excess of 100 marijuana plants.

Status: Pending