



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

KOHLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 15, 2024

Dear Village Board President and Village Board Trustees:

It is my pleasure to present to you the Kohler Police Department's 2023 Annual Report of activities. The Kohler Police Department is a 24/7, 365 day a year full-service law enforcement and emergency medical responder agency.

This year, the Kohler Police Department has continued to address safety and quality of life issues in the Village of Kohler. We invested in technology to assist in the fight against retail thefts and we continue to look for ways to best serve the Village of Kohler.

In 2023, staffing continued to be a challenge for law enforcement agencies including the Kohler Police Department. We will continue our recruiting efforts through 2024 to find the best candidates to serve our community.

As always, I am grateful for the support of the staff at the Kohler Police Department, the Village of Kohler, and the Citizens of Kohler.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn S. Splivalo". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and a distinct "H".

Shawn S. Splivalo
Chief of Police
Kohler Police Department

VILLAGE OF KOHLER ORDINANCE

Chapter 2.30 – CHIEF OF POLICE

2.30.050 – Recordkeeping Duty

The chief of police shall keep a record of all duties by the members of the police force, the name of the attending officer, the action taken and the result obtained. He or she shall make an annual report of such record at the first regular meeting of each year, or when requested by the village board.

(Ord. 2000-10 § 2 (part), 2000; prior code § 4.03(4))



OUR MISSION AND CORE VALUES

OUR MISSION

To take OWNERSHIP of law enforcement services provided to the residents, business owners, and visitors in the Village of Kohler.



OUR CORE VALUES

- O** **PPORTUNITY**
To embrace ways to improve myself, the department, and the community
- W** **ILLINGNESS**
To own my successes and failures and learn from them
- N** **OBILITY**
To exhibit fine personal qualities and high moral principles and ideals
- E** **MPOWERMENT**
Understanding that I have the ability to lead and make positive change
- R** **EADINESS**
To be physically and mentally prepared to restore order to the community
- S** **AFETY**
To be dedicated to maintaining the safety and security of my community
- H** **ONOR**
To be respectful of all citizens and serve with a sense of duty
- I** **NTEGRITY**
To serve my community with fairness, honesty, and accountability
- P** **URPOSE**
To understand that my roll has a positive impact on the community

OUR STAFF



KOHLER POLICE

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Administrative Staff

| | <u>Date of Hire</u> | <u>Experience</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chief Shawn Splivalo | 08/05/2019 | 4.5 years |
| Lieutenant Chad Gross | 09/06/2000 | 23 years |
| Office Administrator Jodie Kuklinski | 09/07/2004 | 19 years |

Officers

| | | |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Patrol Officer Todd Reinemann | 06/02/1998 | 25 years |
| Patrol Officer Matthew Hocevar | 06/11/2005 | 18 years |
| Community Resource Officer Katherine Schoch | 07/25/2018 | 5.5 years |
| Patrol Officer Patrick Eadie | 05/18/2020 | 3.5 years |
| Patrol Officer Trace Woepse | 06/22/2022 | 1.5 years |

Part-Time Officers

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Patrol Officer Brent Multer | 02/10/2012 | 11 years |
| Patrol Officer Jose Mireles | 11/01/2023 | 2 months |

Crossing Guard

| | | |
|--------------|------------|---------|
| Lana Lensink | 12/07/2017 | 6 years |
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EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION



Chief Shawn Splivalo

- Associates Degree in Criminal Justice – Lakeshore Technical College
- 27+ years of Law Enforcement experience
- 2011 Graduate of International Chiefs of Police, Leadership in Police Organization
- Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response – Trainer
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events – Trainer
- Defense and Arrest Instructor (Specializing in Ground Defense)
- Firearms Instructor
- Vehicle Contact Instructor



Lieutenant Chad Gross

- Associate's Degree – Lakeshore Technical College
- 23+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Department Armorer
- Department Firearms Instructor
- Department Field Training Officer (FTO)
- Former part-time School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Recipient Department Lifesaving Award
- Axon International Certified Taser Instructor

For additional information on our staff, view our biographies at www.kohlerpolice.com

EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION



Office Administrator Jodie Kuklinski

- 19+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Certified
- Notary Public for State of Wisconsin
- Spillman Application Administration Specialist (SAA)
- Spillman Records Administration Certified
- Wisconsin TIME System Basic, Mobile, and Advanced Certified; Portal 100 Certified; Validation Officer; and TIME Agency Coordinator (TAC)



Patrol Officer Todd Reinemann

- Bachelor of Science Degree – UW Oshkosh
- 25+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Department Field Training Officer (FTO)
- CounterAct Instructor
- Former part-time School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Recipient Department Lifesaving Award

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EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION



