



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Shorewood Hills Police Department
Jeffrey Pharo, Chief of Police



Chief's Message

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Shorewood Hills Police Department (SHPD) for 2023! I am proud of all that our officers and civilian staff have accomplished this year, and to continue to serve as the leader of this department. Thank you for your confidence in me, but more importantly, in your police department. We are honored to serve this community.

In this report, you will find information about our services, staff, training, statistics, and special events that occurred during the year. One of the things that makes me so proud to work with the people that are the SHPD is the fact that in the 5 years that I have worked for this agency, there has not been a single citizen complaint lodged against a member of the SHPD. Conversely, we regularly receive notes of thanks, compliments, and commendations for jobs well done.

Thank you for your continued support of the SHPD, and of our community, as well as for taking the time to review this report. If you don't already follow our social media or web site, I encourage you to do so. Be sure to sign up for Nixle alerts so you can remain informed on important SHPD and community news.

In Service,



Jeffrey Pharo, Chief of Police

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SHPD Mission, Vision, & Values

Police departments are guided by laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). It is the underlying culture of the department though, that defines each department, and that culture is powerfully influenced by the department's Core Values. The Shorewood Hills Police Department (SHPD) Mission Statement defines what we do, how we do it, and why we do it. Our Vision Statement is our long-term goal for the SHPD – the impact we strive to make in our community.

Mission

Our mission is to ensure that the Village of Shorewood Hills is a safe and attractive place to live, work, and enjoy. The SHPD delivers exceptional police services, solves problems, and works in partnership with our community. Our mission includes:

- Protecting life and property.
- Preventing crime, reducing the fear of crime, and holding offenders accountable.
- Ensuring a high quality of life.
- Providing services to our community.
- Working cooperatively with the public.

Vision

The members of the SHPD strive to be trusted by our community and are committed to enhancing the quality of life in Shorewood Hills by providing the highest level of customer service, and reducing the levels of fear, crime, and disorder.

Core Values

The core values of the Shorewood Hills Police Department are spelled out in our initials – SHPD - Service, Humanity, Professionalism, and Dedication.

Service: We provide selfless public service that is accessible to everyone in our community. We work to create effective community partnerships and to be a dependable service provider, knowing that our role goes beyond enforcing the law.

Humanity: We are kind, compassionate, respectful, and dedicated to the preservation of human life. We respect human dignity and individual rights, treat people fairly, and value the differences that each individual contributes to our community. We take the time to engage, to listen, and to explain our actions.

Professionalism: We are competent, forward-looking leaders within the law enforcement community. We are a cohesive team that values integrity and holds ourselves and each other accountable. We maintain a well-equipped, highly trained staff that is proficient, yet continuously seeks to improve.

Dedication: We are courageous when confronting danger, and in our commitment to our community, our profession, and the SHPD mission, vision, and values. We investigate crimes and pursue those responsible with tenacity. We work proactively to prevent crime and seek opportunities to make a difference.

Services

The SHPD is proud to provide an array of services to our community. We are a full-service police agency, and in addition to law enforcement response, we offer the following services:

Vacation Checks: SHPD officers will check the security of your home while you are away. In the event of an emergency or problem with your home, the officer will contact you or your emergency contact. There is no fee for this service.

Fingerprinting: SHPD provides fingerprinting service for those that need background checks for licensure, Visas, or other needs. There is no fee for Village residents.

Bicycle Licenses: Licenses may be obtained in-person at the Police Department or at events such as Spokes to School. There is no cost for bicycle licenses, and they don't expire.

Parking Permits: Virtually the entire Village is restricted to 1 or 2-hour parking. Residents may obtain parking permits that allow them to park in excess of the time restriction.

Gun Locks: In partnership with Safe Communities, SHPD offers free cable-style gun locks.

Steering Wheel Locks: From our partnership in the Dane County Stolen Auto Task Force, the SHPD has free steering wheel locks available.

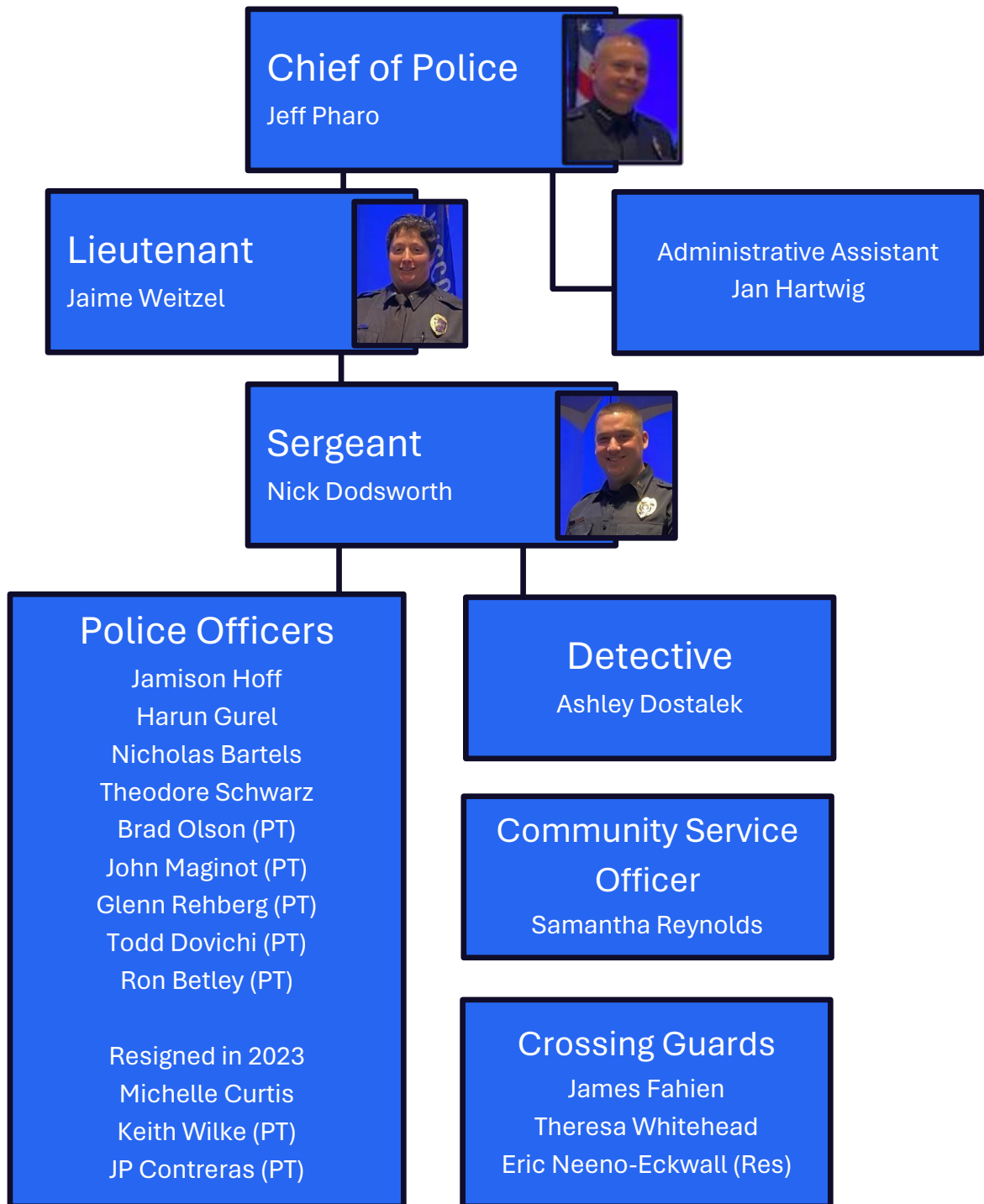
Speed Board: SHPD has a speed board that can be placed on Village streets to make motorists aware of how fast they are traveling. Residents are encouraged to request the speed board be placed in areas where they see a need.

Medication Lock Boxes: In partnership with Safe Communities, SHPD offers free medication lock boxes.

Med Drop Box: In partnership with Safe Communities, SHPD has a permanent Med Drop box where anyone can dispose of unwanted medications for free. The Med Drop box is in the lobby of Village Hall and is available during normal business hours.

Staffing

The SHPD is staffed by eight full-time, and six part-time sworn officers, a full-time administrative assistant, and a part-time community service officer. Our officers work eight-hour shifts, except for the sergeant, who works a 10-hour shift overlapping second and third shifts. Our part-time officers cover a range of shifts when the regular officer has time off.



Crossing Guards

We lost crossing guard Eric Neeno-Eckwall, who left for another job opportunity. Fortunately, we were able to hire Theresa Whitehead to fill the position. Theresa was a prior VoSH crossing guard, and we are very lucky to have her back!

