

2018



Madison Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit Annual Report

“The mission of the Mounted Patrol Unit is to offer the citizens of Madison an approachable, highly visible community policing option. The unit achieves community engagement through routine neighborhood patrols, special appearances, crowd management and search and rescue operations.”

Riding Sergeant Position - Sgt. Shawn Engel

Sgt. Engel successfully completed MPD's Mounted Patrol Academy and hit the streets with the rest of the team in June 2018. He worked all major City events with his partner Bubba which included downtown night shifts, UW Football games, Mifflin St. Block Party, Shake the Lake, Freakfest and routine patrol assignments.

Having a riding supervisor has proven valuable in providing the department with a first-hand understanding of the unit's assets and skill sets while allowing for better communication between the team and command during large-scale deployments and events.



Badge Ceremony - Cooper

Cooper successfully passed his two-year probationary period and was given his badge at the 6th annual Open House in October. Cooper, a 6-year-old Percheron Draft, is the 2nd largest horse on the unit, weighing in at almost 2,000 lbs. He is a native of the Sun Prairie, WI area and has been sponsored by John and Mary Sheehan of Madison since he started with the unit in 2016.

The unit would like to thank the Sheehan family for their generosity in helping acquire and care for Cooper for the past three years. Their support is truly appreciated as it has allowed the team to grow and increase its' abilities!

Cooper's sponsorship has been taken over in 2019 by Lynne and Rich Schifreen of Madison, WI. We are looking forward to getting to know them better as they get to know Cooper better!

Officer Retirement - Officer Matt Kenny

Officer Kenny served 9 years on the unit and had many different mounts as partners throughout his career. Given there are no national standards in mounted policing in the way of certification or curriculum, PO Kenny took it upon himself to help develop the unit's mounted patrol defense and arrest tactics program. After presenting at a National Mounted Unit Conference, these tactics and training techniques have been adopted by other agencies in North America. PO Kenny continues to serve as a team trainer in unified tactics.



Mutual Aid Requests



UW Football Games

The University of Wisconsin Police Department made an official request for the Madison Police Mounted Unit to assist with Badger Football games. Two horse and rider teams were scheduled to work the games and while they were never allowed on the field for the 5th quarter, they provided valuable support around the stadium grounds.

Patrol duties included high visibility deterrence around the stadium and to assist with crowd management or VIP escorts through congested areas.

Wisconsin State Fair

For the second year in a row, the Madison Police Mounted Unit was asked to assist with the last day of the State Fair working alongside the State Fair Park Police.



Horse Sponsorship Program

In 2018, the horse sponsorship program continued its success. All six horses were sponsored in 2018 at \$5,000 each for a total of \$30,000. These funds helped meet the needs of the mounts for the year. Each year, sponsors receive a visit from their sponsored horse to a place of their choosing. These are very rewarding appearances as it gives us a chance to interact with those in the community while handing out horse trading cards with the sponsor's business logos, slogans or photo of loved ones on them.



"Bubba Munz"

Munz Corporation

"Torres", aka "Mr. T"

Laura Callahan of First Weber Realty

"Chevy"

Laura Harrington of Madison

"Leo"

NEW SPONSOR
Chad Becker of Becker 505 LLC

"Cooper"

2016-2018

John and Mary Sheehan of Madison

2019 NEW SPONSOR

Lynne and Rich Schifreen of Madison, WI

"Doctor B", aka "Doc"

Indigo Trails & Stacey Bean





State Fair Mounted Police (16 hrs)

Crowd Management and Sensory Basics

The State Fair Park Mounted Unit requested that we conduct a joint training that would involve their special events team. Topics included basic crowd formation riding and mounted officer tactics and safety. Ground support training was worked into the scenarios while crowd movements were used to simulate a large scale disturbance needing crowd management dispersal techniques utilizing mounted patrol. The State Fair Park Mounted Unit assisted the Madison Mounted Unit with Freakfest for the 14th year.

Horse Osteopathy and Craniosacral Therapy
(16 hrs)

PO K. Wahl

The mounted unit places a high degree of importance on the health and well-being of our horses to include optimal physical health. This course expanded the unit's skills in keeping the horses' bodies functioning pain-free. The training covered basic anatomy and biomechanics, how to tell if a horse is in pain, and basic palpation skills to relax restricted muscles and joints. The mounted unit incorporated these techniques to address minor physical issues observed in the horses over the year.

Canter Clinic (2.5 hrs)

Officers M. Kenny and W. Gummin

"All Things Canter" taught by 4-Star Parelli Natural Horsemanship Instructor Ryan Rose

The clinic focused on steering and clear communication, which were incorporated into transition riding from walk to canter, halt to canter, relaxation in gait, and rein positions. The instruction was individualized based on the skill of both rider and horse.