Patrol Officer Matthew Hovevar

- Associate's Degree – Lakeshore Technical College
- 18+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Former Department Intern, Former Department part-time Officer
- Former part-time School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Former full-time Community Resource Officer (CRO)
- Recipient Department Lifesaving Award
- SWAT Team Certified Member

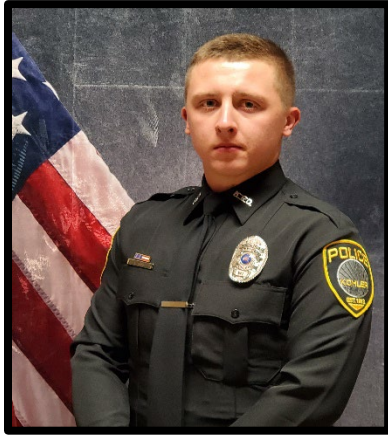


Community Resource Officer Katherine Schoch

- Associate's Degree – Lakeshore Technical College
- 5.5+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Prior work experience as a Security Officer for a private corporation
- Prior work experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant
- Recipient Department Lifesaving Award
- Current Community Resource Officer (CRO) at Kohler Schools

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EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION



Patrol Officer Patrick Eadie

- Bachelor's Degree in Health & Wellness – SUNY Buffalo State
- Associate's Degree – Lakeshore Technical College
- 3.5+ years with the Kohler Police Department
- Axon International Certified Taser Instructor
- SWAT Team Certified



Patrol Officer Trace Woepse

- Associate's Degree – Lakeshore Technical College
- 1.5 years with the Kohler Police Department

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CROSSING GUARD

Lana Lensink continues to serve the village at the Highland Drive and Lower Road roundabout.

We are very thankful that Lana continues to serve our community. She always has a smile on her face, she's friendly, and most importantly, she's great at her job!



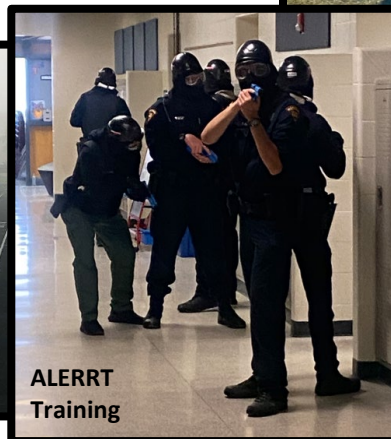
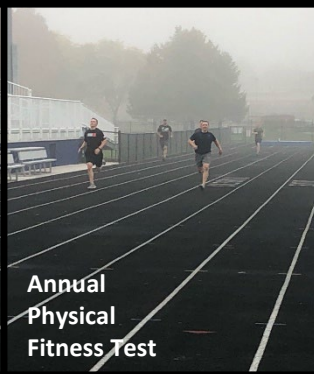
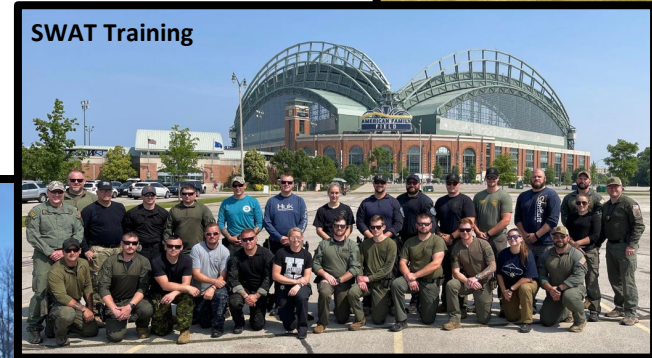
Lana Lensink
6+ Years of Service



TRAINING

The Kohler Police Department has mandated training that needs to be completed annually. Following is a list of that training along with other training some of our officers attended throughout the year:

- EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) Refresher
- Firearms Training
- Blood Borne Pathogen
- EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) Training
- DAAT (Defense and Arrest Tactics) Training
- Taser Recertification
- LESB (Law Enforcement Standards Board) Vehicle Pursuit Training
- Laser Operator Training
- ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training)
- Active Threat / Active Shooter Integrated Response Certification
- ERT (Emergency Response Training)
- Annual Review of Agency Strip Search Policy & Procedures
- NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers)
- ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)
- ICS (Incident Command System)
- Basic SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Training



CRIME INDEX

The department submits monthly crime statistics to the WI Dept of Justice and FBI. The FBI compiles this information nationwide via their Incident-Based Reporting System (IBR).

We are required to report both incidents and arrests for Group A offenses (more serious crimes) and only certain arrests for Group B offenses.

Group A offenses capture three crime types: Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, and Crimes Against Society as shown below.

All other arrests that we are required to report are captured as Group B offenses.