James (Jimmy) Fahien remains a crossing guard with us, having served as a crossing guard in the Village for 35 years!

Community Service Officer

On 4/3/23, Samantha Reynolds started as our half-time Community Service Officer (CSO). Our CSO is primarily responsible for parking enforcement in the Village. The CSO will also assist with services offered by the SHPD, such as fingerprinting, vehicle lockouts, jump starts, and other activities that don't require a police officer. The CSO can be a great force multiplier, allowing police officers to remain in service and available for other calls.

Police Officers

Police Officer Nick Bartels started with us on 4/10/23, and Police Officer Ted Schwarz started on 4/17/23. Both officers are full-time. PO Bartels fills the spot created by the referendum in 2022. "Bart" was a police officer in Broadhead prior to joining the SHPD and brings great experience and a vast skillset. PO Schwarz replaced PO Michelle Curtis who resigned on 3/31/23. Ted came to us after working with the WI State Capitol Police, and has previously worked as a psychiatric care supervisor, and as a director of juvenile corrections and shelter.



Chief Pharo and PO Nick Bartels



Chief Pharo and PO Ted Schwarz

Unfortunately, the SHPD lost two very valuable part-time officers in June:

- PO Keith Wilke, who started working part-time with the SHPD in 2005, retired on June 10, 2023. PO Wilke had a life-long history of public service that included the Marine Corps, serving and retiring as a City of Madison Firefighter/Paramedic, and as a Police Officer in Maple Bluff as well as Shorewood Hills, where he served as a firearms, taser, and general instructor.



Police Officer Keith Wilke

- PO JP Contreras started working full-time with Fitchburg PD and will no longer be working part-time with the SHPD.

Training

Prior to appointment to Police Officer, all SHPD officers must complete a WI Dept. of Justice approved police academy. Currently, the police academy consists of 720 hours of training. Once appointed, officers must complete a minimum of 24 hours of ongoing training each year, plus firearms qualification, and bi-annual emergency vehicle operations training. The SHPD provides in-service training to our officers that includes medical training updates, Taser recertification, firearms training, de-escalation, and other critical updates. Several of our officers are WI Dept. of Justice certified instructors.

SHPD personnel regularly attend specialized training, and all of our officers exceed the number of hours of required training each year. In 2023, SHPD personnel attended the following specialized training programs:

- Field Training Officer Certification
- Crisis Intervention Team
- WI Association of Women Police Annual Conference
- Internal Police Investigations
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Certification
- Theft by Contractor
- Felony Theft Investigation
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor
- White Collar Crimes Investigation
- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Training
- Firearms Instructor
- Vehicle Contacts Instructor
- LIDAR (Laser Speed Certification)
- Active Killer
- Taser Instructor
- Suicide and Death Investigation
- Evidence Technician Certification
- Sexual Assault Investigations
- CPR and First Aid Instructor

SHPD Calls for Service Summary

SHPD personnel responded to or generated a total of 5599 calls for service in 2023. Calls for service include all calls received from dispatch or generated by the officer. Calls like “traffic stop” and “check property” are typically proactive calls that officers are assigned to when they initiate the activity. Check property calls include Vacation Checks. Below is a listing of all call types and the number of each in 2023.

Call Type*	Number of Calls
911 Abandoned Call	17
911 Call Playing w/Telephone	2
911 Call Question	15
911 Call Silent	38
911 Call Unintentional	61
911 Disconnect	27
911 Misdial Call	4
Accident Hit and Run	19
Accident Private Property	19
Accident Property Damage	50
Accident Unknown Injuries	2
Accident w/Injuries	22
Adult Arrested Person	5
Alarm	88
Alarm Broadcast and File	3
Animal Complaint/Disturbance	16
Animal Found	2
Animal Lost	4
Animal Stray	12
Animal Welfare	1
Annoying/Obscene Phone Call	1
Assist Citizen	177
Assist Citizen Lake	2
Assist Citizen Scam	1
Assist EMS/Fire	132
Assist Police	273
ATL Person	6
Battery	5
Bomb Threat	1
Burglary – Residential	2
CARES Response	2
Check Person	130
Check Property	2007
Child Neglect	1
Civil Dispute	6
Community Outreach	2

Conveyance – Alcohol (Detox)	2
Conveyance – Mental Health	1
Damage to Property	15
Damage to Property Graffiti	5
Death Investigation	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Disturbance	16
Disturbance Unwanted Person	18
Domestic Disturbance	3
Drug Incident/Investigation	3
Follow-Up	14
Foot Patrol	2
Found Person	2
Fraud	15
Fraud/Identity Theft	3
Information	296
Intoxicated Person	2
Juvenile Complaint	2
Missing Adult	1
Neighbor Trouble	2
Noise Complaint	13
NOTE	1
OMVWI Arrest/Intoxicated Driver	6
Panhandling Complaint	2
Parking Complaint On Street	461
Parking Compliant – Private Property	1
Phone	48
PNB/AED Response	1
Preserve the Peace	1
Property Found	30
Property Lost	4
Road Rage	3
Robbery – Strong Armed	1
Safety Hazard	79
Serving Legal Papers	24
Sexual Assault	1
Silent Case Number	1
Special Event	3
Stalking Complaint	2
Stolen Auto	1
Stratified Policing	1
Suspicious Person	25
Suspicious Vehicle	61
Test 911 Call	5
Theft	13
Theft from Auto	16
Theft Retail	22

Threats Complaint	8
Traffic Arrest	3
Traffic Complaint/Investigation	202
Traffic Incident	1
Traffic Stop	984
Traffic – Citizen Complaint	1
Trespass	5
Violation of Court Order	3
Weapons Offense	1
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Total:	5599

* Call Type names are determined by consortium of records management system users and UCR reporting requirements for standardized reporting.

Notable Calls for Service

Each day, SHPD Officers respond to a variety of calls for service. The nature of the calls varies widely, and this section is provided to show a sample of what SHPD officers encounter. The following is a summary of notable calls for service in 2023:

On 1/2/23 at about 9:00pm, an SHPD officer received the first call in an ongoing mental health-related incident. There were several SHPD contacts with the individual involved, culminating on 1/20/23 at 2:30pm, when the individual was placed in protective custody, evaluated at a hospital, then admitted to Winnebago Mental Health (Oshkosh) on an emergency detention. During this incident, an SHPD officer sustained a shoulder injury when the patient became combative at the hospital. This call required heavy SHPD resources in that it required 3 SHPD officers until approximately 4:30am.

During the overnight hours on 1/4/23, items were taken from several unlocked cars on Maple Terrace.

On 1/7/23 at 7:49am, a suspect cut off and stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the lot at Village Hall. The suspect in this incident, captured on video, is known to commit these thefts and has been very active in the Madison area. Multiple police agencies submitted charges against this suspect.

During the overnight hours on 1/10/23, a home on Oak Way was burglarized. It is unknown how the suspect made entry into the home.

On 1/12/23 at 11:50am, an SHPD officer responded to a restaurant in the Village where a person was causing a disturbance and refused to leave. The subject is known to local law enforcement personnel and was escorted off of the property.

On 1/13/23 at 4:15pm, an SHPD officer responded to a scene in downtown Madison to assist in the identification of a deceased person found outside. The SHPD officer was able to positively identify the person by using our Fast ID system.

On 1/19/23 beginning at about 1:00am, an SHPD officer responded to several attempted theft from auto incidents in the Village. The suspects started in the Eagle Heights parking lots, then traveled through the Village checking car doors, before moving off into the City of Madison. Officers from several agencies tried to track the suspects in the fresh snow but were unable to catch up with them.

On 1/24/23 at 5:45pm, SHPD officers responded with EMS to a patient that was not breathing and had no pulse. The officer's life-saving actions resulted in the full recovery of the patient.

On 1/28/23 at midnight, a vehicle pursuit of a domestic battery suspect with a warrant for robbery started on the south side of Madison. The pursuit made its way to westbound University Av., where a SHPD officer deployed a tire deflation system to try to stop the suspect. The pursuit ended on University Av. At Maple Terrace, where the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

On 1/28/23 at 7:40am, several suspects entered a retail store in the Village and walked out with hundreds of dollars of merchandise.

On 2/4/23 at 12:46pm, an SHPD officer responded to a bank in the Village regarding a disturbance. A (now former) customer was unhappy with an answer he got and started yelling at and threatening a bank employee. The subject was cited for disorderly conduct and banned from that bank.

