



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



On behalf of the Wisconsin State Capitol Police Department, I am proud to present our inaugural Annual Report. This publication reflects the dedication, professionalism, and adaptability of our sworn and civilian staff as they serve the people of Wisconsin and protect our Capitol, state facilities, state employees, visitors, and judiciary and executive leadership. We are a small but highly capable agency with a specialized mission unlike any other law enforcement organization in the state.

Our focus remains clear and deliberate—strengthening recruitment and hiring, investing in our people, and building a sustainable organization for the future. Through thoughtful reorganization, comprehensive evaluation of wages across all classifications, and a continued internal focus on eliminating friction points and increasing operational efficiency, we are laying the foundation for long-term success.

The past year marked a period of growth, innovation, and collaboration. From strengthening judicial and dignitary protection to expanding investigative capacity and community engagement, our department continues to evolve to meet the complex public safety needs of the State of Wisconsin.

I am deeply grateful to our partners at the local, state, and federal levels, and especially to the men and women of the Capitol Police, who exemplify service, integrity, and excellence every day.

CHIEF DAVID M. ERWIN

Wisconsin State Capitol Police

In 2025, Wisconsin State Capitol Police Department was authorized for 66 positions, including 48 sworn personnel and 18 civilian staff.

SPECIALTY UNIT OVERVIEW

The Wisconsin State Capitol Police Department maintains several specialized units that provide services in support of statewide operations. These units extend the Department's capabilities beyond routine patrol and response, ensuring the safety of the judicial system, executive facilities, state infrastructure, and public officials.

Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)

The Criminal Investigations Unit manages a diverse and complex caseload. The CIU handled more than 179 cases in 2025.

Detectives have a key role in a wide variety of complex investigations. Examples include a shooting on the Capitol Square, a child enticement case, a bomb threat at the State Capitol, and numerous threat and stalking cases.

In addition to leading investigations, the unit provides specialized support through intelligence gathering, threat assessment, and personnel background investigations.

Court Protection Unit (CPU)

The Court Protection Unit provides security services for the Wisconsin Court System. This includes threat assessments, security reviews, and personal protection services.

In 2025, the CPU developed and implemented a statewide pilot training program for sheriff's departments aimed at establishing consistent baseline training standards for courtroom and bailiff security.

The Unit also created a pre-event security planning tool designed to standardize advance planning, risk identification, and mitigation strategies for judicial proceedings and high-profile court events.



SPECIALTY UNIT OVERVIEW



Executive Residence Detail (ERD)

The Capitol Police Executive Residence Detail, supported by WI State Patrol, is responsible for the safety and security of the Wisconsin Executive Residence, supporting daily operations, special events, and executive protection missions. Throughout 2025, the ERD provided security for numerous events at the Executive Residence while maintaining uninterrupted daily operations.

Several technology and procedural enhancements strengthened security and officer safety. Through enhanced screening of visitors, Capitol Police has prevented prohibited items from being brought onto the property during tours and events.

Additional security enhancements have provided valuable investigative support. These advancements help ensure the Executive Residence Detail's readiness and overall executive protection capacity.

Infrastructure Security Unit (ISU)

The Infrastructure Security Unit is responsible for the planning, deployment, and maintenance of electronic security systems across Department of Administration facilities statewide. In 2025, ISU focused on access control systems, alarm monitoring support, badge production, and continued standardization of security systems.

Throughout the year, ISU programmed and deployed new access control systems, produced more than 800 identification badges, and completed over 1,500 service tickets in support of state facilities. The Unit also implemented standardized badge training statewide, improving consistency, efficiency, and interagency coordination.

SPECIALTY UNIT OVERVIEW

Communications and Monitoring Centers

Dispatch and Monitoring Center personnel serve as the communications backbone of the Department, providing 24/7 coordination of calls for service, alarm monitoring, and interagency response. This year included many modernization initiatives, including the development of the Monitoring Center, system upgrades, and targeted in-service training for staff.



Explosives Detection K-9 Units

The Wisconsin State Capitol Police K-9 Unit consists of two explosives detection teams that provide specialized capabilities in support of public safety and protective operations. The unit is primarily focused on special events and high-visibility activities, where proactive detection, deterrence, and rapid response are critical. Deployed for large public gatherings, planned events, and protective missions, the K-9 teams conduct sweeps of facilities, venues, and surrounding areas to identify potential explosive threats.