2023 IBR GROUP A - CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

| Offense Crime Description | Known Offenses | Cleared Offenses | Adult Arrests | Juvenile Arrests | Total Arrests |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manslaughter by Negligence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault Offenses | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Kidnapping & Abduction | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Human Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

CRIME INDEX

2023 IBR GROUP A - CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

| Offense Crime Description | Known Offenses | Cleared Offenses | Adult Arrests | Juvenile Arrests | Total Arrests |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft & Larceny | 64 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen Property | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Counterfeiting & Forgery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extortion & Blackmail | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bribery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Destruction & Vandalism | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 80 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 6 |

CRIME INDEX

2023 IBR GROUP A - CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY:

| Offense Crime Description | Known Offenses | Cleared Offenses | Adult Arrests | Juvenile Arrests | Total Arrests |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Weapon Laws | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drugs & Narcotics | 8 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Gambling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pornography | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Animal Cruelty | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 7 |

CRIME INDEX

2023 IBR REPORTABLE GROUP B ARRESTS:

| Offense Crime Description | Adult Arrests | Juvenile Arrests | Total Arrests |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Bad Checks | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Family Offenses | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Liquor Laws | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peeping Tom | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trespassing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| All Others | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Total | 23 | 5 | 28 |

PROPERTY STOLEN / RECOVERED

| 2023 Type of Property Stolen | Stolen | Recovered |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Currency | \$93,273 | \$74,718 |
| Jewelry | \$0 | \$0 |
| Clothing | \$2,091 | \$21 |
| Stolen Motor Vehicles | \$0 | \$0 |
| Office Equipment | \$0 | \$0 |
| Electronics | \$17,434 | \$800 |
| Firearms | \$0 | \$0 |
| Household Goods | \$2,517 | \$0 |
| Consumable | \$76 | \$0 |
| Livestock | \$0 | \$0 |
| Miscellaneous | \$26,802 | \$442 |
| Total | \$142,193 | \$75,981 |



SERVICE CALLS

| Service Calls by Nature | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| Abandoned Vehicles | 32 | 33 | 35 |
| Alarms | 70 | 56 | 68 |
| Animal Related | 34 | 39 | 35 |
| Assaults | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Assists* | 478 | 464 | 452 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Chapter 51 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Child Abuse | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil or Citizen Dispute | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Damage to Property | 9 | 11 | 7 |
| Department Information | 23 | 29 | 30 |
| Directed Patrol* | 492 | 531 | 572 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| Disturbances | 10 | 13 | 20 |
| Drugs | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| EMS Calls | 106 | 128 | 121 |
| Field Interviews | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Fire Calls | 19 | 15 | 16 |
| Found Property | 25 | 33 | 25 |
| Fraud | 8 | 13 | 12 |
| Harassment | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Hit & Run Accidents | 22 | 16 | 16 |
| Juvenile Problem | 2 | 3 | 2 |

* See following page for brief explanations of these types of calls.

| Service Calls by Nature | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lockouts | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Lost Property | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Missing Person | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Ordinances | 21 | 16 | 17 |
| Parking Problem | 72 | 51 | 41 |
| Personal Injury Accident | 10 | 3 | 6 |
| Property Damage Accident | 91 | 107 | 96 |
| Property Checks* | 1,504 | 1,252 | 1,160 |
| Public Service | 10 | 11 | 6 |
| Road Hazard | 72 | 56 | 55 |
| Self Committal | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Sexual Assault | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Suspicious | 76 | 58 | 69 |
| Theft | 62 | 67 | 56 |
| Threats | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Traffic Complaints | 22 | 28 | 19 |
| Traffic Stops | 1,352 | 1,554 | 2,063 |
| Trespassing | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Unsecure Premises | 103 | 107 | 73 |
| Utility Problem | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vehicle in Ditch | 18 | 3 | 22 |
| Warrant | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Weapon Offense | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Welfare Check | 35 | 36 | 33 |
| Totals | 4,814 | 4,771 | 5,177 |

SERVICE CALLS EXPLANATIONS

ASSISTS

Assist calls can include a wide variety of different types of calls. Some of them include:

- Assisting lost semi drivers through the village.
- Assisting drivers with disabled vehicles.
- Assisting neighboring law enforcement agencies either as a cover officer, with debris in roadways, or at accident scenes.
- Assisting the fire department.
- Assisting pedestrians called in by concerned citizens that are walking on highways. Rides are provided to a safe location, if accepted.

DIRECTED PATROL

Directed Patrol calls can consist of the following types of calls:

- Foot patrol at businesses throughout the village. This includes the Shops at Woodlake and Deertrace Shopping Center.
- Assisting with traffic control for all the organized runs and special events held throughout the village.
- Performing monthly street light checks in hours of darkness for the Department of Public Works and informing them which lights are out.
- Monitoring drills at the Kohler Schools.
- Monitoring the flow of traffic during construction.