On 2/8/23 during the workday, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota Prius parked on Columbia Rd. This case is believed to be related to a string of such thefts in Dane County

On 2/11/23 at 9:30pm, an SHPD officer stopped a car with a wanted person driving. During the stop, our officer also found a large amount of marijuana, MDMA (Ecstasy), and prescription medications that were packaged for sale. The driver, in addition to the warrant, was arrested on several charges of possession with intent to deliver.

On 2/14/23 at 10:51pm, an SHPD officer responded to a “rolling domestic,” a disturbance occurring in a vehicle on University Av. The officer located the vehicle involved, separated those involved, and arrested one of them for domestic battery.

On 2/17/23 during the workday, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota Prius parked on Marshall Ct. Again, believed to be related to the earlier entry and others.

On 2/18/23 at 11:14am an SHPD officer was flagged down by family members who were trying to find their father who was believed to be in a vehicle suffering some sort of medical emergency. The SHPD officer was able to locate the father in Middleton and get EMS assistance for him.

On 2/18/23 at 11:31am, an SHPD officer used our Fast ID system to identify an unresponsive person at Meriter Hospital.

On 2/21/23 at 7:47am, an SHPD officer used our Fast ID system to assist MPD to identify an unresponsive person downtown.

On 2/22/23 at 12:08pm, SHPD and MPD responded to an injury crash on University Av. at Rose Pl. One driver suffered a significant medical emergency secondary to the crash and was transported to the hospital in serious condition. We later learned that the driver was doing well after a hospital stay.

On 3/1/23 at 11:10pm, an SHPD officer responded to vehicles damaged from potholes in a construction area on University Av. Large, deep potholes had developed, and a car’s wheels and tires were damaged. The officer filled the potholes with gravel she found nearby and notified construction personnel the next morning.

On 3/3/23 at 2:13am, an SHPD officer stopped a car for operating without headlights. The driver lied about his identity, and the investigation led to the search of the car where the officer found and seized drugs and a handgun. The driver was processed for OWI, and was charged with OWI, possession of narcotics, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm while under the influence of controlled substances, operating while revoked, and obstructing an officer.

On 3/5/23 at 3:15pm, an SHPD officer responded to a disturbance at a restaurant in the Village. A customer made threatening remarks to a female after she refused his attempts to strike up a relationship, including that he would return with a gun and kill employees. He left before the police arrived, but our officer tracked him down and arrested him for disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer, and retail theft.

On 3/10/23 at 9:30am, an SHPD officer on routine patrol saw a man running from a store in the Village and recognized that store personnel were watching him from the door. The officer stopped the subject and recovered several bottles of alcohol that the man had just stolen from the store.

On 3/21/23 at 12:56pm, an SHPD officer took a retail theft report from a store in the Village. A suspect stole over \$500 worth of alcohol and fled in a vehicle. The SHPD officer investigated and was able to identify the suspect in this incident who had been on a theft spree. SHPD arrested the theft suspect and charged him with felony retail theft and felony bail jumping. This suspect had over 31 pending charges in Dane County courts at the time of this incident, not including any from the spree during which this theft occurred.

On 3/28/23 at 11:03am, SHPD officers responded to a roll-over crash on University Ave. at Franklin St. A vehicle turning left at the intersection pulled out in front of, and was struck by another car, causing it to spin and roll onto its side. The driver of the vehicle that rolled suffered minor injuries and was transported to the hospital by EMS.

On 3/30/23 at 2:47pm, SHPD officers responded to a car vs. bicycle crash on University Ave. at Rose Pl. The bicyclist was in the crosswalk with a walk signal when the car turned right on red and struck the bicyclist. The bicyclist, despite being hit hard enough to be thrown from the bicycle, received only minor injuries. The driver of the car was cited for failing to yield.

On 4/1/23 at 11:24am, an SHPD officer responded to a retail store for a theft suspect that was concealing bottles of alcohol in a suitcase. The suspect resisted the officer's attempt to take him into custody, but he was ultimately arrested and conveyed to jail for retail theft and resisting an officer.

On 4/11/23 at 12:33pm, an SHPD officer took a report of graffiti on the boathouse doors at McKenna Park

On 4/11/23 at 9:51pm, an SHPD officer took a report of juveniles throwing rocks at others in McKenna Park. Possible suspects were contacted, but the officer did not have probable cause to take further action.

On 4/14/23 at 9:21am, SHPD, Dane County Sheriff, UWPD, Madison Fire, and VoSH Public Works responded to a SCUBA diver that suffered a medical emergency while he was underwater about 100 yards offshore of McKenna Park. The diver was not breathing and had no pulse when a fellow diver pulled him to the surface. SHPD personnel and Public Works Superintendent Mike Meier assisted Madison Paramedics with resuscitation efforts. Unfortunately, the victim died.

On 4/16/23 at 9:58am, an SHPD officer took another report of graffiti on the boathouse doors at McKenna Park.

On 4/19/23 at 6:40am, SHPD officers assisted Madison Police with an impaired driver that had been crashing into other vehicles and driving on the sidewalk on University Ave.

On 4/20/23 at about 6:00pm, an SHPD officer assisted Madison Police with identifying two criminal suspects in different cases using our Fast ID device.

On 4/23/23 at 3:22am, SHPD officers assisted UW Police with a high-risk traffic stop of a vehicle that fled UW officers earlier in the shift.

On 4/23/23 at 8:00am, an SHPD officer recognized a stolen vehicle traveling inbound on University Ave. When the officer made a turn to follow the stolen vehicle, it fled at high speed towards downtown. Consistent with policy, the SHPD officer did not pursue it.

On 4/23/23 at 5:04pm, an SHPD officer took a report of a suspicious person that tried to enter a car parked in the 3400 block of Crestwood Dr. The subject fled when the car alarm went off.

On 4/26/23 at about 2:00pm, an SHPD officer assisted Madison Police with 2 injury crashes that occurred in a short timespan on University Ave.

On 4/27/23 from 10am to 2pm, three SHPD officers participated in a stolen auto task force operation in the Madison metro area. The officers assisted on several traffic stops, and one SHPD officer made a traffic stop on Hy 12 (W. Beltline Hy) of a car traveling over 90 MPH in the closed Flex Lane. The driver attempted to elude the officer by recklessly crossing 4 lanes of highway traffic at 90 MPH to take an exit but found herself surrounded by officers from the task force. She was charged with several traffic offenses and with possession of cocaine.

On 4/28/23 at 9:58pm, an SHPD officer attempted to stop a motorcycle for equipment violations on University Av. The motorcyclist and 3 companion cycles fled inbound, recklessly and at high rates of speed. The SHPD officer terminated pursuing, but shortly after, located the cyclist he originally planned to stop. His motorcycle died, and he was pushing it. He was cited for several traffic violations and transported to jail for eluding an officer.

On 5/3/23 at 11:27pm, an SHPD officer responded to an emergency request for assistance on Segoe Rd. to assist UWPD with 2 combative subjects at a traffic stop. Both were arrested and conveyed to jail.

On 5/10/23 at 12:45pm, SHPD responded with the CARES team to a suicidal person in the Village. SHPD took a handgun for safekeeping and the CARES team assisted the person with mental health care.

On 5/18/23 at 2:17am, SHPD officers assisted UWPD on University Av. with a car that was refusing to stop, although not reaching the elements of a pursuit. The vehicle was eventually forced to stop by spike strip deployment, and the driver was arrested.

On 5/19/23 at 12:37pm, an SHPD officer responded to the report of a man possibly exposing himself near a business in the 3700 block of University Av. He left the area before the officer arrived. There was no information that would assist in follow-up efforts.

On 5/19/23 at 7:19pm, an SHPD officer assisted Madison PD check the area of University Av. and Farley Av. for a man that was in his vehicle reporting that he was being shot at. The subject was not located, and there was no evidence that this occurred.

On 5/21/23 at 1:51am, an SHPD officer responded to the UW Emergency Room to assist with a "Code Red" closure of the hospital. A subject was transported to the ER after being shot (and later died) during a violent incident in Madison. During many such incidents, people involved have shown up at the hospitals and large-scale disturbances have occurred causing the hospitals to lock down. Police resources throughout the Madison area were strained due to this incident and several associated scenes.

On 5/25/23 at 9:47am, an SHPD officer took a report of damage to new concrete at McKenna Park. The suspect possibly wrote his Venmo address and other information in the fresh concrete causing approximately \$1000 damage. The suspect was identified and held responsible for this incident.

On 5/25/23 at 4:40pm, an SHPD officer responded to the report of a man pushing a woman in the 2700 block of Marshall Ct. The male fled the area upon the arrival of police, and the woman was uncooperative.

On 5/31/23 at 9:52am, an SHPD officer observed a man urinate outside of the employee entrance of a Village business. The man was ticketed for trespassing.

