

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Anonymous donor gives department bicycle
- School Resource Officer and Boat Patrol reports
- Increase in drug varieties

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE



*Police Chief Michael Meensen*

2014 has been marked as a challenging year for the profession of law enforcement. The controversies surrounding discrimination not only affected the black community but ripped apart the reputation of police officers. Targeting law enforcement became the agenda and

for some families this meant revenge.

Now more than ever is the time to reflect internally as a community and a police department to ensure biases are identified and differences are set aside. It is important that the fundamentals of civility, decency, and safety are a part of our thought process as it is easy to be swept away by the rallying efforts of those with hidden agendas.

Those of us that live in Elkhart Lake often times overlook the beautiful, tranquil, and safe community that we reside in until something happens that reminds us that crime and disorder are everywhere. Being a small resort community in no

way makes us immune from the problems that big cities face.

The benefits that Elkhart Lake has over other communities are the residents that call Elkhart Lake home take pride and ownership in this beautiful community.

As a police department we work diligently with the community to ensure that crime and disorder are kept to a minimum and that all interactions with our department are positive in nature.

Every member of this department is dedicated to the Village of Elkhart Lake and truly enjoys serving the residents.

*Chief Michael A. Meensen*

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2014 the Elkhart Lake Police Department handled 1268 calls for service which includes 556 traffic related complaints. If one removes the traffic related complaints the department handled a total of 712 calls for service in 2014 compared to 737 in 2013.

The most notable cases for 2014 were a search warrant that was executed at a residence for possession with the intent to deliver marijuana, a traffic stop that resulted in felony charges for possession with intent to deliver marijuana, and another traffic stop that resulted in felony charges for possession of

ecstasy.

With these cases the department took a total of \$552, 86 grams of marijuana and ecstasy off the street and away from local drug dealers that live and drive through our community.

**ARRESTS**

In 2014 the department issued a total of 373 traffic and ordinance citations and 276 parking citations. Compared with 2013, traffic and ordinance citations decreased by 91 issued and an increase of 15 parking citations issued.

In addition to those citations issued in municipal court the department levied a total of 43 criminal charges against offenders. With adding those to the 373 traffic and ordinance citations the department had a total of 416 arrests in 2014 compared to 520 in 2013 and 441 in 2012.

The chart below summarizes the criminal charges that were filed by the department in 2014. There are a few increases although most of the offenses are the same. As with last year the drug offenses are a concern for the department and have taken up a large amount of our time for investigations, search warrants, and interviews. These processes are time consuming although we feel that the time invested is done with the goal of diminishing drug usage in Elkhart Lake.



THC Paste- contains a very high amount of THC and is used via a vaporizer

**“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”**

**-Sir Robert Peel**

**OWI Penalties**

- 1st: \$150-\$300 plus \$365 surcharge  
6-9 month revocation  
Can apply for occupational now
- 2nd: \$150-\$300 plus \$365 surcharge  
6-9 month revocation  
Can apply for occupational now
- 3rd: \$600-\$2000  
45 days-1 year confinement  
2-3 year revocation  
Occupational after 45 days
- 4th: FELONY \$600-\$2000  
60 days- 1 year confinement  
2-3 year revocation  
Occupational after 45 days
- Refusal: 1 year revocation  
Ignition Interlock Device Max (2 years)  
Occupational after 30 days

As with every year the department has a significant amount of alcohol related offenses. In 2014 the department had a total of **11 arrests** for Operating While Intoxicated which is four lower than 2013 and five more than 2012.

Of the 11 arrests two were third offenses, two were refusals while the rest were 1st offense.

The average was 38 1/2 and the average blood alcohol content was .157

**ARRESTS**

Offense	Count	Offense	Count
OWI 1st	9	Disorderly Conduct	14
OWI 3rd	2	Obstructing	8
Forgery	5	Underage Drinking	30
Bail Jumping (Felony)	5	Possess Marijuana (ord)	17
2nd degree sex Assault of a child	1	Paraphernalia (ord)	11
Deliver THC	1	Dog Regulations	6
Possess w/intent	2	Operating revoked	9
Possess Cocaine	1	Stalking	1
Maintain drug house	2	False imprisonment	1
Paraphernalia	6	Restraining order	1



Marijuana seized from traffic stop

**Search Warrant**



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Elkhart Lake Police Department stands by our mission statement in that we are dedicated to an active partnership with the community. In order to support this mission everyone in the department gets involved with the community. In 2014 we again utilized our Community Service Officers (Amy and Briana) for community events, beach checks, and in various other ways. The department also had an officer and squad available for viewing at the First Responder fish boil and Downtown Night.