PROPERTY CHECKS

We work diligently throughout the year making sure that the residences and businesses are secure. Our efforts include:

- Performing house checks requested by village residents for when they are out of town.
- Performing nightly business checks which include the school, churches, and banks.



EMS CALLS

In addition to functioning as a law enforcement agency, the department functions as an Emergency Medical Service too. The Department is a State of Wisconsin licensed First Responder Level, EMS Provider. Every KPD Officer is either a State Certified First Responder or a State Licensed Emergency Medical Technician. Every KPD Officer is also certified by the American Heart Association in CPR/AED.

The KPD Officers take the additional responsibility seriously and train hard to keep their medical skills sharp and are happy to provide this service to the residents and visitors of the Village of Kohler.



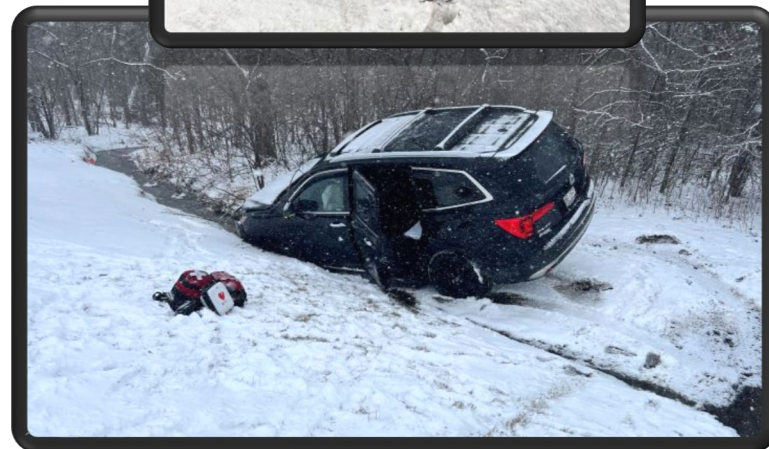
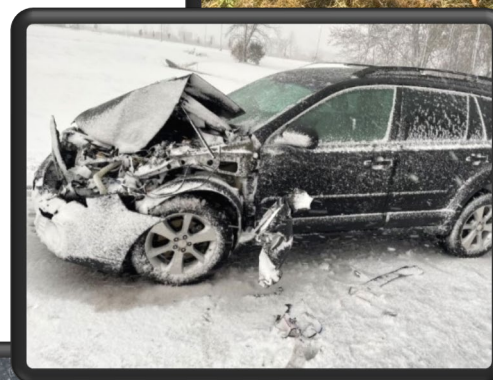
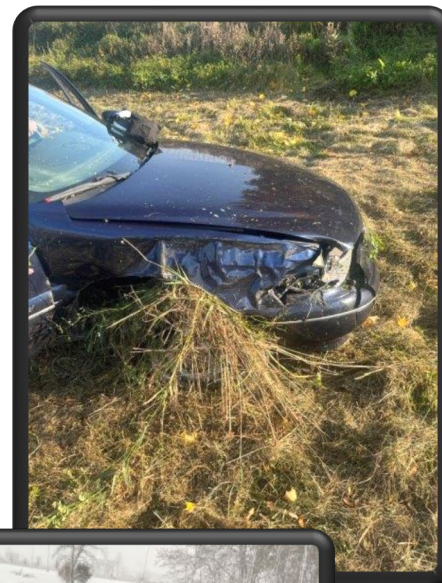
| EMS Calls by Nature | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Abdominal Pain | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Allergy | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Back Pain | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Breathing Problem | 11 | 7 | 13 |
| Cardiac | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chest Pain | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| Choking | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Diabetic | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fainting/Unconscious | 15 | 17 | 19 |
| Falls | 30 | 31 | 31 |
| Heart Problems | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Heat/Cold Exposure | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hemorrhage/Lacerations | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Overdose/Unresponsive | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Pain | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pregnancy | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Seizures | 7 | 15 | 5 |
| Sick Person | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Stroke | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Traumatic Injury | 2 | 9 | 2 |
| Unknown Problem | 10 | 3 | 8 |
| Totals | 106 | 128 | 121 |

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

When needed, we rely on our public safety partners for assistance during traffic accidents to get the roadways clear and back to normal traffic flow as quickly as possible.