On 6/2/23 at 1:40pm, Det. Dostalek received a cyber tip from the WI Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Det. Dostalek serves as a member of that task force, and received the tip as there was a complaint of child pornography and identity theft with a possible tie to an address in Shorewood Hills. Det. Dostalek started the investigation and determined that the case was tied to another local jurisdiction. Det. Dostalek forwarded the case and her preliminary investigative findings to that other agency.

On 6/2/23 at 6:41pm, an SHPD officer took a stalking complaint at a store in the Village. An employee was receiving unwanted phone calls and messages from an unknown person. The officer was able to identify the suspect and took action to induce the suspect to cease the behavior.

On 6/3/23 at 2:58pm, an SHPD officer attempted to stop a motorcycle on University Av. for a traffic violation. The driver fled at a high speed through traffic and eluded the officer, who did not chase in compliance with SHPD pursuit policy. The officer identified the suspect and forwarded charges to the District Attorney's Office.

On 6/9/23 at 5:50pm, an SHPD officer responded to a minor injury crash on University Av. The at-fault driver was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

On 6/13/23 at 6:44am, two residents on Maple Av. reported that their unlocked vehicles had been entered overnight.

On 6/14/23 at 11:13am, SHPD officers responded to a restaurant in the Village for an employee theft. The employee, when contacted by police, tried to flee, and resisted the officers as they took him into custody. He was taken into custody and charged with theft, was fired from the restaurant, and banned from the property.

On 6/15/23 at 5:52pm, SHPD and UWPD officers responded to Metro Market for a strong-armed robbery. An older woman with disabilities was leaving the store when she was confronted by the suspect who pointed his hand at her like he had a gun and demanded her purse. When she did not give it to him, he ripped it from around her chest/neck, breaking the purse strap and forcefully sending her to the ground. The suspect ran from the scene, followed by a Metro Market employee who recovered her purse and contents from the suspect and provided police with the suspect's last known location and direction of travel. Officers located the suspect a few blocks away and took him into custody. The victim suffered a badly broken arm that required surgery to repair and other injuries. The suspect was charged with Robbery by Use of Force, Substantial Battery, and Damage to Property, all carrying elder-abuse enhancers.

On 6/21/23 at 6:09am, SHPD officers responded to the area of University Av. and Highbury Rd. for a man that was throwing traffic barrels into traffic. When the officers arrived, the suspect ran into a nearby neighborhood and forced his way into a stranger's home. Officers got the residents of that home out and were eventually able to talk the suspect out of the home and take him into custody. The suspect was initially conveyed to jail, but there, he repeatedly acted out, was pepper sprayed and tased by Jail Deputies. Mental health evaluations led to the suspect being detained on an emergency commitment. SHPD officers were tied up with this incident for an extended period, as the commitment requires medical clearance at a hospital, then transport by police to Winnebago Mental Health in Oshkosh, WI. That transport finally occurred on 6/23/23 at 12:04am. During the medical clearance and transport, this subject was resistive, and repeatedly smeared feces, tried to get his hands on whatever he could try to throw, shed his clothing, and screamed. Off-duty SHPD officers were called in on overtime to cover calls and to assist with the transport.

On 6/22/23 at 9:31am, an SHPD officer on routine patrol found and assisted a lost child.

On 6/22/23 at 9:31am, UWPD responded into the Village on a mutual aid request for a person causing disturbances at several stores and restaurants on University Av. The suspect made threats to shoot a store manager in the chest and other threats, although no weapon was involved in the incident. The suspect was arrested for disorderly conduct and was taken to jail.

On 6/28/23 at 9:06pm, an SHPD officer attempted to stop a car that was driving aggressively on University Av. The suspect did not stop and fled at a high rate of speed. The SHPD officer terminated pursuit in compliance with policy. Madison police knew of the fleeing vehicle headed their way and were able to deploy a tire deflation device. Once his car was disabled, the suspect fled MPD on foot, but was taken into custody. SHPD officers responded to the stop, and the suspect was arrested and jailed for Eluding, Operating with a Revoked Driver's License, a Probation Violation, and on drug charges.

On 7/1/23 at 10:02am, SHPD officers responded to a store in the Village for a disturbance. A store employee reported that the suspect was threatening her, pointed a finger gun at her, and refused to leave the store. The suspect was uncooperative with officers and resisted arrest. He was arrested though and was conveyed to jail on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Resisting. An SHPD officer was injured during this incident and the Resisting charge was upgraded due to that injury.

On 7/7/23 at about 9:00am, Madison Police recovered a wallet inside of a stolen vehicle that was recovered on the east side of Madison. The wallet was stolen during the prior night from an unlocked vehicle parked on Topping Rd in the Village. The victim did not plan to report the theft of the wallet until contacted by police.

On 7/10/23 at 11:46am, construction zone "flaggers" reported a vehicle did not stop for their signs and that they were almost struck. An SHPD officer followed up on the complaint and issued the driver a traffic citation.

On 7/16/23 at 6:30pm, an SHPD officer started an investigation into the welfare of a resident who had not been seen for some time and was believed to potentially be in danger from the person they were with. The officer worked with Madison Police and responded to a location in the City of Madison where they located both subjects. The SHPD officer contacted a WI Probation and Parole agent that supervises the suspect in this case and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The suspect was conveyed to jail, and the other subject, who was fine, was back in contact with family members.

On 7/20/23 at about 10:50am, SHPD officers were assisting Madison Police check the area of University Av. for a suspect that burglarized a building under construction. Shortly after, police learned that the suspect was driving recklessly in the area, against traffic through construction on University Av., and struck another vehicle. An SHPD officer saw the suspect drive into the Village on Shorewood Blvd. but was unable to catch up to him. Shortly after, another SHPD officer saw the suspect in the drive-through at the UW Credit Union, but when she tried to stop him, he recklessly fled, going against traffic at high speed on N. Midvale Blvd. The SHPD officer did not pursue, but followed, and other officers moved into the area. The suspect turned onto a side street and stopped for a moment. Another SHPD officer snuck up to the car and deployed a tire deflation device under one tire of the suspect's car. When police approached the driver though, he drove away. The deflation device was effective, so now the suspect car had one flat tire. The suspect drove at normal speeds with several officers following him. When an officer tried again to stop the suspect, he recklessly sped through a red light, and moments later, after police had terminated that stop attempt, the suspect turned directly in front of the path of a school bus. The driver turned and drove into the playground and park at Cherokee Middle School, and at that point, SHPD officers had probable cause to arrest the suspect for Recklessly Endangering Safety. SHPD and MPD officers pursued

the suspect onto Nakoma Rd. where a Madison Police Sergeant deployed a full set of spike strips, flattening the remaining tires on the suspect's car. The suspect stopped closely behind another vehicle, and an SHPD officer pulled up to block in the suspect from the rear. The suspect was not cooperative and was forcibly removed from the car and arrested. Shortly after the arrest, officers learned that the suspect broke into a home off of University Av. and stole the car that he was driving. The suspect was charged with multiple counts of Burglary, Recklessly Endangering Safety, Eluding Police, Resisting Arrest, Theft, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent, Hit and Run, and several other traffic charges.

On 7/20/23 at Noon, an SHPD officer took a theft report from a person that shipped jewelry through FedEx at a local store. The package arrived at its destination empty. A suspect, a FedEx employee, was identified, and multiple agencies are working with the District Attorney's Office on charges.

On 7/22/23 at about 7:10am, the Dane County Sheriff's Office took a report of a stolen vehicle in the Town of Windsor. SHPD officers knew of this report, and learned that the vehicle had been seen in an area off University Ave. An SHPD officer checking the area for the vehicle saw it operating at a high rate of speed on Mineral Point Rd. in the City of Madison. The SHPD officer was waiting for other police resources before trying to stop the stolen car, but the driver of the vehicle was operating so recklessly, that the SHPD officer was forced to try to intervene. The suspect was driving through a residential neighborhood at over 70 MPH. The SHPD officer turned on lights and siren to try to stop the stolen car, but the driver accelerated away, and tried to make a left turn at full speed. The suspect lost control of the car, left the road, and struck a house. The SHPD officer was able to take the suspect into custody without further incident. No one was injured in this incident. The driver was charged with Recklessly Endangering Safety, Eluding an Officer, Operating Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent, Obstructing an Officer, and on an outstanding warrant.