Search Management (24 hrs)

PO M. Thomson

Officer Thomson had the opportunity to travel to Vermillion College in Minnesota to learn about Search Management. During the three-day course, she learned the practical application of working with and leading a team of searchers. The course focused on using the national Incident Command System (ICS) for organizing searchers and search method through using lost person behavioral statistics. Some of the most useful information came during field search scenarios where students had the chance to take on different ICS roles and utilize various tools to best deploy and track search resources. The skills and resources learned during this course can help the Unit when deployed in the search for missing persons throughout the City.

Horsemanship and Equitation (24 hrs)

Officers S. Mulry and K. Wahl

Officers took part in a three-day Master Class training clinic at the Horse First Farm with renowned Natural Horsemanship Trainer, Linda Parelli. The Friends of Madison Mounted Horse Patrol provided funding for the training which focused on developing riding and leadership skills that the officers could then bring back to the team.



Technical Large Animal Rescue (40 hrs)

Officers K. Mulry and M. Thomson

Officers attended a Large Animal Rescue course at the UW School of Veterinary Medicine in August. The training was provided free of charge by WILAR, Irongate Equine and UW Veterinary staff. Instruction consisted of dealing with large animal (livestock/exotic) rescue from hazardous situations.



Topics included:

- ◆ Animal behavior
- ◆ Natural and man-made disasters and their effects
- ◆ Single/multiple animal rescues
- ◆ The role of veterinarians and medication
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Safety issues for personnel (rescuers, owners & public)
- ◆ Animal euthanasia
- ◆ Moving live animals to temporary containment sites
- ◆ Rescue scenarios demonstrating extrication or dragging and/or lifting out of different situations such as an over turned trailer

With the knowledge learned reference basic animal rescue techniques, officers within the unit can better assist in related command post operations. In addition, the team is better prepared to help not only our mounts if needed but other animals too. A training goal is to have two members attend on an annual basis until all members have been through the course.

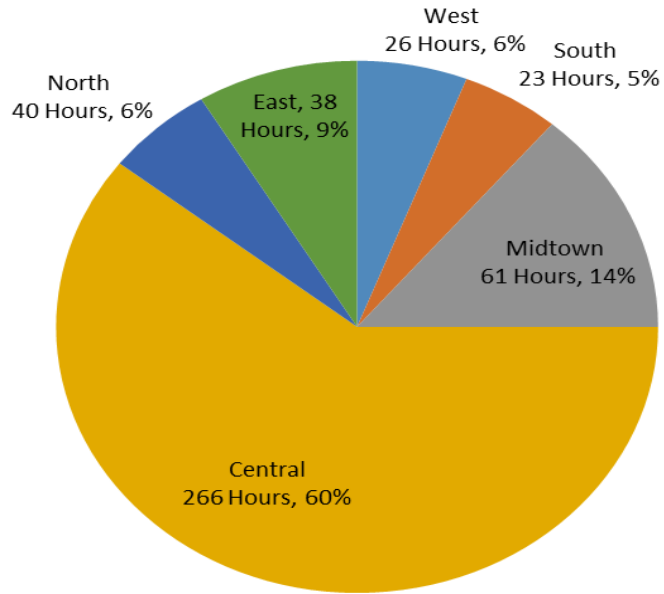


In 2018, the non-profit organization that supports the unit, had five voting board members. The board is comprised of citizen volunteers who work closely with sponsors and members of the community to provide educational and fundraising opportunities across the City of Madison. Fundraising helps in paying for equipment, health care, boarding and training needs.