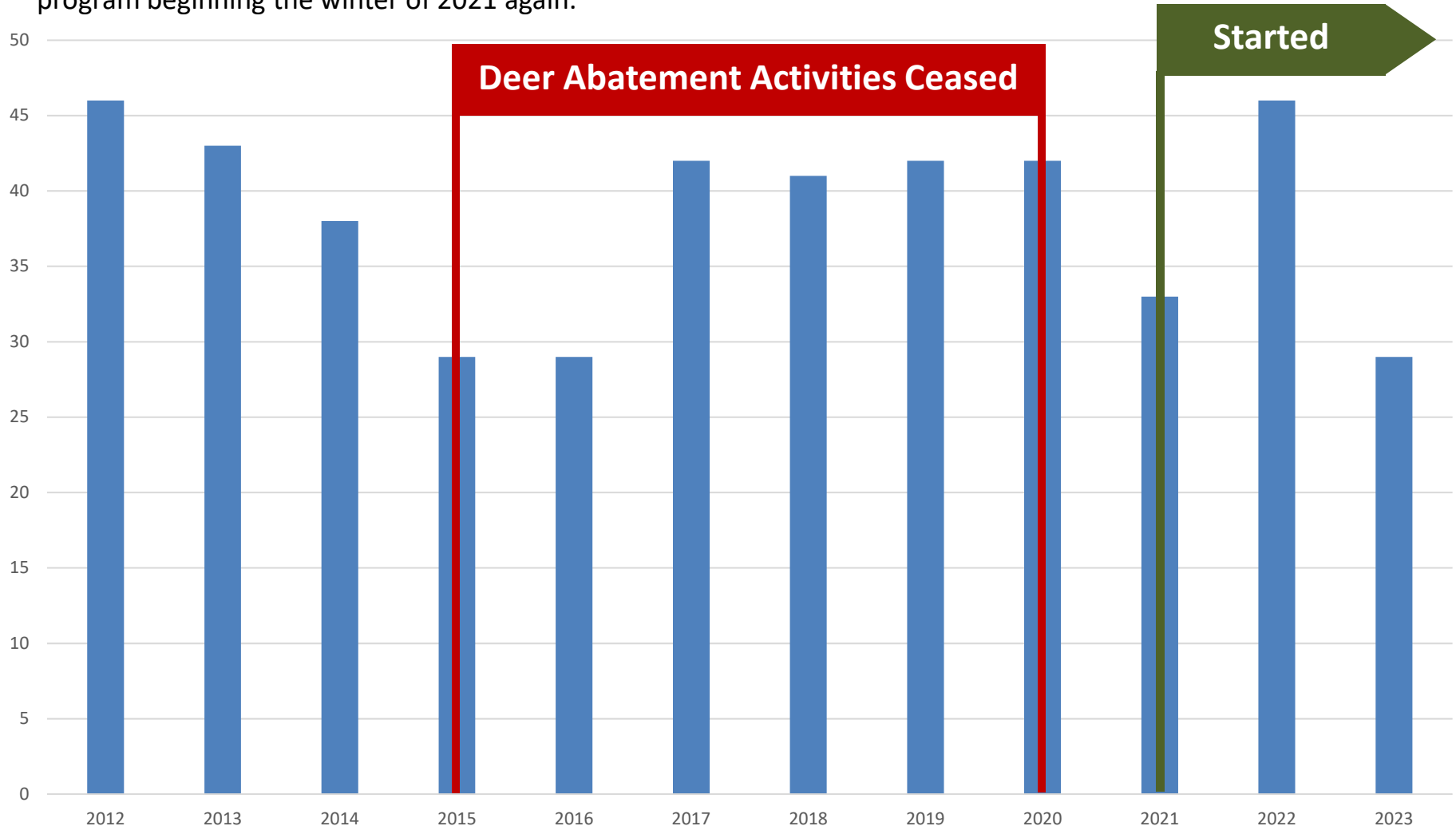
We would like to thank the Kohler Fire Department, Orange Cross Ambulance, Flight for Life, neighboring law enforcement agencies, local towing services, and area utility companies for their continued willingness to assist.

| Accident Type | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Injury | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| Property Damage | 91 | 103 | 96 |
| Hit & Run | 22 | 16 | 18 |
| Car vs. Deer | 29 | 46 | 33 |
| Totals | 152 | 170 | 151 |



CAR VS. DEER ACCIDENTS

With the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Kohler Police Department continues to attempt to bring the deer herd to a healthy size and therefore have started the deer abatement program beginning the winter of 2021 again.



TRAFFIC & ORDINANCE CITATIONS

| Traffic Citation Type | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Drivers License Violations | 95 | 82 | 172 |
| Equipment Violations | 45 | 56 | 50 |
| Insurance Violations | 95 | 79 | 97 |
| Moving Violations | 51 | 59 | 57 |
| Operate while Intoxicated | 7 | 13 | 14 |
| Registration Violations | 144 | 150 | 115 |
| Speeding | 246 | 265 | 434 |
| Traffic Citation Totals | 683 | 704 | 939 |



| Ordinance Citation Type | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Abandoned Vehicles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Animal Violations | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bail Jumping | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Battery | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Curfew | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 4 | 12 | 6 |
| Drug Paraphernalia | 2 | 9 | 13 |
| Lewd/Lascivious Behavior | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Liquor Laws | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Littering | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Marijuana Possession | 5 | 15 | 26 |
| Parties to Crime | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Possess Amphetamine/LSD | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Possess Cocaine | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Possess Tobacco – Minor | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Prohibited Storage | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Resist or Obstruct Officer | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Solicitation | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Theft | 9 | 42 | 28 |
| Trespassing | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Weapon Offenses | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Ordinance Citation Totals | 32 | 103 | 89 |