On 7/23/23 at 11:27pm, an SHPD officer responded to Metro Market for a retail theft. A suspect stole a bottle of alcohol and fled. The officer was not able to locate the suspect. On 7/24/23 at 3:16pm, another SHPD officer responded to Metro Market for a retail theft. The same suspect stole another bottle of alcohol and fled. The SHPD officer located the suspect nearby and recovered the stolen alcohol. The suspect was cited and released and banned from Metro Market. On 7/25/23 at 6:50pm, the same suspect stole another bottle of alcohol from Metro Market and fled. The same SHPD officer from 7/24 saw the suspect near Metcalf's Market, where he had just stolen yet another bottle of alcohol. The suspect was arrested and conveyed to jail, charged with Retail Theft, Trespassing, Bail Jumping (X3), and on a Probation Hold.

On 7/28/23 a SHPD officer followed up on a retail theft from Metro Market. A known suspect (not the same as above) had been in the store and stole 9 bottles of alcohol. He fled without being caught at that time. The SHPD officer investigated the incident and referred charges of Retail Theft and Felony Bail Jumping. This suspect has a court order that bans him from all Metro Market locations. A warrant for the suspect's arrest was requested, and he was later arrested.

On 8/7/23 at 9:08pm, an SHPD officer saw a subject fail to stop for a stop sign in the Village. The officer observed signs of intoxication from the subject, and there were open beer cans scattered about inside the vehicle. The subject was arrested for OWI - 7th offense, Operating After Revocation (revocation was due to prior OWI convictions), Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle, and Failure to Install an Ignition Interlock Device (IID was court-ordered, and would have prevented the vehicle from starting.)

On 8/8/23 at 11:00am, SHPD officers responded to a physical fight occurring on the new pedestrian bridge over University Bay Dr. Two subjects that had been seen earlier at the UW ER for bad reactions to street drugs got into a fight. SHPD officers de-escalated the situation, and neither person wanted to

pursue charges against the other. Neither was significantly injured. SHPD gave one a ride out of the area, and the other left the area on foot.

On 8/9/23 at 8:45pm, an SHPD officer responded to a disturbance outside of a business on University Av. The suspect in that incident had gotten into someone's car and tried to take it but couldn't without the key. During that initial incident, the suspect pulled one of the family members out of the car when they tried to stop the suspect getting into their car. The SHPD officer, assisted by UYPD, removed the suspect from the car and took them into custody. The incident was determined to be mental health-related, and the suspect was detained on an emergency mental health commitment and conveyed to the hospital.

On 8/10/23 SHPD officers participated in a four hour (10am-2pm) county-wide, multi-jurisdictional task force operation directed at locating stolen vehicles, aggressive drivers, and other significant violations. Overall, the operation resulted in two significant arrests, the recovery of several firearms (one modified to fully automatic), and the seizure of street drugs. SHPD officers assisted on several stops, and were directly involved in the following incidents:

- An SHPD officer stopped a speeding car that was driving erratically. The driver of that car was trying to locate a friend that he was on the phone with who was being chased. The SHPD officer responded to the friend's location and found her. In reality though, the friend was fleeing from a battery and theft she had just committed, and the SHPD officer held her for Madison Police who were investigating the crime.
- SHPD officers stopped a speeding vehicle and issued the driver multiple traffic citations and seized street drugs and paraphernalia.

On 8/10/23 at 2:50pm, an SHPD officer stopped a motorcycle that was traveling est. 90 MPH on University Av. The driver was cited for imprudent speed.

On 8/17/23 at 8:00pm, an SHPD officer took a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill used at a restaurant in the Village. Subsequent investigation led to several reports of the same at other businesses. For the next day, the suspect continued to use the counterfeit bills in the area at a variety of locations. Madison and Middleton police are also doing follow-up investigations, as the suspect was recorded on several surveillance systems while committing these crimes. The suspect and an accomplice were identified, and multiple agencies are working together with the District Attorney's Office.

On 8/31/23 at 6:14pm, an SHPD officer responded to a car vs. bicycle crash on Locust Dr. The car turned left in front of the bicycle at an intersection. The bicyclist suffered back injuries and road rash. The driver of the car was cited for failure to yield.

On 9/5/23 at 6:23pm, an SHPD officer took the first (of this series) retail theft complaint about a known suspect at Metro Market. The suspect left before police could be called, but he was known to store asset protection personnel and officers. By 9/24/23, the store investigation yielded at least 7 separate incidents of retail theft committed by this suspect. The SHPD referred charges to the District Attorney's Office, a warrant was issued, and the suspect was later arrested.

On 9/9/23 at 1:59pm, SHPD officers responded to a domestic disturbance call at an apartment in the Village. The investigation showed an ongoing problem that occurred over several days. The primary aggressor was arrested for domestic strangulation, battery, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property and transported to jail.

On 9/11/23 at 4:19pm, an SHPD officer took the report of a man attempting to pass fraudulent checks at Park Bank. The investigation showed that the suspect made additional attempts at other banks. Charges have been referred to the District Attorney's Office.

On 9/12/23 at 7:29pm, an SHPD officer responded to a suspicious person complaint. The caller reported a man outside of her residence in a vehicle. The officer contacted the man, who turned out to be a former acquaintance of the woman, who no longer wanted any contact with that man. No crime had been committed, and the man left the area when asked to.

On 9/15/23 at 5:29pm, an SHPD officer responded to a vehicle fire on University Av. on the bridge over Old Middleton Rd. Madison Police requested mutual aid from SHPD as they had no one available to respond. The driver of the vehicle fled on foot prior to the arrival of police and fire personnel.

On 9/16/23 at 12:29pm, an SHPD officer assisted the Dane County Sheriff's Office take a wanted person into custody at an apartment in the Village.

On 9/21/23 at 1:38am, an SHPD officer saw a vehicle commit several traffic violations in the Village. The officer recognized the driver he had prior contact with where he found the driver passed out in the car a few weeks prior. (On that occasion, the driver was not operating the vehicle, so no OMVWI investigation could be pursued.) This time, the driver had open intoxicants in the car, he was impaired, and was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

On 9/22/23 at 5:49am, SHPD officers responded to a natural gas leak on Oxford Pl. where the gas main had ruptured. The street was closed for most of the day while MG&E repaired the main.

On 9/25/23 at 12:20pm, an SHPD officer took a report of a violation of court order from Metro Market asset protection personnel. A suspect who was court-ordered to not be at any Metro Market had been in the store but left before they could report the violation. The SHPD officer referred felony charges to the District Attorney's Office. A warrant was issued, and the suspect was later arrested.

On 9/27/23 at 10:41pm, an SHPD officer responded to the report of a man down on a sidewalk. The SHPD officer assisted at the scene with the impaired/injured man until Madison Police arrived, as the location was within the City of Madison.

On 9/28/23 at 1:34pm, SHPD officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the Village. A suspect was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and battery and transported to jail.

On 9/29/23 at 6:24pm, an SHPD officer received several reports of a man that was yelling and growling at people outside of Walgreens. The officer contacted the suspect, who agreed to stop and to leave the area. Shortly after, the same suspect was outside of Metro Market and was continuing the same behavior. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to jail.

On 9/30/23 at 12:14am, an SHPD officer assisted Madison Police and the Dane County Medical Examiner with identification of a deceased man that had been struck by a vehicle. The SHPD officer was able to use our Fast ID system to identify the victim.

On 10/1/23 at 4:30am, an SHPD officer responded to an emergency request for assistance by Madison Police for a suspect who was fighting with officers. The suspect was taken into custody, and no one was injured.

On 10/4/23 at 6:44pm, SHPD officers responded to Metro Market for a retail theft. The suspect loaded a cart with over \$500 worth of alcohol and pushed the cart out without paying. The suspect was arrested and jailed for felony retail theft.

On 10/5/23 at 7:20pm, an SHPD officer responded to assist UWPD and Madison PD with a call for a man near campus threatening people with a knife. The suspect was located and arrested.

On 10/7/23 at 6:04am, an SHPD officer assisted with a multi-jurisdictional call related to a suicidal man in a vehicle armed with a handgun. Officers/dispatch were able to “ping” the person’s cell phone and learned that the person was driving within Shorewood Hills. The SHPD officer continued to follow the ping and located the vehicle. SHPD and Madison Police officers were able to take the person into custody without incident, and he was conveyed by Madison Police for a mental health evaluation.

On 10/10/23 at 3:38pm, an SHPD officer learned of a possible additional theft committed by the same suspect from the 10/4/23 Metro Market call. The officer’s investigation led to an additional retail theft charge, as the suspect stole an additional \$439 worth of alcohol on a prior date.

On 10/11/23 at 7:47pm, SHPD officers responded to an emergency request for assistance by Middleton Police who were in vehicle pursuit of a suspect that was having a mental health crisis, was suicidal, and had struck a pedestrian with his vehicle. The subject crashed his car into a building on University Ave., and a stand-off ensued that lasted several hours. Two tactical teams responded and ultimately the subject was taken into custody.