In addition to those above the department continued to do boat safety checks at the boat landing and out on the water for boaters and we continued the gun lock program which has been very well received.

Mock Alcohol Crash



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

2014 was a busy year at the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District that started in January with the initial planning of a mock alcohol related crash for Prom. The Mock crash was planned with my assistance by senior Cody Schmitt and went off amazingly and truly opened the eyes of many students to the issue of drinking and driving. It involved an enormous amount of resources and planning but Cody and his team of helpers pulled it off flawlessly. Those involved were: Elkhart Lake Police, Fire, EMS, Glenbeulah Fire and EMS, Plymouth Ambulance, Flight for Life,

Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Sheboygan County Dispatch Center.

Every year the department needs to either pay for or find money for the safety patrol and this year I was able to secure funding of \$500 a year into the unforeseen future, and in addition to that funding I assisted in obtaining \$1700 for the Post Prom event that is held every year.

There are many reasons why school resource officers are used but a big role that I play is in education of students in drugs and

alcohol. This year I did numerous presentations on drugs and alcohol, but specifically heroin. Along with the county heroin initiative many presentations were done for the school and community throughout the year. Another reason that has been realized is my role in security and safety in the schools. Due to this I have attended ALERT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) and ALICE (Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training this past year and will use this training to train both school staff and community members on

how to protect themselves during potential attacks while out in public.

In 2015 I will be looking for donations to help with repairs/updates of the departments 20 bicycles that we loan out to kids to use during the school year. These bikes have been used for several years and are in need of some repairs in order to keep them functional for years to come.

Officer Scott Niemi

## BOAT PATROL

The 2014 boat patrol year proved to be challenging, as we were left scrambling to fill two unforeseen vacancies that occurred just prior to the season beginning. This was also the first year in which I was entrusted to do a majority of the functions pertaining to running the boat patrol. We were able to find two candidates in a relatively short time to fill the vacancies and allow for full cover-

age for the entire season. With a cold start to the year, the patrol did not hit full swing until the second week in June.

Even with the late start, we were able to log 513.5 patrol hours across all three lakes. The patrol wrote a total of 43 citations up 1 from 2013. The patrol issued 69 warnings, performed 169 safety inspections, assisted 10 citi-

zens, and also assisted 25 vessels throughout the season. With no crashes, major injuries or significant events the boating season can be seen a great success.

Officer Sean Pringle

**“Striving to protect and improve the quality of life”**



## **Mission Statement**

Dedicated to an active partnership with the community; striving to protect and improve the quality of life by listening and serving the people of Elkhart Lake with pride and fairness.

## **Core Values**

### ***Excellence***

We will distinguish ourselves above all others as a professional policing organization that renders superior service that continually exceeds customer satisfaction.

### ***Service***

We will be responsive to the citizens and visitors of Elkhart Lake serving them with the highest quality of policing service available in a caring and competent manner.

### ***Respect***

We will recognize the inherent worth of all and therefore treat everyone as they should:  
Understanding and Compassion.

### ***Integrity***

We believe that integrity is character in action. We commit ourselves to elevated standards of trust, responsibility, and justice while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner.

### ***Professionalism***

Our actions are guided by the Law Enforcement Code of Conduct we therefore recognize that our badge is a symbol of public trust and we will strive to maintain professionalism while serving our community.

The core values are designed to inspire and guide each member of the Elkhart Lake Police Department.