WRITTEN TRAFFIC & ORDINANCE WARNINGS

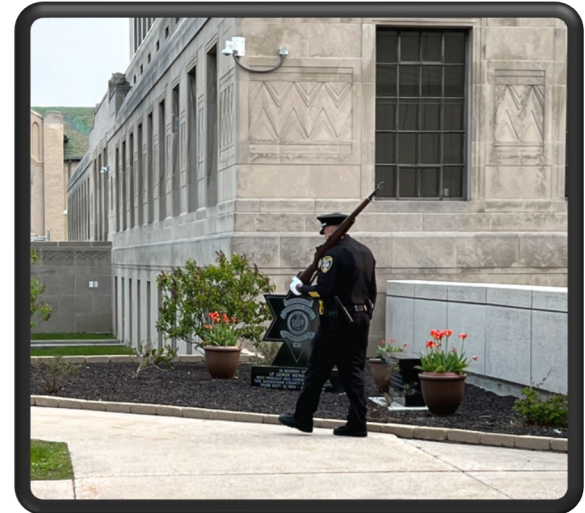
| Warning Type | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Drivers License Violations | 5 | 9 | 9 |
| Equipment Violations | 170 | 201 | 380 |
| Moving Violations | 38 | 75 | 60 |
| Insurance Violations | 122 | 150 | 190 |
| Ordinance Violations | 6 | 15 | 15 |
| Registration Violations | 166 | 193 | 204 |
| Speeding | 602 | 707 | 929 |
| Totals | 1,109 | 1,350 | 1,787 |



LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On Thursday, May 18th the Kohler Police Department, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department, and Sheboygan Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony held at the Sheboygan County Courthouse.

Every year during National Law Enforcement Week, we take the time to honor our fallen. These fallen Officers were acting on behalf of our communities and gave the ultimate sacrifice.



Officer Hocesvar and Officer Schoch participated in this year's ceremony.

DUNKIN' DONUTS “COP ON THE ROOF” FUNDRAISER

On Friday, May 19th, the Kohler Police Department participated in the annual “Cop on the Roof” fundraiser. The Sheboygan County Law Enforcement partnered with Special Olympics of Wisconsin for this annual fundraising event. The crew was on the roof from 6am – 11am collecting donations. This event is not only to raise funds, but to educate the community about Special Olympics.

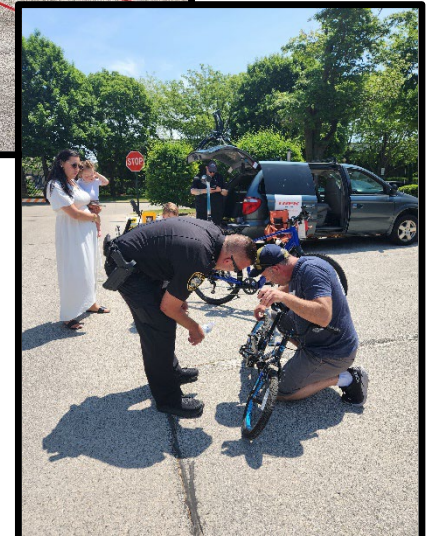


BIKE SAFETY DAY

Our children are our future. The safety and security of our children is very important, and we feel that by educating them, we can help them be more aware and safe.

Bike Safety Day has been a long running program and is held the 1st Saturday in June. This year, we were very gracious to have Tyler with Trek doing safety inspections on the bicycles and presenting the owners with a checklist of items to look at. We also provided helmets to anyone needing them. At the end of the event, the kids received a bike accessory, beverage, and bag of chips. The chips were donated by Frito Lay out of Oostburg and the soda was donated by Lakeside Pepsi out of Sheboygan Falls.

Thank you to everyone that attended this year's event.



SPORTS CORE KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

Several times over the summer, Officer Hocevar stopped by the Sports Core Kids Summer Camps to spend time with the kids and show off the squad car and talk about safety. This is something the kids always enjoy!



YMCA CAMP Y-KODA SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The Kohler Police Department participated in the YMCA's Camp Y-Koda 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival, hosted by Christopher Farm & Gardens. The event is an outdoor fun family-friendly event where guests can explore the gardens, partake in a variety of activities, and vote for their favorite scarecrow. Money raised directly benefits our community by connecting youth and families with quality hands-on outdoor experiences through Camp Y-Koda.