On 10/15/23 at 2:08pm, SHPD officers responded to the VA hospital to arrest a wanted person. He was transported to jail on a warrant stemming from a prior domestic abuse incident.

On 10/15/23 at 6:21pm, SHPD and UWPD officers responded to a man threatening suicide by jumping off the new pedestrian/bike bridge over University Bay Dr. The SHPD officer was able to gain good rapport with the subject and transported him to Journey Mental Health for further evaluation.

On 10/18/23 at 1:00pm, SHPD and Madison Police officers responded to the report of a man that was threatening to jump off a parking ramp near Hilldale. An SHPD officer located the subject and stayed with him until Madison Police arrived and conveyed him for a mental health evaluation.

On 10/21/23 at 11:50am, SHPD and UWPD officers, along with the Madison Fire/Crisis Unit CARES Team responded to a person having a mental health and drug-related reaction in a residence in the Village. The subject was evaluated and offered assistance at that time, but declined services and left the area.

On 10/24/23 at 10:09pm, SHPD officers responded to Metro Market for a retail theft. A known suspect with a long history of similar incidents was arrested and jailed for a theft he had just committed, and on several other retail theft and bail jumping charges stemming from prior incidents.

On 10/25/23 at 1:57am, an SHPD officer responded to assist UWPD with an incident and used the Fast ID system to identify a suspect.

On 10/26/23 at 11:07am, SHPD officers responded to a disturbance at a business in the Village. The people involved were arguing related to a relationship. One person involved was issued a citation for disorderly conduct and both people involved left the area.

On 10/26/23 at 10:27pm, SHPD officers responded to a cold-scene burglary at a residence in the Village. This incident was assigned to the Detective for follow-up. Suspects have been identified. One has been arrested and the other is wanted. The Detective was able to recover some items that were stolen.

On 10/27/23 at 3:57am, an SHPD officer responded to assist Maple Bluff and Madison Police with a traffic stop, search, and utilized the Fast ID system to identify a suspect.

On 11/4/23 at 6:22pm, SHPD officers responded to assist UWPD with a fight outside of the American Family Childrens Hospital. A suspect was arrested and conveyed to jail.

On 11/8/23 at 10:06pm, SHPD officers assisted several other agencies with a significant single vehicle rollover crash that occurred due to reckless driving. Several people were injured, and the driver fled from the scene on foot, but was apprehended by police.

On 11/11/23 at 2:16am, an EMS crew reported a possible intoxicated driver that nearly struck their ambulance on University Ave. A SHPD officer located that vehicle and, after investigating, arrested the driver for Operating a M/V While Intoxicated.

On 11/11/23 at 2:35am, an SHPD officer responded to the UW Hospital Emergency Room on an emergency request from UWPD for a person fighting with a UWPD officer. The suspect was detained, and no one was significantly injured.

On 11/12/23 at 8:00pm, an SHPD officer responded with Madison Fire for a chimney fire in a house in the Village.

On 11/13/23 at 6:25am, SHPD officers responded to the UW Hospital parking ramp to assist UWPD with a domestic disturbance.

On 11/15/23 at 5:37pm, an SHPD officer responded with Madison Fire for a stove on fire in an apartment in the Village.

On 11/17/23 at 4:03pm, an SHPD officer responded to assist Madison Police make an arrest, as there were no MPD officers available to assist.

On 11/19/23 at 7:02pm, an SHPD officer responded to a 2-year-old that was not breathing related to a medical incident. The child was breathing on the arrival of responders.

On 11/20/23 at 12:30pm, an SHPD officer responded to a theft at a business. The officer tracked down the suspect and issued a citation for theft.

On 11/21/23 at 9:15am, an SHPD officer took a report of graffiti on the bridge foundation at McKenna Park.

On 11/23/23 at 11:49pm, an SHPD officer stopped a car for multiple stop sign and speed violations on Shorewood Blvd. and Oxford Pl. The driver had a suspended driver's license and was issued the appropriate citations.

On 11/29/23 at 7:51am, an SHPD officer located a suicidal person that walked away from the UW Emergency Room. The SHPD officer assisted until the person was readmitted to the hospital.

On 11/29/23 at 8:48am, an SHPD officer took an identity theft report from a victim who received notification from the US Treasury of fraudulent use of his Social Security number in the village. The suspect in this case was identified, interviewed, and arrested for identity theft. The suspect faces an unrelated outstanding federal warrant.

On 12/6/23 at 2:28pm, an SHPD officer took a report of a scam that resulted in a \$3450 loss to the victim who obtained Apple gift cards to pay for a "PayPal account problem."

On 12/7/23 at 12:37am, an SHPD officer assisted Madison PD locate and arrest a theft suspect on University Ave.

On 12/7/23 at 12:44pm, SHPD, UWPD, and MPD officers responded to a clinic in the Village for the report of a bomb outside of the facility. The facility self-evacuated. The caller saw a web strap in the ground and was unable to pull it out, so he called it in as a bomb. Explosive detection dogs did not alert, and the item was removed from the ground. It was an old tow strap.

On 12/13/23 at 6:18pm, an SHPD officer assisted MPD with an injury motorcycle crash on Campus Dr.

On 12/14/23 at 12:02pm, an SHPD officer responded to a crash on University Ave. at Midvale Blvd. A car swerved in front of another causing it to swerve, knocking a third up over the curb. That car became wedged between a utility pole and a concrete wall. The driver was stuck inside of the car, but no one was injured. The vehicle initially at fault did not stop.

On 12/15/23 at 6:00pm, an SHPD officer assisted MPD with an injury crash on University Ave.

On 12/16/23 at 12:29am, an SHPD officer stopped a vehicle for speeding and arrested the driver for OMVWI.

On 12/18/23 at 7:15pm, SHPD officers stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. The driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant and issued citations for traffic violations. The driver was conveyed to jail.

On 12/19/23 at 5:37am, an SHPD officer assisted UWPD with a high-risk traffic stop on University Ave. at Campus Dr.

On 12/19/23 at 4:00pm, an SHPD officer took the report of a theft from an unlocked vehicle in a parking lot in the 3200 block of University Ave.

On 12/19/23 at 11:52pm, SHPD officers assisted MPD with an injury crash on Whitney Way.

On 12/23/23 at 3:30am, an SHPD officer, assisted by UWPD, responded to suicidal person. The subject was conveyed for mental health evaluation, and on 12/24/23 at 3:00am was transported to Winnebago Mental Health on a commitment order.

On 12/23/23 at 12:45pm, SHPD officers responded to a residence in the Village to check for a runaway from Ohio that sent a text that they were being held against their will at that address. Nothing was found there, and it was later determined that the call was a hoax.

On 12/25/23 at 10:14am, an SHPD officer, assisted by UWPD, responded to a person that was passed out in a vehicle in a business drive-through lane. The subject was found to be under the influence of narcotics, and was arrested for OMVWI, bail jumping, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 12/29/23 at 2:03am, an SHPD officer responded to assist UWPD with a suicidal person armed with a knife. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported for evaluation by UWPD.

On 12/29/23 at 7:15pm, an SHPD officer responded to assist with a foot pursuit after another agency vehicle pursuit. SHPD assisted with perimeter for K9 track and drone search.

On 12/30/23 at 12:24am, SHPD officers responded to assist UWPD with non-compliant motorist on a traffic stop on University Ave. The subject was taken into custody and arrested for OWI by UWPD.

SHPD News for 2023

Some notable events and initiatives around the SHPD in 2023:

April

Stolen Auto Task Force: SHPD officers participated in a county-wide stolen auto task force operation.

May

Steering Wheel Locks: Through our participation in the Dane County Stolen Auto Task Force, the SHPD was able to obtain several boxes of steering wheel locks that were donated to the Task Force by Hyundai. The SHPD has the locks available for free for anyone in need, especially owners of Hyundai and Kia automobiles, as they remain the most often stolen in our area.

July

New Speed Board: With the assistance of funding through the Shorewood Hills Law Enforcement Association (SHLEA), the SHPD was able to purchase a new radar “Your Speed” sign that we have begun deploying throughout the Village. The sign not only displays driver speeds but will provide us with key information about speed trends and other information we can use to target enforcement and other efforts. This sign replaces the trailer mounted unit we had that is broken and obsolete. The new sign is pole-mounted and easily moved, with batteries that last, and technology that allows us to download data easily.

August

National Night Out: On 8/2/23 from 5 to 7pm, PO Gurel represented the SHPD at the Middleton National Night Out. PO Gurel provided information about the SHPD and had material to hand out to children. PO Gurel reported back that he had a great time interacting with the public, and was able to outfit kids in uniform items, and allow them to check out the squad car.