Aviation Related Services

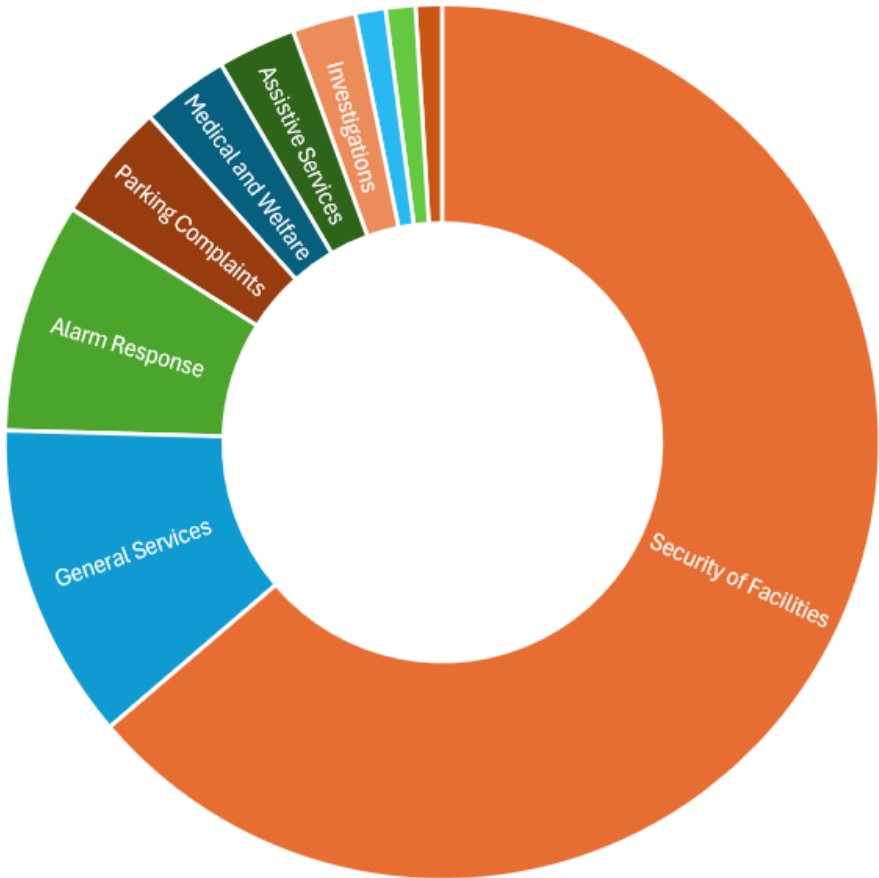
The Wisconsin State Capitol Police has an in-house unmanned aircraft (“drone”) team. Additionally, Capitol Police founded the WI Drone Network, and is the Co-Chair of the statewide Air Coordination Group.

Internally, drones are used for aerial search for missing persons, damage assessments and law enforcement incidents. Drones are also occasionally used to support DOA Facilities. A recent example was the use of Capitol Police drones to film aerial photos and video to aid in the sale of 1 W. Wilson, GEF 2, and GEF 3 as part of the Vision 2030 initiative.



27,000 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2025

ACTIVITIES BY TYPE



- Security of Facilities
- General Services
- Alarm Response
- Parking Complaints
- Medical and Welfare
- Assistive Services
- Investigations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Special Events
- Dignitary Security

Calls for Service (Activities)

Capitol Police performed over 16,500 security checks on state-owned facilities. There were over 3,000 General Police Services activities, such as found property, security vetting, building access, and maintenance concerns. Additionally, officers responded to more than 2,200 alarms; handled 1,142 parking complaints; 834 medical or concerns for welfare calls; over 600 investigations; 290 traffic stops; worked 285 special events; and provided dignitary related services 254 times.

STAFF RECOGNITION

The Wisconsin State Capitol Police Department recognizes employees whose actions exemplify professionalism, courage, integrity, and commitment to public service. In 2025, sworn and civilian staff were honored for life-saving actions, exceptional performance under critical conditions, and sustained contributions to the Department and community.

2025 Awards Ceremony - December 9, 2025

Life-Saving Awards

Life-Saving Awards are presented to employees whose actions directly resulted in the preservation of human life.

1. Sergeant Joe Bahr
2. Sergeant Justin Wichman (Two Awards)
3. Officer Brian Preuss
4. Officer John Kratochwill (Former)



STAFF RECOGNITION

On December 16, 2024, an active shooter incident occurred at **Abundant Life Christian School** in Madison, Wisconsin. The first 911 call was received at 10:57 a.m., prompting an immediate multi-agency response. The incident tragically resulted in the loss of two lives—a teacher and a student—and injuries to several others.

Sergeant Adam Haas and Corporals Jon King, Mike Sullivan, and Andrew Hyatt were among the first officers to respond. Upon arrival, they acted decisively to identify and stop the threat, secure the scene, and render aid under chaotic and dangerous conditions. Their actions demonstrated exceptional courage, tactical decision-making, and commitment to public safety.

Each officer received the **Meritorious Conduct Award** for their actions.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ANDREW HYATT, MICHAEL SULLIVAN, ADAM HAAS, JON KING (RET.)

STAFF RECOGNITION



Officer Mark Anderson’s swift and decisive response to a bomb threat in the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda on March 31, 2025— placing himself between the suspect and visiting schoolchildren and directing the individual out of the building—ensured the safety of the public and prevented harm to visitors and employees within the building. Mark received the **Meritorius Conduct Award**.

In March 2025, Office Management Specialist Katelynn Updike received the prestigious **Doug Palm Community Service Award** for her Partners in Giving campaign contributions.



In April 2025, Corporal Todd Angst was an **Everest Award** Winner:
Corporal Angst was selected for the Integrity Everest Award after colleagues recognized him for his chronically friendly, respectful, and kind demeanor.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Sergeants Wes Starkey and Tandalaya Taylor completed a 120-hour Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course. LPO builds both foundational leadership philosophy, as well as professional networks with other law enforcement executives.

Captain Abby Onsgard graduated with Class 11 of the Wisconsin Command College. This six-week course takes place at Ft. McCoy and teaches advanced leadership and police executive skills. Captain Onsgard earned her Certified Public Manager (CPM) from UW-Madison as part of this program.



RETIREMENTS



Jon King - 30 Years of Service



K9 Yachi - 12 Years of Service

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During 2025, State Capitol Police participated in numerous activities that go beyond routine law enforcement. Examples Include:

- Concerts on the Square
- Art Fair on the Square
- Taste of Madison
- Shop With a Cop - Dane County
- Dane County Farmers' Market
- Take Your Child to Work Day
- National Night Out
- Numerous Career Fairs
- Amigos en Azul
- Safety Saturday Community Event



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