We were the top winner and crowd favorite for the First Responder category and were presented with a traveling trophy to display at the department.



We'd like to thank Office Administrator, Jodie Kuklinski, for her creativity and design of this year's entry.

SHOP WITH A COP

“Shop with a Cop” is a charitable program developed, organized, and funded voluntarily by members of the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Association (SCLEA).

Each year underprivileged children, who are referred to the program by social agencies, gather together for a pizza party, to meet Santa Clause, and to do their Christmas shopping with a uniformed officer. The children are allowed to purchase whatever they choose. Often their choices involve giving to others, such as their parents and siblings with a winter coat or boots, things the family could not otherwise afford.

This year’s event was held on December 5th. The program was able to impact approximately 40 young children’s lives. Officer Schoch participated in the event.

The shopping was done at Target with the pizza party taking place at Lakeshore Lanes. Thanks to all involved who continue to make this a successful event for the community!

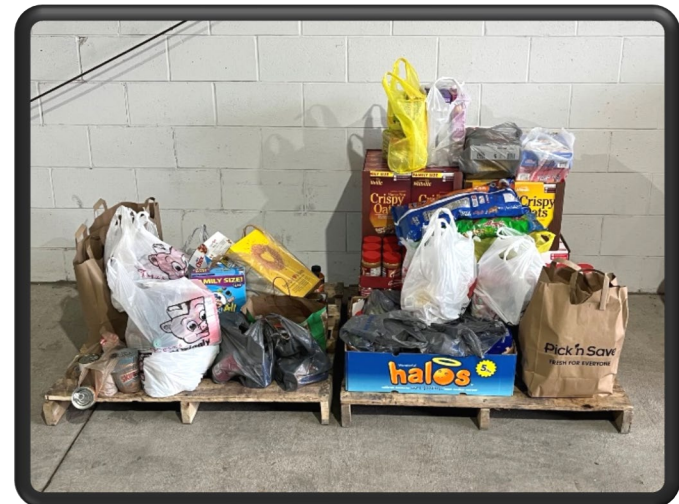


STUFF THE SQUAD FOOD DRIVE

The Kohler Police Department held a drive-thru food drive on Saturday, December 16th at Home Depot to benefit the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

There was 409 pounds of food collected and \$1,210 in cash donated to the food bank.

It was great to see so many community members donating items to benefit their local neighbors in need!



SNOW EMERGENCIES

During a snow emergency, there is no parking on Village streets and while snowplows are in operation. Vehicles are ticketed by the police department if parked on the street during a snow emergency. Vehicles can park on the street again once a snow emergency has expired.

The Public Works Director has the authority to issue a Snow Emergency, and did so on February 22nd and again on March 10th when the village reportedly received 10+ inches of snow. The Police Department is then tasked with enforcing such. The intent is to allow the Public Works crew to safely and efficiently plow the streets.



WALK WITH A COP PROGRAM

The Department Walk with a Cop Program is open to any village resident or person employed within the Village of Kohler. We walk in the Village for 15-30 minutes and talk about neighborhood issues, village issues, and policing in America.

We hope this program will allow us to better connect with the community. The Kohler Police Department is a reflection of values held by the Village of Kohler residents and its businesses and is only improved by open communication.

You can contact the department to schedule a walk Monday-Friday from 7am-6pm. If these times do not work for you, please contact our department and we will try and accommodate you.

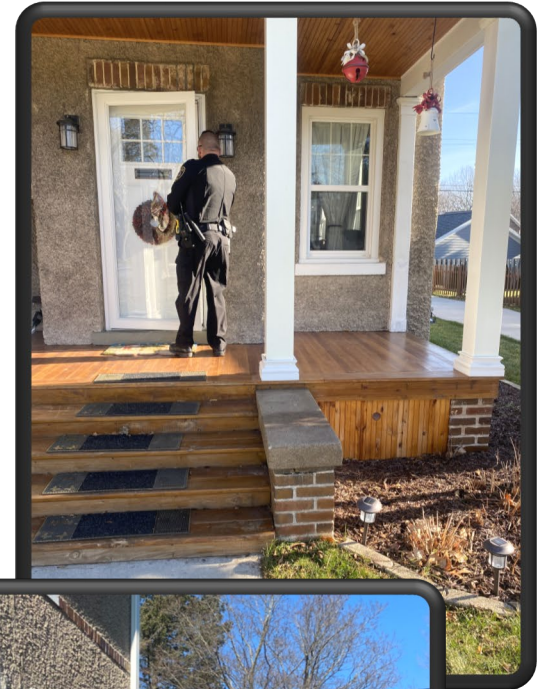


HOUSE CHECKS

The Kohler Police Department continues to provide house checks to any village resident that requests one when they're away for an extended period of time. In 2023, we received 82 requests from village residents.