Stolen Auto Task Force: SHPD officers participated in a county-wide stolen auto task force operation.

December

Ronald McDonald House Giftwrapping: SHPD, Court, and VoSH Administrative staff volunteered to help wrap holiday gifts at Ronald McDonald House.

Shop with a Cop: Det. Dostalek coordinated SHPD participation in the Shop with a Cop event.

OWI Task Force: SHPD officers participated in county-wide OWI Enforcement efforts on several dates.

Shorewood Hills Law Enforcement Association (SHLEA)

The Shorewood Hills Law Enforcement Association (SHLEA) is the charitable arm of the Shorewood Hills Police Department. SHLEA is a registered 501 (c)(3) charitable organization founded by members of the SHPD in 2001. SHLEA funds are used to ensure that the SHPD has the ability to give back to the community by providing volunteers and support to charities such as Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald House, Shop with a Cop, and others. Your donations also help fund equipment and supplies necessary for public safety, officer safety, and emerging technology outside of budgeted items, or when budget amounts run low. Thank you for taking an active role in public safety, and for helping us fulfill our mission.

SHPD challenge coins are available for purchase, and all proceeds go to SHLEA.



For more information on SHLEA or to donate, please contact Chief Pharo or Detective Dostalek.

Required Annual Reports

Shorewood Hills Police Department (SHPD) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) require that each year, SHPD Command Staff compile reports relating to Use of Force, Bias-Based Policing, Internal Affairs Complaints, Squad Car Crashes, and Vehicle Pursuits.

Use of Force

The SHPD SOP titled “Structure, Accountability, and Command Authority” requires that each year, the SHPD Chief of Police compile a report that summarizes Use of Force by SHPD Officers. SHPD Officers are required to complete a Use of Force report for any use of force that is at the “Control Alternatives” or higher level in the Intervention Options.

In 2023, SHPD Officers had 11 reportable uses of force. All Use of Force reports are reviewed by SHPD supervisory personnel and the Chief of Police. None of those uses of force by SHPD personnel resulted in significant injury to anyone involved, and all instances were found to be reasonable and necessary uses of force. A summary of those incidents:

Date	Time	Case Number	Gender	Race	Age	Summary of Incident	Disposition
1/20/23	4:00pm	23-27399	Male	White	25	Subject having a mental health emergency was transported to hospital where he resisted medical staff and dropped to the floor. Officers used compliance holds to move subject.	Hospital Mental Health Evaluation
1/28/23	12:05am	23-37988	Male	Black	41	SHPD officer deployed tire deflation spikes during other agency pursuit of burglary and domestic abuse suspect.	Monona & Madison Police Arrest
4/1/23	11:24am	23-130455	Male	White	44	A retail theft suspect was non-compliant with arrest and attempted to flee. Officer decentralized suspect and handcuffed him.	Arrest
4/23/23	3:23am	23-163172	Male	Black	19	SHPD officers pointed guns at subjects in vehicle during high risk stop after other agency pursuit.	UW Police Arrest
5/4/23	11:30pm	23-179504	Female	Black	34	SHPD officer responded to assist UWPD with person fighting with officer. SHPD officer decentralized the subject and handcuffed her.	UW Police Arrest
5/18/23	2:10am	23-202602	Female	White	33	SHPD officers pointed guns at subjects in vehicle during high risk stop after other agency pursuit.	UW Police Arrest
6/14/23	11:13am	23-249208	Male	Black	18	The suspect in an employee theft attempted to flee from SHPD	Arrest

						officers during arrest. Officers used compliance holds and threatened use of OC spray.	
6/21/23	6:09am	23-261504	Male	White	38	Subject having a mental health crisis fled from SHPD officers and entered a home that was not theirs. That home had weapons inside, and the subject barricaded himself in a room and refused to comply with the officers. Officers pointed tasers and guns at the subject at different times, and utilized compliance holds when taking the subject into custody. During the mental health evaluation, the subject again became non-compliant and aggressive, and compliance holds, and hospital restraints were used.	Emergency Mental Health Detention and Transport to Winnebago Mental Health
7/1/23	10:30am	23-279398	Male	White	40	SHPD officers responded to disturbance and arrested the subject. After he was in custody, he began banging his own head on the police car hood then the interior of the car. Officers used compliance holds and applied a protective helmet to prevent the subject from injuring himself.	Arrest
8/9/23	8:45pm	23-345274	Female	Black	20	Subject having a mental health emergency got into the driver's seat of stranger's vehicle and refused to get out. Officer used a compliance hold to remove the subject from the car.	Hospital Mental Health Evaluation
8/19/23	2:52am	23-359790	Male	Hispanic	21	SHPD officer assisted another agency at hospital with subject that was combative. Officer used compliance hold.	Waunakee Police Arrest

Bias-Based Policing

The SHPD SOP titled “Biased-Based Policing” requires that annually, the Lieutenant shall prepare a summary report for the Chief of Police to disseminate to the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Village Board. That annual summary report shall include but not be limited to:

- Listing each complaint.
- Explaining any action(s) taken.
- Recommending training needs.
- Recommending policy changes.

There were no formal complaints lodged against any member of the SHPD related to allegations of biased-based policing in the calendar year 2023.

Internal Affairs Complaints

The SHPD SOP titled “Structure, Accountability, and Command Authority” requires that each year, the SHPD Chief of Police compile a report that summarizes Internal Affairs Complaints.

There were no formal complaints lodged against any member of the SHPD in the calendar year 2023.

Squad Car Crash Review

The SHPD SOP titled “Structure, Accountability, and Command Authority” requires that each year, the SHPD Chief of Police compiles a report that summarizes reviews of squad car crashes.

4/14/23 2017 Marked Squad Car

SHPD officers responded to a drowning incident off of McKenna Park. During that incident, a squad car needed to be moved to allow rapid access for a fire department vehicle. An officer moving the squad car backed into/over a metal stake in the ground damaging the rear bumper. Due to the nature of the incident, no corrective action was taken with the officer.

6/15/23 2018 Unmarked Squad Car

SHPD Community Service Officer was turning around in a driveway while doing parking enforcement, and when backing out of the driveway, struck a parked car. The CSO was counseled and given additional training regarding turning around and additional options to use during parking enforcement.

11/25/23 2021 Marked Squad Car

SHPD officer was moving squad cars in the garage at the SHPD, when a garage door came down unexpectedly and struck the top of the squad car causing damage to the antennas. The officer had activated the “stop” button on the door opener, but the door still closed. The button was checked for correct operation, and SHPD personnel were notified about the potential issue with the door opener and reminded to ensure that the door was stationary and fully open before proceeding through the doorway.

12/9/23 2021 Marked Squad Car

SHPD officer was leaving a parking lot and inadvertently drove over a curb stop he did not see in the lot causing damage to the undercarriage of the car. The officer was reminded to check for such obstacles when driving.

Vehicle Pursuit Review

The SHPD SOP titled “Emergency Vehicle Operations” requires that the Lieutenant is responsible for conducting an annual analysis of all pursuits in an effort to reveal patterns or trends that indicate training needs and/or policy modifications. In 2023, SHPD Officers engaged in 3 vehicle pursuits. All pursuits are reviewed by SHPD supervisory personnel and the Chief of Police. All pursuits in 2023 were determined to be compliant with SHPD SOP.

23-171882

4/29/2023 @ 9:58pm

Pursuit Speed: 70 MPH Duration: < 2 Minutes, 1.1 Miles

Reason for Stop: Red Signal Violation

Disposition: Terminated by Officer / Arrest

Summary: An SHPD officer observed a group of 4 motorcycles on University Ave. Two of the cyclists violated a red traffic signal. When the officer attempted to stop them, the cyclists split traffic lanes, drove against traffic, and fled at high speed. The officer terminated the pursuit, but continued in the same direction, and located one of the suspects after his motorcycle broke down. The suspect was arrested for Eluding and traffic violations.

23-311503

7/20/2023 @ 10:50am

Pursuit Speed: 25 MPH Duration: < 2 Minutes, .25 Mile

Reason for Stop: Burglary Suspect, Reckless Driving

Disposition: Tire Deflation / Pinned In / Arrest

Summary: Officers were looking for a burglary suspect when they learned the suspect was in a car that was driving recklessly, against traffic and through construction barrels. An SHPD officer attempted to stop the suspect, but he fled against traffic. The SHPD officer did not pursue at that time but kept the suspect in sight. The suspect turned onto a side street and drove at posted speeds, and SHPD officers attempted to contact the suspect when he stopped in the middle of the street. He fled, but after an SHPD officer deployed a tire deflation device. The suspect drove at posted speeds with SHPD officers following him, now with one flat tire. The suspect ran a red light, then cut off a school bus by turning in front of it, then he drove into an unoccupied school playground. The totality of the suspect’s reckless driving gave the officers probable cause to arrest the driver for Recklessly Endangering Safety. The suspect drove back out onto a street where an MPD Sergeant was able to deploy a full set of tire deflation spikes, and an SHPD officer blocked in the suspect’s vehicle, and he was arrested. Investigation showed that the suspect had stolen the car he was driving during an additional burglary. The suspect was charged with Recklessly Endangering Safety, multiple counts of Burglary, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner’s Consent, traffic, and other violations.

