



Appleton Police Department

ONGOING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

New in 2013: Formal Partnership with County Deputies



- Two Outagamie County Deputies joined APD Community Resources Unit to form a united front against gangs and drugs in the City and its surround, which:

- Enables City Police Officers to act anywhere within the County
- Expands City's reach – since crime has no borders
- Since this partnership has been formed, several search warrants have been conducted that we couldn't have done earlier – and they resulted in some significant drugs busts

New in 2013: Threat Assessment Teams

- APD Lieutenant who oversees the Police School Liaison Unit brought together members of the school district and other entities to create a Threat Assessment Team to rapidly assess threats within the schools.
- The APD's VARDA alarms were installed in the schools to provide a temporary measure until the school district can fund alarms.



Ongoing Successful Collaborations between APD and School District

- Police School Liaison Program – Joint funding with the school district to have PSL Officers at each high school and middle school, as well as three officers sharing the duties at the elementary schools.
- Shared funding of the crossing guard program with the school district.
- Joint funding of anonymous tips line – TipSoft, including new text capabilities



Unique Collaborative Efforts

- Probation and Parole Officers will walk the Avenue Details with officers on Friday and Saturday nights in the summers. This sends a strong message to those on probation or parole, and often nets several violations.
- Probation and Parole Officers work with APD officers to make home visits to registered sex offenders' residents. In 2012, this resulted in several arrests during the 150 visits.



Unique Collaborative Efforts

- The APD has mutual aid agreements with neighboring agencies.
- Agencies from Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Winnebago County partner together with MEG (Multijurisdictional Drug Enforcement)
- Town of Menasha PD has two officers assigned to the APD SWAT team
- The APD and Grand Chute PD formed a Major Crimes Investigation partnership



Unique Collaborative Efforts

- The APD partners with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to provide Crisis Intervention Team training to officers and others in the community. Currently over 40 APD officers are CIT-trained, which greatly increases their understanding and enhances their ability to professionally interact with persons suffering with mental illness.
- The APD partners with Harbor House, a local domestic violence safe shelter that provides basic services to victims of domestic violence, to ensure victims have a safe place to go. We also work together on domestic violence prevention and education.



Unique Collaborative Efforts

- Since 2012, students from UW-Oshkosh's Kinesiology Department have partnered with our employees – providing individual training to interested APD staff and specialized fitness training to our SWAT Team. This has also afforded the students hands on experience.



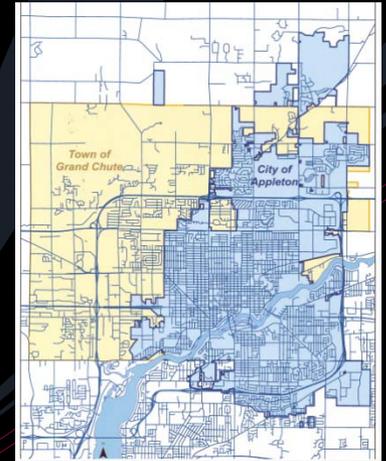
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- Since 2012, handicapped students from Neenah School District have been volunteering at the APD, accomplishing meaningful tasks and learning new skills.
- Members of the community are engaged in volunteer projects for the APD ranging from data entry to Speed Watch to role playing for training exercises, just to name a few.
- Several neighboring agencies have joined together to form a joint Victim Crisis Response (VCR) Team, made of trained volunteers who respond to crisis situations with resources to help victims.

Some Reasons for Consolidation Attempt , 2008-2009

- City of Appleton, Population 72,000
- Town of Grand Chute, Population 20,000
- Miles of Common Borders
- Two Largest Municipal Entities in County
- Contentious series of annexation disagreements
- Remarkably jagged municipal border
- Islands and peninsulas of land within borders
- Interim Chief familiar with both agencies, recognized the ability to consider policing needs through possible merger.



Why Didn't the Consolidation Happen?

- Demand for immediate financial incentives
- “What’s in it for me?”
- Identity crisis for individual municipalities
- Lack of stakeholder buy-in
- Different expectations for police service levels
- County proposal added questions
- Depth of animosity from years of “border wars”
- Misperception of intentions
- Fear of “being taken advantage of”
- Finance professionals not in early discussions