**CITATIONS BY DAY AND TIME ANALYSIS**

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Totals
00:00–00:59	2	2	0	0	1	11	10	26
01:00–01:59	4	1	4	0	2	7	11	29
02:00–02:59	0	0	0	2	0	8	11	21
03:00–03:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04:00–04:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05:00–05:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06:00–06:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07:00–07:59	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
08:00–08:59	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
09:00–09:59	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
10:00–10:59	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
11:00–11:59	1	0	0	0	2	4	3	10
12:00–12:59	1	2	1	0	1	1	5	11
13:00–13:59	0	2	0	2	2	3	5	14
14:00–14:59	0	1	2	4	3	6	6	22
15:00–15:59	0	4	2	2	0	6	6	20
16:00–16:59	3	3	1	2	5	4	4	22
17:00–17:59	2	3	6	2	6	9	3	31
18:00–18:59	2	2	2	4	5	9	1	25
19:00–19:59	2	5	1	4	5	7	0	24
20:00–20:59	1	1	1	5	13	3	2	26
21:00–21:59	3	4	2	4	6	5	0	24
22:00–22:59	6	1	3	4	9	9	5	37
23:00–23:59	0	1	0	0	2	11	1	15
Total by Day	27	32	25	36	66	109	78	373

## CALLS BY DAY AND TIME ANALYSIS

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Totals
00:00–00:59	3	4	0	2	2	16	17	44
01:00–01:59	4	2	5	3	2	14	13	43
02:00–02:59	1	1	1	1	3	21	16	44
03:00–03:59	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	5
04:00–04:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05:00–05:59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06:00–06:59	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
07:00–07:59	3	0	0	4	1	4	1	13
08:00–08:59	1	1	3	2	4	12	4	27
09:00–09:59	5	3	5	11	1	9	11	45
10:00–10:59	4	5	6	8	4	13	6	43
11:00–11:59	5	3	3	2	5	15	13	43
12:00–12:59	7	8	4	7	5	8	22	61
13:00–13:59	5	6	10	5	5	8	15	54
14:00–14:59	6	11	7	9	9	18	20	80
15:00–15:59	18	10	8	8	7	21	18	90
16:00–16:59	7	10	11	14	11	15	10	78
17:00–17:59	13	8	13	9	25	16	8	92
18:00–18:59	13	9	9	11	19	24	8	93
19:00–19:59	13	11	2	13	18	17	4	78
20:00–20:59	16	13	8	11	18	18	3	87
21:00–21:59	11	12	10	9	23	24	4	93
22:00–22:59	12	4	5	10	14	25	7	77
23:00–23:59	2	2	3	6	20	32	6	71
Total by Day	149	123	113	146	196	335	206	1268

## NEW EMPLOYEES IN 2014

Officer Stapel started with the Elkhart Lake Police Department in May of 2014 as a boat patrol officer due to an opening that was created because of an officer out on medical leave.

Officer Stapel is a graduate of the Fox Valley Technical College Law Enforcement Recruit Academy and has a Bachelor's Degree from UW Stevens Point in Physics with an Applied Mechanics Emphasis.

In addition to working for our department Officer Stapel also works for the Sheboygan Falls Police Department as a desk officer.

Officer Stapel will be returning for the 2015 boating season and will be assigned primarily to Crystal Lake.



Officer Tony Stapel

Community Service Officer Propson started with the Elkhart Lake Police Department in May of 2014 after we realized a need was present for 2 CSOs during the summer months.

CSO Propson is a student at Lakeshore Technical College studying Criminal Justice and will be graduating in May 2015.

CSO Propson worked mainly during the daytime hours this past summer and concentrated on the downtown and beach areas while on patrol.



Community Service Officer  
Briana Propson

## PART TIME OFFICERS

Jody Booth  
Ryan Gilbert  
Tom Kultgen  
Wes Parks  
Tony Stapel  
Kelly Sippel  
Marcus Andreson

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Amy Gross  
Briana Propson

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Terese Shaw

### BUDGET / FINANCING

In 2014 the department had an authorized budget of \$353,752 and managed expenses to \$351,186.

In addition the department had revenue of \$740 for miscellaneous items and \$10,428 for parking citations.

In 2014 the Elkhart Lake/Town Rhine Municipal Court had expenditures of \$9,147.12 and revenues of \$10,505.99 for a profit of \$1,358.87.

### DONATIONS/ GRANTS

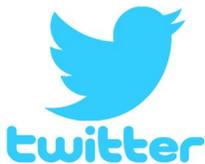
During 2014 the department saw an enormous amount of generosity from the community.

Early in the year we were contact by Josh McDole owner of the Backdoor Bike Shop that someone was interested in donating a bike to the police department. Several months later a new Fuji police edition bike was donated and with the generosity of the Blaine family we were able to get new lights for the patrol Bike also.

During the year we also received several monetary donations from members of the community and beyond. We thank each one of those persons or groups for the donation.



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