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7/22/2023 @ 7:50am

Pursuit Speed: 70 Duration: 18 Seconds, .2 Mile

Reason for Stop: Stolen Vehicle, Reckless Driving

Disposition: Crash / Arrest

Summary: An SHPD officer observed a known recently stolen vehicle operating recklessly and while waiting for additional resources was forced to try to stop the car because of the nature of the reckless driving at 70+ MPH in a residential area. The suspect tried to make a left turn at full speed, and left the road, striking a house. It was 18 seconds from the time the officer announced he was attempting the stop to the time of the suspect being in custody. The suspect was charged with Recklessly Endangering Safety, Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent, Obstructing an Officer, and other charges.

Pursuit Statistics:

Number of Pursuits: 3

Reason for Pursuit:

Traffic: 1 33%

Criminal: 2 66%

Average Speed of Pursuit: 55 MPH

Average Length of Pursuit: .52 Miles

Pursuit Disposition

Terminated by Officer: 1 33%

Arrest: 3 100%

Tire Deflation Device Used: 1 33%

Injuries: 0 0

Compliments and Commendations

The SHPD frequently receives compliments or notes of thanks, and officers are recognized for exceptional service or performance. A summary of compliments and commendations from 2023:

SHPD: We received a thank you card from a customer that utilized our fingerprinting services. She described our staff as “friendly and helpful.” She further stated that she appreciated the prompt service on short notice, and the sense of humor she experienced while at the station.

PO Harun Gurel: On 1/24/23 at 5:45pm, PO Gurel and Lt. Weitzel responded to a Village residence where a 75-year-old resident collapsed. The patient’s wife was performing CPR on the patient when our officers arrived, as he was not breathing and had no pulse. PO Gurel took over CPR and continued life-saving efforts until Madison Fire Paramedics took over. At the time the patient was transported to the hospital, he had regained a pulse. Without the patient’s wife and PO Gurel’s quick response and effective intervention, this patient likely would not have been revived. As I was creating this report, I received an email from the patient who stated that his hospital stay went well, and he suffered no brain or cardiac damage from this incident. He also thanked the officers for providing his wife with a ride to, and back home from, the hospital.

PO Shelly Curtis: A Village resident made numerous complaints about stop sign violations, speeding, and other traffic violations he was witnessing on his street. PO Curtis proactively worked traffic on that street and others and has been very visible on patrol. On 2/17/23 that resident came to see me in person and expressed his gratitude for the increased traffic enforcement that he has recently seen on his street. He specifically mentioned PO Curtis as being the most visible SHPD Officer that he has seen engaged in traffic enforcement and stops.

PO Bradley Olson: On 4/14/23 at 9:21am, SHPD Officers responded to McKenna Park for a SCUBA diver that had a medical emergency, was not breathing, and had no pulse (See Notable Calls). Chief Pharo recognized PO Olson for his response to this critical incident. PO Olson prepared to enter the 43-degree water to aid the victim, but when Dane County Sheriff boats arrived in the area, PO Olson transitioned to taking command of the scene and directing other responders. PO Olson boarded a DCSO boat with Paramedics and provided resuscitation efforts to the victim. PO Olson recognized additional responsibilities at the scene including witness identification, evidence recovery, scene protection, and assisted MFD Paramedics throughout the call. PO Olson, due to his experience as a MFD Firefighter and SHPD Police Officer, plus his character and drive to serve our community make him a valuable member of the SHPD. An Employee Recognition form has been placed in PO Olson’s file.

Sgt. Dodsworth & PO Harun Gurel: A Village resident wrote to me to express his thanks for the response to a suspicious person outside of his house. In his message he wrote, “I write instead to thank you and your officers for the continued excellent service provided to me, to my family and to the Village.” ... “I would like to thank the officer for taking the extra time to ensure my and my family’s safety. I am so very fortunate to live in the Village where I have the vigilance and excellence service provided by you and your officers. I have never felt a need to ask for anything special because your staff treats everyone in this

Village with the highest level of professionalism.”... “ I did not want his incident to pass without specifically recognizing this continued service of excellence. I must say that afterwards, I fell asleep quite peacefully knowing that your officers were silently doing their job to maintain a careful and watchful eye over the residents in this Village. Thank you. Please extend my gratefulness to your staff and thank you for your continuing commitment to serve and protect.”

PO Ted Schwarz: A Village resident reached out to me in thanks for the efforts of PO Ted Schwarz who responded to check the property while the homeowner was out of town. Prior vacation checks had been conducted by other officers. PO Schwarz responded when the caretaker arrived and found a broken window. PO Schwarz investigated, and assisted in making sure that his home was secure.

SHPD: I received a message from the victim of a hit and run crash who wanted to express her appreciation not only for the response to her crash, but for police officers and the work they do daily. She stated that she was surprised at the effort the officer took to track down and locate the driver responsible for the minor crash and stated that the level of service that she received from the SHPD was outstanding.

PO Bartels, Det. Dostalek, and others: A family member of the robbery victim in the incident outlined in the notable calls section wanted to thank those who responded and followed-up for the kindness and compassion they showed the victim. The family member stated that the interactions were wonderful, and they appreciated all of the hard work going on with the investigation.

SHPD: The SHPD received numerous thank you and “good work” messages from members of the community related to the apprehension of both reckless drivers mentioned in the Notable Calls section of this report.

Admin. Assistant Jan Hartwig: A repeat customer that needs fingerprints taken for background checks contacted Jan and sent her a thank you card expressing his appreciation for all her help.

SHPD: A few months ago, an SHPD employee was backing a squad out of a driveway, and struck a parked car, causing some very minor damage. The owner of the car stopped in to personally compliment the SHPD for our handling of the situation. He stated that this easily could have gone unnoticed, but the SHPD contacted him immediately, and the damage was covered by the Village. He stated that the incident was a clear example to him of the integrity and credibility of the SHPD.

PO Harun Gurel: PO Gurel responded to a mutual aid request from Madison Police for a vehicle fire involving a driver that fled from the scene. This occurred on University Av. during a high traffic period. MPD did not have resources to send. An MPD officer that later responded to the call reached out to Lt. Weitzel after the call to thank PO Gurel for his assistance. He expressed that PO Gurel did an outstanding job of coordinating the response of other officers, helping to control a demanding, hectic scene. PO Gurel continues to provide excellent police service to our community. His effective response to this incident is an example of his skill set and ability to problem solve on the fly with limited resources.

SHPD: A family member reached out with their thanks for the fast response and care for the patient and family shown by SHPD officers at the scene of a death investigation and during the follow-up investigation.

SHPD: The caller at an incident gave his thanks for the calm and sensitive response of officers to a person having a mental health crisis. The caller also expressed his gratitude for the officers including the CARES Team in the response from the beginning.

PO Schwarz: A citizen contacted Lt. Weitzel to express her gratitude for PO Schwarz assisting her with a traffic problem. The citizen stated that PO Schwarz went “way above and beyond” to assist her.

SHPD/UWPD/MPD: From Lt. Weitzel regarding a burglary investigation: *“I wanted to express my gratitude and to personally thank all of our officers, UWPD and Admin staff that worked tirelessly executing the warrant today. From the initial call, to following up on leads, conducting follow-up with victims, recovering evidence, mounds of paperwork, working with the DA's office and finally getting to execute the search warrant. This case took the entire team to successfully and safely execute this warrant. It is an honor to work with some incredible people who jumped at this opportunity to help in any way they could in hopes of providing some sort of closure to the victims. I know this took time away from your family and this does not go unnoticed.”*

Lt. Weitzel: McFarland Chief of Police Aaron Chapin sent a note of thanks for Lt. Weitzel’s assistance with their departmental Sergeant promotional process.

Lt. Weitzel, PO Bartels, PO Gurel, UWPD Lt. Avila, UWPD Sgt. Lepper: Family members of a subject that had a mental health crisis contacted SHPD to thank everyone that responded, stood by with, or transported their family member. They stated that they were impressed with how the officers treated their family member, and stated that everyone showed compassion and kindness. They stated that they believed that the officers were all “Guardian Angels” that night.

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