These house checks don't guarantee that a burglary or other crime will not occur at the residence, but we do provide an extra set of eyes as our schedules allow. Officers will swing by residences and check for suspicious activity. They'll check doors, windows, and drive around. If anything looks suspicious they'll call.

We recommend that residents make every effort to safeguard against losses including securing high value property, locking all doors, and activating alarms if they have them.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER (CRO)

With the new school year, Officer Katherine Schoch has taken on the role of the school's new Community Resource Officer (CRO). Officer Schoch looks forward to working hand and hand with school staff on a daily basis to ensure a safe learning environment for our children. This position provides a highly visible presence in the school.

CRO Schoch handled over 44 incidents where her services were needed in 2023. These calls would normally be assigned to a patrol officer who would need to report to the school to take the complaint. Having a fulltime CRO at the school eliminates the need to pull a patrol officer off the road to investigate these types of incidents.



GUNLOCKS

The Kohler Police Department continues to supply Masterlock trigger locks for all residents. One free gunlock per year can be obtained from the police department by stopping in.

In addition to the Masterlock trigger locks provided, a federal program, Project Childsafe continues to have locks available. These locks are the cable lock variety and anyone may request these for their guns as well.

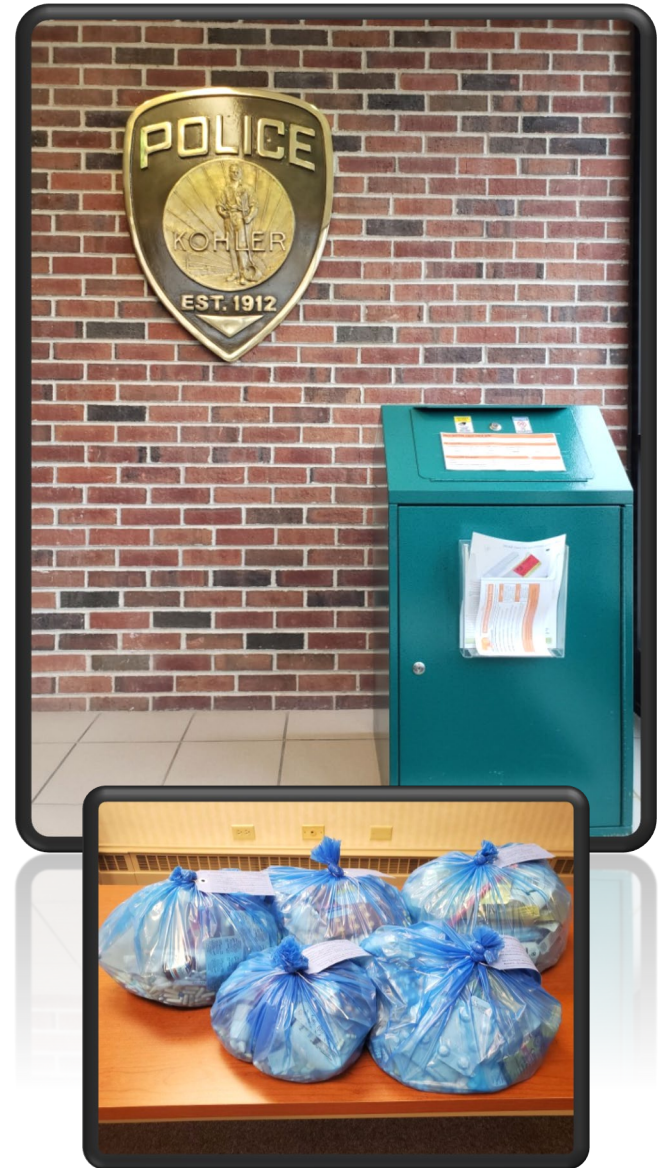


PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOX

The Kohler Police Department has a secure drug disposal box in its front lobby entrance that's accessible 24/7 to dispose of all prescription drugs and over the counter medication. The box cannot be used for illegal drugs, needles, syringes, thermometers, or any hazardous materials. The box was obtained through a partnership with Sheboygan County to keep drugs from being flushed down toilets or dumped into landfills.

Many residents utilize the box for old drugs to keep them out of the wrong hands and to be disposed of properly as flushing or throwing out old medications has the potential to harm humans, animals, and the environment.

In 2023, we collected over 37,728 grams of medication.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024

- Combat increasing Retail Thefts
- Concentrate on Officer Training and Development
- Update Active Threat response to Kohler Schools, Kohler Schools Athletic Facility, and the new Village of Kohler Library



Thank You!



I would like to thank Office Administrator Jodie Kuklinski for her time in the contribution and creation of this 2023 Annual Report.

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Chief of Police