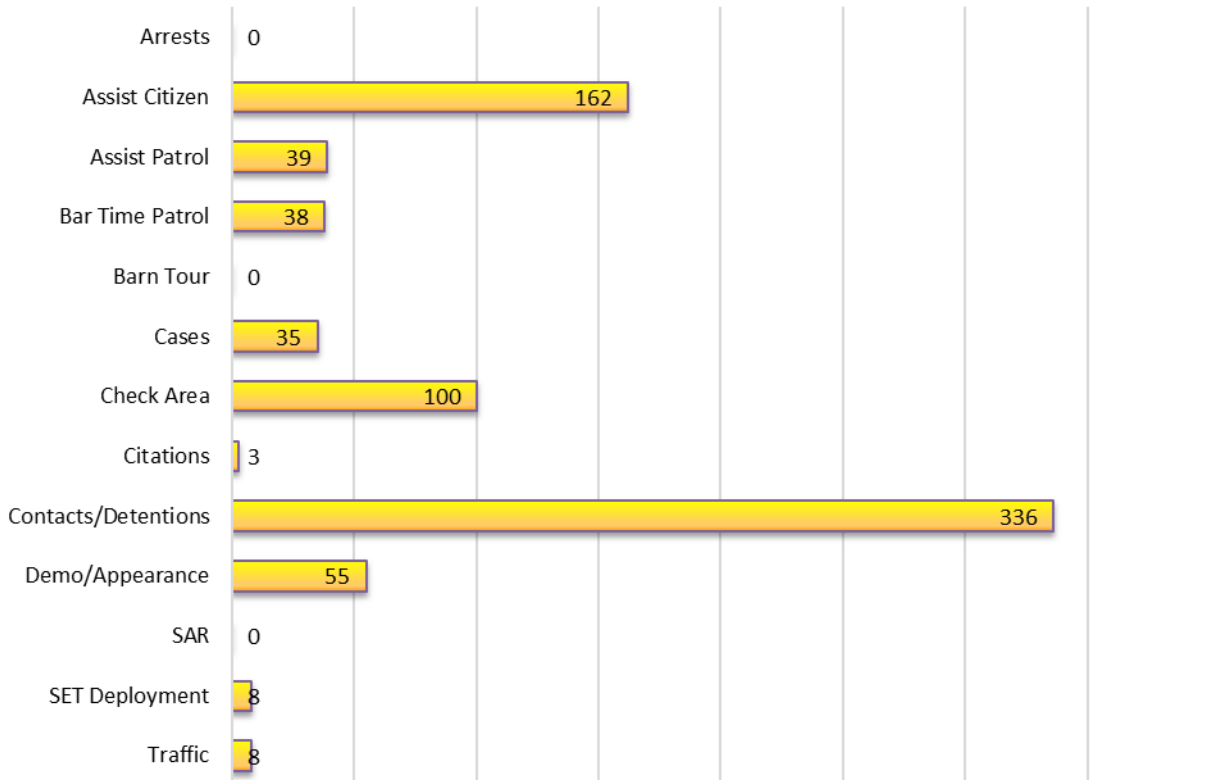
Fundraising Efforts

- ◆ Horse Sponsor Program.
All six City owned mounts continue to be sponsored at \$5,000 annually. Sponsorships are 100% tax deductible.
- ◆ Midwest Horse Fair
A 50/50 raffle and merchandise sales contribute to annual fundraising efforts. This is a high visibility event for both the board of Friends of Madison Mounted and the police horses while they are on patrol around the event.
- ◆ 2018 Calendar and Plushie sales
Sales were made locally at Mounds Pet Food Warehouse and online.
- ◆ Open House
There was a badge ceremony for "Cooper". Silent Auction and merchandise sales brought in revenue and attendance remained the same from year's past with many new comers to the event.

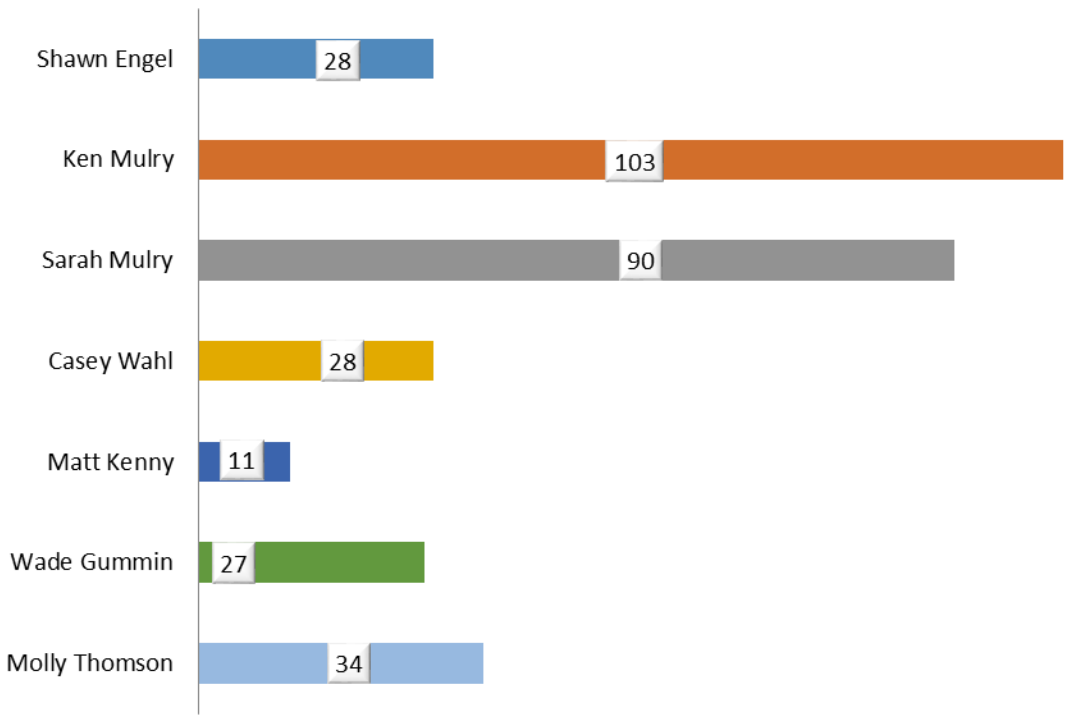
Time Spent in Districts Year End 2018



Year End 2018 - Statistics



Rider Deployments Year End 2018



Horse Deployments Year End 2018

